Boost your language skills and your grades
Learning context

- To communicate effectively is a Curtin graduate capability
- All students need to develop academic literacy during their studies
- For some students, English is not just the medium, but also a subject for study
- As a student you have a responsibility for developing your English academic literacy
- Curtin provides opportunities for language and academic literacy development
Choices....
UniEnglish – what is it?

• UniEnglish is an online tool to assess your strengths and weaknesses in English

• A Curtin web page with English language development information and resources

• UniEnglish is optional and free

• UniEnglish is accessible on any computer with internet
Taking the UniEnglish self-assessment

• There are four tests in the UniEnglish self-assessment:
  • Use of English/Reading
  • Listening
  • Writing
  • Speaking

• The test tasks do not take long to complete

• Use of English/Reading and Listening tasks are graded automatically

• You get individual feedback on the Writing and Speaking tasks

• After you finish, your scores will be explained and you will be given suggestions for developing your academic English
How can you access UniEnglish?

- Go to the UniEnglish website: http://unienglish.curtin.edu.au

- Look at your list of units on Blackboard: all commencing students are added to UniEnglish

- Look under Learning Support on the Curtin Life web page: there’s a link to UniEnglish
The Learning Centre programs

FREE writing workshops and 20-minute consultations

- Online programs on better grammar, academic integrity and more
- Academic writing workshops (refining your scholarly language skills)
- HDR Writing Workshops (work with peers on developing your thesis writing)
- See the TLC website for a range of online resources
The Learning Centre

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Language and literacy development activities complement your courses and are designed to develop the language needed to succeed in your studies and for work purposes. These include a range of face to face and online activities:

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To find out more, go to the English at Health Sciences web page: http://healthsciences.curtin.edu.au/international/english-at-health-sciences.cfm

To enrol in workshops and access online resources, please send an email with your student ID to: EnglishSupportHS@curtin.edu.au

For further information, please contact:

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Science and Engineering Language and Literacy (SELL)
Science and Engineering

Employers cherry-pick graduates who have strong communication skills.

Strong English language skills are the foundation of strong communication skills.
Science and Engineering Language and Literacy

- English language and academic literacy development are embedded in foundation communication skills units and some core units at Second year level.

- For more information about language development in Science and Engineering, please contact: Dr Reva Ramiah at SELL@curtin.edu.au

Also, please check out our Facebook page: Science and Engineering Language and Literacy for information on workshops and tips.
Humanities

- English language and academic literacy development are embedded in foundation communication skills units.
- For more information about language development in Humanities, please contact:

  Dr Trish Dooey
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CBS Communication Skills Centre

Who we are:

- Ass. Prof. Carmela Briguglio
- Dr Janine Rutledge
- Ms Christine Symons
  *(English Language Development Coordinator)*

How to make contact:

email us at: cbs-comskills@curtin.edu.au or visit our web page at:

http://business.curtin.edu.au/study/student_support/communication_skills_centre/index.cfm
English Chat Session

The English Chat Session provides international students with English conversation classes focussing on academic contexts. The program is designed to improve students' grammar. Students will be provided with opportunities to ask grammar-related questions and raise academic issues during the first part of the class, followed by guided conversation on an academic topic.

The program runs 12.00 - 2.00pm every Wednesday in Building 201, Room 507.
Email: isc@guild.curtin.edu.au
CHAtS

conversational support

for people from non-English speaking backgrounds
CHAtS (Conversational Help And Support)

- CHAtS is a volunteering program that helps International students develop their English conversation skills.
- Volunteer mentors lead weekly group sessions that focus on speaking English and joining in conversation-based games.
- CHAtS is run by Curtin Volunteers!
- Email: cv@curtin.edu.au
- Telephone: 9266 3954
Student Mentor Program!

The Mentor Program links new first year students to a Mentor - a senior student in the same course. Your Mentor will provide an excellent introduction to uni and your course, and give you an understanding of life as a Curtin Student.

Your Mentor can help you in many ways, for example:

- Finding your way around the University campus
- Finding help and support
- Finding referencing and study tips
- Finding study groups and social groups to join
- Meeting academic staff
- Meeting other first years in your mentee group

A mentor does not provide academic help, tutoring or counselling.

Your mentor should meet you in your School’s Orientation session or email you via OASIS email. Please respond to them, utilise them and say ‘Thanks!’

If your mentor has not contacted you by the end of Week 2, please let us know via our website: mentoring.curtin.edu.au
Curtin Volunteers!

Making the most of your Curtin experience
John Curtin Weekend

community-driven initiatives

over

6 weekends

in

44 regional + metropolitan sites

involving

550+ volunteers
Remote and Indigenous Programs

youth and community engagement in
4 remote Indigenous communities
= Laverton + Leonora + Wiluna + Yalgoo
CVGVs
sustainable gardening
and
healthy living
on
Curtin’s Bentley Campus
One-off Projects

Oxfam trailwalker
+ City to Surf
+ Relay for Life
+ more...
Get involved!

meet and mix with a diverse group of students
+ gain practical experience
+ enhance employment prospects
+ receive official transcript recognition
+ more…
Get in touch...

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For more information about boosting your English language skills…

For more information on all listed services, or to send us a general query, go to the UniEnglish Support page and click on the Ask a Question link:

http://unienglish.curtin.edu.au