Student Learning Development (SLD)
Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences Semester 1 2024-25 Class Timetable

These classes are specifically designed for students writing a dissertation in the College of Arts & Humanities or the College of Social Sciences at the University of Glasgow.

All students are encouraged to attend or engage with our classes on **Essay Writing, Advanced Criticality** and **Dissertation Development**.

For International students, we also offer tailored sessions focusing on developing and strengthening core academic skills in a UK university context: **Starting Your Academic Citizenship** classes and **Community Workshops.** All students are welcome to attend all classes, regardless of whether they are international or not.

Students looking to develop their maths and statistics skills are encouraged to attend our classes on **Maths Essentials**, **Maths Refresher, Maths Tutorials, Introduction to Statistics, Statistics Drop-ins** and **Graduate Numeracy**.

Class slides and other useful resources are available via the relevant course Moodle site (linked at the bottom of the timetable) and, where possible, class recordings will also be made available via Moodle shortly after each class.

Please remember to double-check the timetable _before_ attending classes as buildings and rooms may be subject to change.

Week beginning	Date	Time	Series/Class Type	Class	Class description	Room No./Zoom link
23-Sep	Tuesday 24th September	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Transitioning to Academic Study @UofG	How to successfully transition to new academic institutions by better understanding expectations and some strategies for effectively managing change.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
	Wednesday 25th September	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Becoming an Academic Reader	Strategies for effective academic reading to enhance learning, including how to select reading, manage reading time and read evaluatively.	James McCune Smith, Room 641
	Thursday 26th September	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Ownership of Knowledge and Avoiding Plagiarism	Explains the definitions of plagiarism at the University of Glasgow and how to avoid plagiarism in academic work.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
30-Sep	Monday 30th September	10:00-11:00	Maths Essentials	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their work. This session covers fractions, percentages and decimals.	Gilbert Scott Building: 250
		14:00-16:00	Maths Drop-ins		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	McMillan Round Reading Room: 305
	Tuesday 1st October	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Understanding and Preparing for Assignments	How to effectively understand and fulfill assignment requirements.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		15:00-16:00	Higher/A-level Maths Refresher	Graphs	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any students where Higher (or A Level) Maths is a prerequisite for their course. This session covers how to relate graphs to real world processes.	Adam Smith Building: 582
	Wednesday 2nd October	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Introduction to Being Critical	What does it mean to be critical and analytical in academic work and how to achieve this.	James McCune Smith, Room 641
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Introduction to R I	This series is for any student who will be working with data as part of their assignments, project, or dissertation.This first session introduces some of the basic functionality of R Studio. Bring your laptop with you to follow along!	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507
	Thursday 3rd October	11:00-12:00	Academic Citizenship	Academic Discourse	Explains academic discourse and how to identify the ways your academic community communicate.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Understanding ILOs and Essay Questions	This class covers the importance of Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) and how to deconstruct and interpret essay questions.	James Watt: 375 LT
		15:00-16:00	Maths Tutorials		If you attended any of the Maths Essentials or Refresher sessions, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	Gilbert Scott Building: 253
07-Oct	Monday 7th October	10:00-11:00	Maths Essentials	Rearranging equations	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers basic algebraic manipulation of equations.	Gilbert Scott Building: 250
		14:00-16:00	Maths Drop-ins		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	McMillan Round Reading Room: 305
	Tuesday 8th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Planning to get the most from your studies	Developing skills to effectively plan your time to complete assignments and study effectively while maintaining work-life balance.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		15:00-16:00	Higher/A-level Maths Refresher	Algebra	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any students where Higher (or A Level) Maths is a prerequisite for their course. This session covers algebraic manipulation, inequalities and simultaneous equations.	Adam Smith Building: 582
	Wednesday 9th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Becoming a Critical Reader	Developing skills to analytically read and evaluate academic texts.	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 641
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Introduction to R II	In the second session of this series, we will become more comfortable with R Studio and use it to create impactful graphs and predictive models.	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507
	Thursday 10th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Incorporating Evidence in Academic Writing	How to incorporate evidence in academic assignments as a foundation for effective analyses and arguments.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Researching Your Essay	This class focuses on how to identify and review academic literature for your essay.	James Watt: 375 LT
		15:00-16:00	Maths Tutorials		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	Gilbert Scott Building: 253

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14-Oct	Monday 14th October	10:00-11:00	Maths Essentials	Unit conversions and scientific notation	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers unit conversions and scientific notation.	Gilbert Scott Building: 250
		14:00-16:00	Maths Drop-ins		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	McMillan Round Reading Room: 305
	Tuesday 15th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Reading for Language	How we can use our academic reading to develop and strenghten our academic writing, style and tone.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		13:00-14:00	Advanced Criticality	Critical Research as a Process	This class discusses defining the scope of your research question, critically reviewing your reading, and synthesising your research.	42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT
		15:00-16:00	Higher/A-level Maths Refresher	Powers and logarithms	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any students where Higher (or A Level) Maths is a prerequisite for their course. This session covers powers and logarithms.	Adam Smith Building: 582
	Wednesday 16th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Creating Context in Essay Writing	How to effectively contextualise and frame your academic work to strengthen its coherence and argumentation.	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 641
		13:00-14:00	Advanced Criticality	Using Evidence in Your Writing	This class explains the purpose of evidence and how to employ it in your assignments.	Adam Smith Building: 587
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Descriptive Statistics	The third session in this series looks at what information we can draw immediately from our data, while still painting a more complete picture than a simple average. We will cover measures of central tendencies, dispersion, and position.	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507
	Thursday 17th October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Demonstrating Authority in Writing	Explores why and how to demonstrate your authority and credibility in your work to produce convincing assessments.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Planning Your Essay	This class explores how to create an effective plan to write your essay assignments successfully.	James Watt: 375 LT
		15:00-16:00	Maths Tutorials		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	Gilbert Scott Building: 253
21-Oct	Monday 21st October	10:00-11:00	Maths Essentials	Linear relationships	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers straight lines.	Gilbert Scott Building: 250
		14:00-16:00	Maths Drop-ins		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	McMillan Round Reading Room: 305
	Tuesday 22nd October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	Constructing an Effective Argument	Developing skills to construct an effective argument in your academic writing.	Boyd Orr: 222, LT 2
		13:00-14:00	Advanced Criticality	Using Theory in Your Assignments	This class focuses on the purpose of theory in the Arts & Humanities and the Social Sciences, and how to use it in your writing.	42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT
		15:00-16:00	Higher/A-level Maths Refresher	Straight lines and quadratics	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers straight line and quadratic equations.	Adam Smith Building: 582
	Wednesday 23rd October	11:00-12:00	Community Workshops	You and Your Academic Development	Developing skills for furthering your development as a scholar in your field and academic problem-solving	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 641
		13:00-14:00	Advanced Criticality	Building Arguments I	This class discusses what is argumentation, its purpose in academia, and what are some of its defining elements.	Adam Smith Building: 587
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Probability	Our fourth session covers the basic rules of probability, as well as both discrete and continuous probability distributions.	James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507
	Thursday 24th October	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Building Your Essay's Argument	This class discusses what we understand by an argument, what are its main distinctive features.	James Watt: 375 LT
		15:00-16:00	Maths Tutorials		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	Gilbert Scott Building: 253
		10:00-11:00	Statistics Drop-ins		Open to students with any statistics question (other than Honours level statistics courses). Come in for help with theory or issues with statistical software.	St Andrews Building: 202

28-Oct	Monday 28th October	10:00-11:00	**Maths Essentials**	**Functions**	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers what a function is and how to evaluate them.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 250**
		13:00-14:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Workshop 1 - Percentages**	Applying for jobs? Numeracy tests (or numerical reasoning tests) are used by many employers during recruitment. Workshops are designed to give you the skills needed to complete the tests.	**St Andrews Building: 432**
		14:00-16:00	**Maths Drop-ins**		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	**McMillan Round Reading Room: 305**
	Tuesday 29th October	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Building Arguments II**	This class explores the different levels of argumentation in written assignments and how to build a coherent and cohesive argumentative piece of writing.	**42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Higher/A-level Maths Refresher**	**Functions**	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers functions including composition and inverses.	**Adam Smith Building: 582**
	Wednesday 30th October	13:00-14:00	**Introduction to Statistics**	**Hypothesis testing**	This fifth session will cover hypothesis testing, which is used to draw conclusions about a whole population from a sample of data. We will discuss how to choose the null and alternative hypothesis, and which distributions to use.	**James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507**
	Thursday 31st October	12:00-13:00	**Essay Writing**	**Structuring Your Essay**	This class explores different ways to structure your essay to make sure it is organised around a central and coherent argument.	**James Watt: 375 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Maths Tutorials**		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 253**
	Friday 1st November	11:00-12:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Tutorial 1 - Percentages**	These tutorials will be a chance to gain confidence by practicing the skills demonstrated in the Graduate Numeracy workshop. You should bring your own laptop or device with you.	**Adam Smith Building: 381**
04-Nov	Monday 4th November	10:00-11:00	**Maths Essentials**	**Powers and logarithms**	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers powers and logarithms.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 250**
		13:00-14:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Workshop 2 - Ratios and Interpreting graphs**	Applying for jobs? Numeracy tests (or numerical reasoning tests) are used by many employers during recruitment. Workshops are designed to give you the skills needed to complete the tests.	**St Andrews Building: 432**
		14:00-16:00	**Maths Drop-ins**		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your relevant course notes.	**McMillan Round Reading Room: 305**
	Tuesday 5th November	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Critical Research as a Process**	This class discusses defining the scope of your research question, critically reviewing your reading, and synthesising your research.	**42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Higher/A-level Maths Refresher**	**Differentiation**	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers differentiation, including optimisation.	**Adam Smith Building: 582**
	Wednesday 6th November	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Using Evidence in Your Writing**	This class explains the purpose of evidence and how to employ it in your assignments.	**Adam Smith Building: 587**
		13:00-14:00	**Introduction to Statistics**	**Simple and multiple linear regression**	This sixth session will discuss the correlation between variables, and how to describe these relationships using simple and multiple linear regression.	**James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507**
	Thursday 7th November	12:00-13:00	**Essay Writing**	**Referencing Your Essay**	This class discusses why we reference in academia and how to reference your essay adequately.	**James Watt: 375 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Maths Tutorials**		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 253**
	Friday 8th November	11:00-12:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Tutorial 2 - Ratios and Interpreting graphs**	These tutorials will be a chance to gain confidence by practicing the skills demonstrated in the Graduate Numeracy workshop. You should bring your own laptop or device with you.	**Adam Smith Building: 381**

11-Nov	Monday 11th November	10:00-11:00	**Maths Essentials**	**Basic probability**	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers basic probability.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 250**
		13:00-14:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Workshop 3 - Tips for speed**	Applying for jobs? Numeracy tests (or numerical reasoning tests) are used by many employers during recruitment. Workshops are designed to give you the skills needed to complete the tests.	**St Andrews Building: 432**
		14:00-16:00	**Maths Drop-ins**		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your course notes.	**McMillan Round Reading Room: 305**
	Tuesday 12th November	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Using Theory in Your Assignments**	This class focuses on the purpose of theory in the Arts and the Social Sciences, and how to use it in your writing.	**42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Higher/A-level Maths Refresher**	**Integration**	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers the basics of integration.	**Adam Smith Building: 582**
	Wednesday 13th November	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Building Arguments I**	This class discusses what is argumentation, its purpose in academia, and what are some of its defining elements.	**Adam Smith Building: 587**
		13:00-14:00	**Introduction to Statistics**	**Logistic and multinomial regression**	Does the amount of time a student spends studying increase the probability of passing? This session will show how this can be answered using logistic regression, and how this can be implemented in R.	**James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507**
	Thursday 14th November	12:00-13:00	**Essay Writing**	**Editing Your Essay**	This class focuses on the editorial process: how to go from a first draft to the final submission.	**James Watt: 375 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Maths Tutorials**		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 253**
	Friday 15th November	10:00-11:00	**Statistics Drop-ins**		Open to students with any statistics question (other than Honours level statistics courses). Come in for help with theory or issues with statistical software.	**St Andrews Building: 202**
		11:00-12:00	**Graduate Numeracy**	**Tutorial 3 - Tips for speed**	These tutorials will be a chance to gain confidence by practicing the skills demonstrated in the Graduate Numeracy workshop. Bring your laptop or device with you.	**Adam Smith Building: 381**

18-Nov	Monday 18th November	10:00-11:00	**Maths Essentials**	**Trigonometry**	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers Pythagoras and SOHCAHTOA.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 250**
		12:00-13:00	**Dissertation Development**	**From Research Topic to Research Question**	This class focuses on first finding a dissertation topic, and then turning this topic into a research question you can answer in your dissertation.	**Gilbert Scott: 466 LT**
		14:00-16:00	**Maths Drop-ins**		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your course notes.	**McMillan Round Reading Room: 305**
	Tuesday 19th November	13:00-14:00	**Advanced Criticality**	**Building Arguments II**	This class explores the different levels of argumentation in written assignments and how to build a coherent and cohesive argumentative piece of writing.	**42 Bute Gardens: 916 LT**
		15:00-16:00	**Higher/A-level Maths Refresher**	**Trigonometry**	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers trig graphs, identities and how to solve trig equations.	**Adam Smith Building: 582**
	Wednesday 20th November	13:00-14:00	**Introduction to Statistics**	**Flexible regression**	Sometimes a linear model won't be appropriate for the data we have and we have to instead use a flexible yet smooth curve. This last session will show how to create a flexible regression model using the R package "mgcv".	**James McCune Smith Learning Hub: 507**
	Thursday 21st November	15:00-16:00	**Maths Tutorials**		If you attended the Maths Essentials or Refresher session, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 253**
	Friday 22nd November	11:00-12:00	**Dissertation Development**	**Workshop**	This workshop offers you a space to think about your research topic and practice turning your topic into a productive research question	**For more details and to sign up to attend this workshop, click here.**

25-Nov	Monday 25th November	10:00-11:00	**Maths Essentials**	**Quadratics**	Aimed at Nat 5/GSCE level, this series will cover the essential maths skills needed for students who are required to do basic calculations in their studies or future work. This session covers parabolas.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 250**
		12:00-13:00	**Dissertation Development**	**Organising Your Research**	This class explains what it means to create a research space and discusses how to organise your research.	**Gilbert Scott: 466 LT**
		14:00-16:00	**Maths Drop-ins**		Open to any student with any maths question (other than Honours level mathematics courses). Just turn up with the problem you're working on and your course notes.	**McMillan Round Reading Room: 305**
	Tuesday 26th November	15:00-16:00	**Higher/A-level Maths Refresher**	**Vectors**	This series will cover the maths skills needed for any student who has Higher (or A Level) Maths as a prerequisite for their course. This session covers the basics of vectors including addition, scalar multiplication and the dot product.	**Adam Smith Building: 582**
	Thursday 28th November	15:00-16:00	**Maths Tutorials**		If you attended any of the Maths Essentials or Refresher sessions, come along to this session to try out the skills you learned with help on hand if you have any questions.	**Gilbert Scott Building: 253**
	Friday 29th November	10:00-11:00	**Statistics Drop-ins**		Open to students with any statistics question (other than Honours level statistics courses). Come in for help with theory or issues with statistical software.	**St Andrews Building: 202**
		11:00-12:00	**Dissertation Development**	**Workshop**	This workshop gives you an opportunity to consider how to build a research space for your project and how you should organise your research materials.	**For more details and to sign up to attend this workshop, click here.**

| 02-Dec | Monday 2nd December | 12:00-13:00 | Dissertation Development | Creating a Research Project | This class discusses how to effectively manage your dissertation as a research project throughout all key dissertation stages. | Gilbert Scott: 466 LT |
| | Friday 6th December | 11:00-12:00 | Dissertation Development | Workshop | This workshop offers you a change to build your own research plan with the help of some expert facilitators. | For more details and to sign up to attend this workshop, click here. |

Moodle pages for the live, scheduled classes (listed above):

International Students **Academic Citizenship** Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=27830
International Students **Community Workshops** Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=27830
Maths and Stats Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=140
Essay Writing Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10314
Advanced Criticality Moodle	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=24318
Dissertation Development Moodle	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=2464
Introduction to Statistics Moodle	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=140
Graduate Numeracy Moodle	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12831

Moodle pages for our **online, anytime classes** (available as recordings):

Academic Development Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10317