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# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## e-LEARNING

- Integrate Library eLearning Resources with Learn@PolyU

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Connect Library e-Learning Resources with LEARN@POLYU

In preparation for the coming semester 2012/13, faculty members are welcome to contact the e-Learning Librarian, Christina Chau, for details of embedding e-Learning resources on course pages, which provide students with seamless access to library resources including e-books, e-journals, databases and multi-media e-Learning objects, etc. via course pages at LEARN@POLYU

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## \*Skills4studycampus

- Introduction

Skills4studycampus is an online resource offering e-learning modules on: Writing skills; Reading and note-making; Critical thinking skills; Referencing and understanding plagiarism. It offers you a stimulating mix of activities, practice and reflection to help you learn, develop and accelerate your study skills!

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Click on the modules below to view the sections available.

Course map

- Getting ready for academic study
- Reading and note-making
- Critical thinking skills
- Writing skills
- Referencing and plagiarism

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Tip of the day

Argumentative writing

In a piece of argumentative writing, take a position. Don't be tempted to sit on the fence. [By more](#)

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- Getting Ready for Academic Study: Studying Effectively

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Getting ready for academic study: Studying effectively

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### What kind of learner am I?

No two people will learn in exactly the same way – we all bring something unique to the learning process. Reflecting on your characteristics as a learner can help you to identify your strengths and weakness and personalise your approach to learning.

Consider the learning approaches below and tick those characteristics that apply to you for feedback on your learning style.

#### The diver

**Characteristics**

- I jump right in, have a go and see if things work
- I like to get things over with and get into the next thing quickly
- I work well with short bursts of activity.

**Learning strengths**

- starting tasks early
- motivating others
- problem-solving.

#### The dreamer

**Characteristics**

- I think a lot about the subject and research it thoroughly
- I put off practical aspects, like writing
- I have no idea where the time goes so I'm always rewriting my time planner.

**Learning strengths**

- reflecting and evaluating
- creativity, generating ideas
- getting to the root of things.

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- Making Notes While Reading

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Reading and note-making: Making notes while reading

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### Making notes while reading: An introduction

The ability to make effective notes is a crucial academic skill. You will need to make notes during lectures and seminars, as you read books and articles, and as you talk with other students about group projects.

This section looks in general terms at how to develop note-making skills while reading and considers:

- what makes notes useful
- different kinds of note-making
- how to make notes that work for you
- shortcuts and tips in making notes.

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- Writing Skills: Academic Writing

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Writing skills: Academic writing

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### Getting started

When you have analysed your title and identified what you need to do, you need to start **planning**, **researching** and gathering information for your **assignment**. There are a number of ways of getting started on a piece of writing. Below are some techniques you might want try; you can try these individually or combine several, if you find this helps.

Click each sticky note for more information on getting started on a piece of writing. If you would like to try a particular technique in the future, click the relevant icon, drag it and drop it into the 'Favourites' box. You can save, print or download your favourites by clicking the appropriate button.

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- Writing Skills: Planning Your Writing

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Writing skills: Planning your writing

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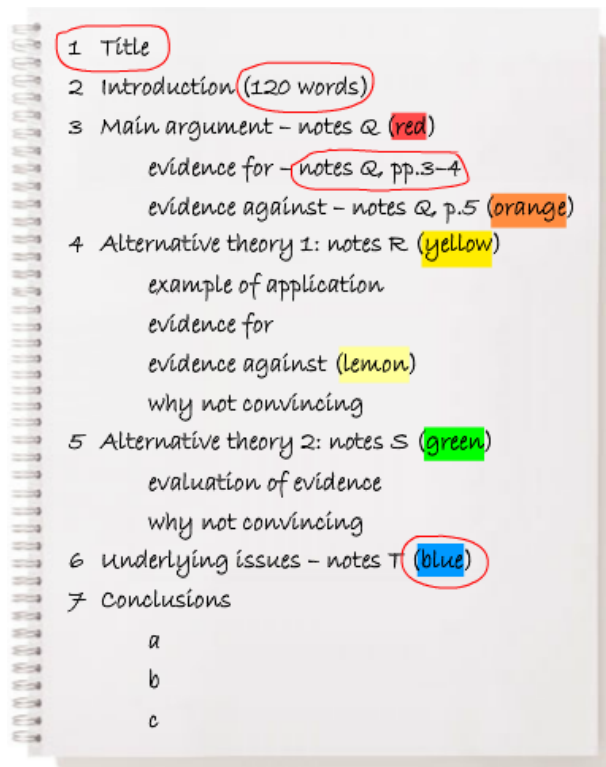
### Linear plans

Before you begin your **assignment**, you may find it useful to prepare a **linear plan**.

A linear plan sets out in a list the content and the order in which that content will be discussed. Linear plans are a useful way to make sure that you will be presenting information in a logical order in which one point clearly leads to another.

When you have revised and refined your linear plan, you may end up with a **document** that looks something like the example below.

Click each of the circled areas.



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## IELTS PRACTICE TEST 2

In this section you will do a complete IELTS practice test.

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- **Listening test**
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