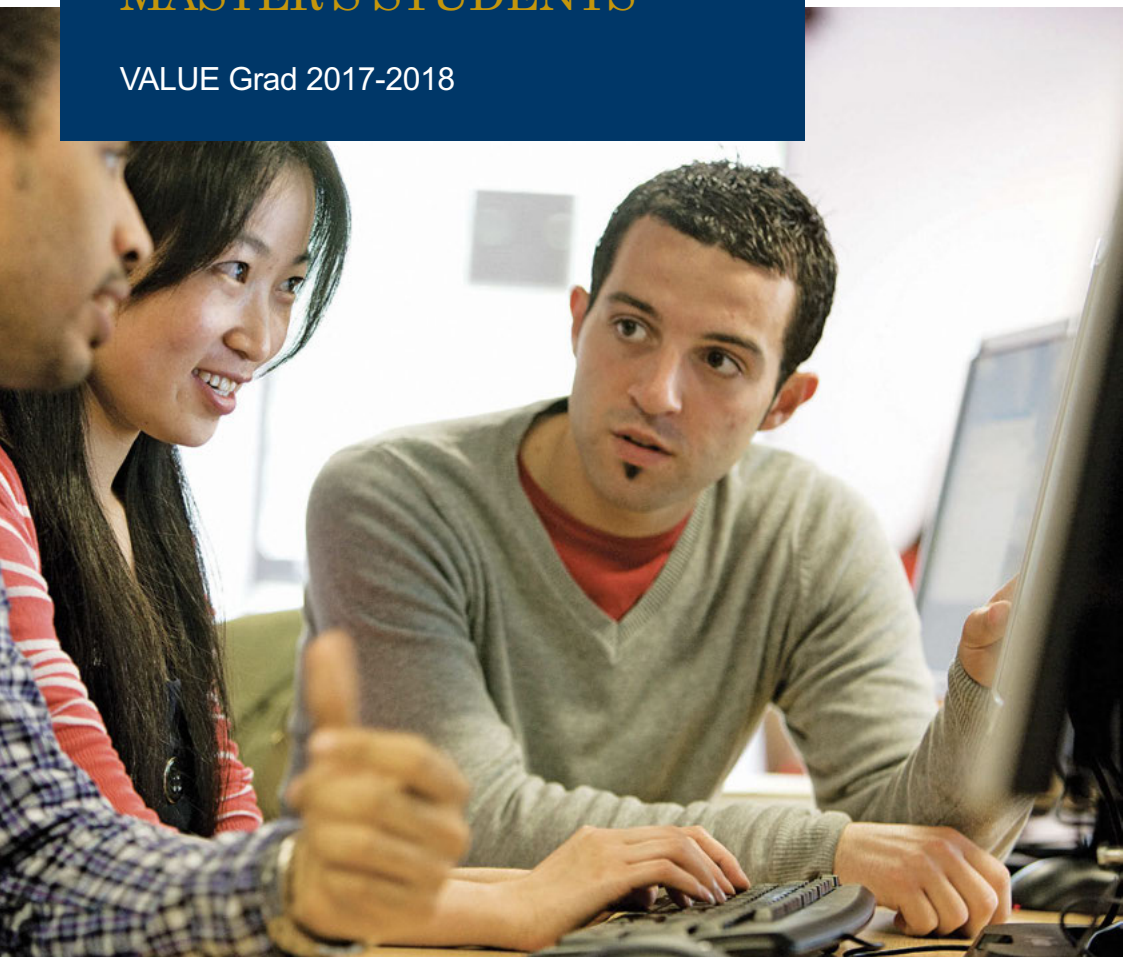


STUDY SKILLS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS FOR TAUGHT MASTER'S STUDENTS

VALUE Grad 2017-2018



VALUE GRAD

VALUE *Grad* incorporates a range of academic skills and personal development opportunities for Taught Master's students at the University of Kent. It comprises four discrete programmes: Creative Language Development (CLD), Programme for International Postgraduates (PIP), the Future Skills Forum (FSF) and a Writing Retreat. Each series of activities addresses key challenges that Master's students face during their studies, especially international/ESL students who might well be studying in English for the first time.

VALUE *Grad* programme 2017-2018

Introduction to Master's Level academic writing				
Week 3	Sat 14 Oct 2017	10.00-13.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Matthew Copping
Developing academic writing				
Week 6	Sat 4 Nov 2017	10.00-13.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Matthew Copping
Creative Language Development (CLD)				
Winter vacation	Wed 10 Jan 2018	11.00-15.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Steven Cope
Future Skills Forum (FSF): Improving your prospects by knowing your strengths				
Winter vacation	To be confirmed	tbc	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Matthew Copping
Learning from feedback				
Week 14	Sat 27 Jan 2018	10.00-13.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Matthew Copping
Creative Language Development (CLD)				
Spring vacation	Wed 2 May 2018	11.00-15.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Steven Cope
Dissertations				
Week 28	Wed 30 May 2018	10.00-13.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Matthew Copping
Writing Retreat for MA students				
Week 30	Thu 14 Jun & Fri 15 Jun 2018	All day	Medway	Learning Adviser: Louise Frith
Creative Language Development (CLD)				
Summer vacation	Wed 20 Jun 2018	11.00-15.00	Canterbury	Learning Adviser: Steven Cope

Key

Creative Language Development (CLD) workshops

Future Skills Forum (FSF) workshops

Programme for International Postgraduates (PIP) workshops

Writing Retreat (WR) workshops

Creative Language Development (CLD)

The CLD workshops are designed to help international /ESL students improve their English language skills in a creative and enjoyable way. Each event is different, using a range of media – plays, short stories, music, news articles and poetry – to support language development. The workshops involve no preparation or extra study commitments. CLD workshops are offered on three Wednesdays across the year during the vacation periods. Each event includes a shared lunch (optional) which provides an opportunity to meet students from different schools across the university. The emphasis is on enjoyment, involvement and increasing your confidence in the use of English. Building fluency in this way provides a unique opportunity to develop your communication skills, increase your chances of success at university and improve your employment prospects.

Please visit Moodle module DP1350 for more details.

Postgraduate International Programme (PIP)

The PIP is a structured series of occasional workshops that focus on the development of academic writing skills for international/ESL taught postgraduate students. They cover a range of topics all of which are related to academic writing at M-level:



- An introduction to academic writing for a Taught Master's Degree
- Learning from feedback
- Developing academic writing
- Researching, managing and writing a dissertation/research project.

Future Skills Forum (FSF): Improving your prospects by knowing your strengths

This event is a two day, personal/professional development workshop. It is activity-based and highly-participative, providing opportunities for Master's students to develop their personal effectiveness by enhancing their self-awareness and awareness of others. The event involves a series of group-work exercises, each of which explores a different aspect of group and individual human behaviour: personality types; values and decision-making; negotiation and collaboration; problem solving; teamwork and team dynamics.

Writing Retreat (WR)

The post graduate writing retreat is for MA students. Retreats are held in rural barn accommodation in the Kent countryside, away from the distractions of everyday life and the internet. Students spend over 24 hours in a structured writing environment facilitated by SLAS advisers. SLAS provides free writing and social activities, but students spend most of the time working at their own pace on their dissertations. SLAS advisers are on site to provide feedback on drafts and offer advice on referencing and structure.

BOOKING DETAILS

SLAS CONNECT

Please visit:

<https://kentslas.targetconnect.net/student/events.html>

FURTHER INFORMATION

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