The Skills Centre

Build and develop your skills for academic success



Who can use the Skills Centre?

All students can access support from the Skills Centre!

We provide information, advice and guidance on academic writing and study skills for students

- At all levels of study,
- on all courses,
- no matter your background or previous experience of study.

The Skills Centre

We are...

- A team of Academic Skills Advisors
- Based in Adsetts and Collegiate Libraries.
- Available to support you in-person, online, and over the phone.

The Skills Centre offer:



Skill Guides

Online resources and how-to guides to access at any time.



Session recordings

Watch recorded versions of all webinars and bootcamps on-demand.



Bootcamps

Boost your digital and assignment writing skills.



Webinars

Online group sessions on academic skills topics.



1-1 appointments

Available online, over the phone or on campus.

Main topics and resources:

| Academic Writing | Reading and Research | Essential study skills |
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| Introduction to Academic Writing Critical Writing Planning and Structuring Assignments Reflective Writing Report Writing | Literature Reviews Planning your Research Writing up your Research Research Bootcamp | Time Management Presentation Skills Exam and Revision Strategy Effective Notetaking Referencing |

Students can access recorded versions of all our live webinar sessions and over 20 Skill Guides for independent study.

Finding us online

Essential Skills Home

What's On - Online resources -

Browse topics -

Take the SkillsCheck ☑

About Us -

Welcome to the Essential Skills for Academic Success portal: the home of skills development at Sheffield Hallam University.

Check your skills, get feedback on your work, and access our live and individual sessions to build your skills for academic success.

Forthcoming Skills sessions - book now:

Wed 17 Sep, 11:00 am - Advanced Critical Writing - Skills Centre ...

Thu 18 Sep, 01:00 pm - Critical Writing - Skills Centre webinar

Powered by Feed Informer



Webinars and workshops

See forthcoming group sessions for all topics, and book your place.



Talk to an advisor

Book a 1-1 appointment or attend a drop-in session.



Online resources

Explore online guides and resources across a range of academic skills topics.



Take the SkillsCheck

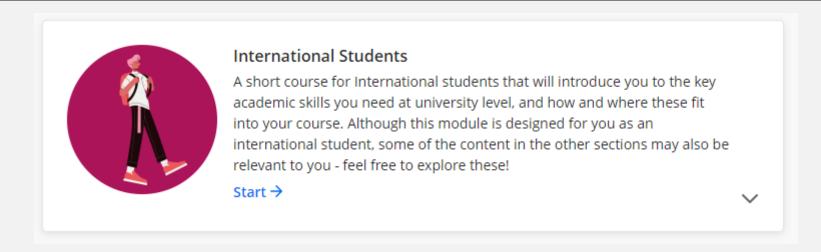
Assess your academic skills and receive a personalised action plan.

go.shu.ac.uk/skillscentre

Where should I start?



Essential Skills for Academic Success e-module



- For all new international and postgraduate students.
- Summarises what learning at a UK university is like, including videos from past international students.
- Assess your current skills and receive a personalised action plan.
- Receive a digital badge once completed to display on your LinkedIn profile.

Assignment Bootcamps



Assignment Bootcamp October 2025

- Designed for new students ahead of their first coursework deadline.
- Three 60-minute online sessions, with experts on hand to answer any questions.
- Sharpen your academic writing skills for studying in the UK.



Scan the QR code using your phone's camera to go directly to Bootcamp's booking page.

Libraries at City and Collegiate Campus:

The Libraries offer a wide range of services, including:

- Library search.
- Reading lists online.
- Subject guides.
- Bookable desks/computers.
- Guidance on referencing.

https://library.shu.ac.uk/

Recommended next steps:

- Complete the 'Essential Skills for Academic Success' e-module to find out more about the academic skills required for postgraduate study in the UK.
- Sign up for the Assignment Bootcamp to boost your digital and academic writing skills ahead of your first deadline.
- Visit one of the libraries and familiarise yourself with the space.

Recommendation from a student

- As early as possible, get all information about your modules from <u>Blackboard</u> and your course leaders.
- Take advantage of the free resources the library has to offer.
- Consider a scheduling app if you struggle with time management.
- When you need to, reach out to the academic skills advisors the university provides. They are happy to help us all along the way.
- Have your university email and calendar synced to your mobile devices. This will help you keep up with announcements and deadlines.

Get in touch:

You can book an upcoming webinars and explore online resources via our website:

libguides.shu.ac.uk/skills.

Or simply Google: "Sheffield Hallam Skills Centre"

You can also contact us via email: skillscentre@shu.ac.uk

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Thanks for listening! Any questions?