Boost your language skills

Turbo charge your learning

Semester 1, 2016
‘Communicating effectively’ is a Curtin graduate capability.

What does this mean?
You need to learn how to:

- speak and write effectively in the ‘language’ of your field of study
- communicate what you learn to people in both academic and professional contexts.

This is a challenge for all of us regardless of our first language.

We all need to take responsibility for developing our language and academic skills.

Curtin takes its responsibility to you seriously.

HOW?
There are many ways that Curtin can help with your language development.
The first step is the PELA.

PELA = Post Entry Language Assessment

All undergraduate students complete a PELA.
The PELA and SUCCESS are fantastic first steps.

There are many other steps too…
Other opportunities….
Welcome to UniEnglish

This website provides information and resources to help you develop your ability to use English in an academic context. UniEnglish includes English language self-assessment tasks, as well as activities and advice about how you can continue to work on developing your use of academic English while you are studying at Curtin.

Click here to Assess Your English
How can you access UniEnglish?

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

- Look at your list of units on Blackboard: if UniEnglish is not there, send us a request!

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

- Online programs on better grammar, better sentences, academic integrity, time management, and more
- Workshops on academic writing, grammar for academic writing, paraphrasing (“in your own words”), referencing, time management, writing for research, etc.
- The link to book for workshops, and to access online programs and other resources:

Student groups

- English Chat session – academic conversation class (every Wednesday, 12-2pm, Building 201, room 507)

- CHAtS – English speaking and conversation games, organised by Curtin Volunteers (cv@curtin.edu.au)

- Curtin Volunteers – youth and community engagement projects (cv.curtin.edu.au Tel: 9266 3954)

- Student Mentor program (mentoring.curtin.edu.au)
CHAtS

conversational support for people from non-English speaking backgrounds

Contact: cv@curtin.edu.au
Curtin Volunteers!

Website: cv.curtin.edu.au  Email: cv@curtin.edu.au
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Make the most of your Curtin experience
MENTOR PROGRAM!

The New to Curtin Mentor Program links all new students at the Bentley Campus to a Mentor - a senior student in the same course. Your Mentor will provide an excellent introduction to Uni and your course, and be there to support you for the whole of your first semester of study.

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 new students in your mentee group

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

You should meet your mentor in your School’s Orientation session or via your 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 email us at: mentoring@curtin.edu.au
Start your university journey with **elsie**

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What next steps will you take to develop your language?

Now you have a chance to talk to the English Language Development Coordinators from your faculty.