Student Learning Development (SLD)
Arts & Humanities and sISocial Sciences Semester 2 2024-25 Class Timetable

These live classes are specifically designed for students 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 **Essay Writing** and our **Dissertation Classes**.

For International students, we also offer tailored sessions on **Early Stages Dissertation Writing**. 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 Drop-Ins**, **Introduction to Statistics**, and **Graduate Numeracy**.

Class slides and other resources are available for all class series via the relevant course Moodle site and, where possible, recordings of the live face-to-face classes will also be made available via Moodle shortly after each class.

We also have a further range of classes available as online recordings, available at any time. These are available via the Moodle links at the bottom of this page.

Please double-check the timetables available at www.gla.ac.uk/SLD <u>before</u> attending classes, as buildings and rooms may be subject to change.

Week beginning	Date	Time	Series / Class Type	Class	Class Description	Location
13th January	Tuesday 14th January	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Dissertation Topic & Question	This session explores how to find a dissertation topic and then turning this topic into a research question you can answer in your dissertation.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
	Wednesday 15th January	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	This workshop offers you a space to think about your research topic and practice turning your topic into a productive research question	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
20th January	Tuesday 21st January	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Literature Review	This class focuses on the literature review: what it is and its purpose within your dissertation.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	An Introduction to Doing a Dissertation	This class introduces students to key features and requirements of dissertations as well as their benefits.	G59 (LT) Kelvin Hall
	Wednesday 22nd January	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	In this workshop you will practice mapping your research to write a better literature review. Bring a selection of articles or book chapters you are working or planning to work with.	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Introduction to R - Part 1	This series is for any student who will be working with data as part of their assignments, project, or dissertation. It will cover some fundamental concepts in statistics as well as how to use R Studio, a widely used statistical environment, to perform and present analyses. This first session introduces some of the basic functionality of R Studio. Bring your laptop with you to follow along!	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-17:00	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Writing a Research Proposal	This class looks at the purpose, structure and key content of research proposals, which are often required before beginning a dissertation or other extensive research project.	201 (Flat Hall) McIntyre Building
	Thursday 23rd January	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	ILOs & Essay Questions	This class covers the importance of Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) and how to deconstruct and interpret essay questions.	109 Molema Building
27th January	Tuesday 28th January	10:00-11:00	Graduate Numeracy: Essentials	Percentages	Applying for jobs? These classes will cover the essential numerical skills required by many employers (no matter what your subject background is). This session focusses on percentages and is specifically targeted at students who lack confidence with basic calcuations.	253 Gilbert Scott Building
		12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Theory	This class focuses on the purpose of theory in academia and how to use it in your writing.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Identifying your Research Gap	This class explores the types of research gap and how to identify the gap for your dissertation.	G59 (LT) Kelvin Hall
	Wednesday 29th January	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	In this workshop you will practice mapping your research to write a better literature review. Bring a selection of articles or book chapters you are working or planning to work with.	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Introduction to R - Part 2	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.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-1700	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Developing your Research Methods	This class discusses how to select the most appropriate methodology for your dissertation.	201 (Flat Hall) McIntyre Building
	Thursday 30th January	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Researching your Essay	This class focuses on how to identify and review academic literature for your essay.	109 Molema Building

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3rd February	Tuesday 4th February	10:00-11:00	Graduate Numeracy: Essentials	Graphical Data	Applying for jobs? These classes will cover the essential numerical skills required by many employers (no matter what your subject background is). This session will focus on percentage calculations involing graphical data and is specifically targeted at students who lack confidence with basic calcuations.	253 Gilbert Scott Building
		12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Methodology	This class focuses on the methodology: what it is, what the difference is between methods and methodology, and how to write about, explain, and justify your methodology.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	The Supervision Process	This class outlines core aspects of working with a dissertation supervisor, looking at expectations on the students and supervisors, and how to make the most of these relationships.	G59 (LT) Kelvin Hall
	Wednesday 5th February	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	This workshop will give you a space to think with peers about what are the elements of a strong methodology and give you a framework to organise the information of your methodological chapter or section.	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
		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.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-17:00	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Starting the Literature Review	This class looks at how to start searching for literature on your research topic, the key features of literature reviews, and ways to find the 'gap' in research that you are contributing to.	201 (Flat Hall) McIntyre Building
	Thursday 6th February	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Planning your Essay	This class explores how to create an effective plan to write your essay assignments successfully.	109 Molema Building
10th February	Tuesday 11th February	10:00-11:00	Graduate Numeracy: Essentials	Ratios	Applying for jobs? These classes will cover the essential numerical skills required by many employers (no matter what your subject background is). This session focusses on ratios and is specifically targeted at students who lack confidence with basic calcuations.	253 Gilbert Scott Building
		12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Argument	This class explains how to construct a convincing argument that answers your research question.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Using Language in your Dissertation	This class discusses how to make appropriate use of language when writing your dissertation, considering important aspects such as tone and signposting.	G59 (LT) Kelvin Hall
	Wednesday 12th February	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	This workshop will give you a space to work on strengthening argumentation and criticality in your dissertation.	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
		13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Probability	To certainly give students a better chance of answering the question "how likely was that?", our fourth session covers the basic rules of probability, as well as both discrete and continuous probability distributions.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
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		17:00-18:00	Early Stages Dissertation Writing (International Students)	Planning your Dissertation's Structure	This class discusses how to plan your dissertation's structure to ensure a clear argument.	201 (Flat Hall) McIntyre Building
	Thursday 13th February	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Argumentation	This class discusses what we understand by an argument, what are its main distinctive features.	109 Molema Building
17th February	Tuesday 18th February	10:00-11:00	Graduate Numeracy: Make your applications count	Breaking Down Questions	Applying for jobs? This session is for any student looking for advice on how to prepare for the **numerical reasoning tests** used by many employers. We will give a brief introduction about the tests, before focussing on how to break down questions into manageable chunks.	253 Gilbert Scott Building
		12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Structure	This class explains how to ensure your argument connects and links all of your dissertation chapters together within a robust structure.	256 Fore Hall (Main Building)
	Wednesday 19th February	12:00-13:00	Dissertation Classes	Workshop (sign-up in advance)	This workshop will allow you to practice how to find the connections between your different chapters. Bring a dissertation plan to the session.	Click here to sign up (Moodle login required)
		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, e.g. how can news outlets call an election with only a fraction of the votes tallied? We will discuss how to choose the null and alternative hypothesis, and which distributions to use.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-17:00	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
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24th February	Tuesday 25th February	10:00-11:00	Graduate Numeracy: Make your applications count	Tips for Speed	Applying for jobs? This session is for any student looking for advice on how to prepare for the **numerical reasoning tests** used by many employers. Many of the tests have strict time limits, and so this session will focus on techniques for working quickly but accurately.	253 Gilbert Scott Building
	Wednesday 26th February	13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Simple and Multiple Linear Regression	This sixth session will discuss the relationship, or more precisely the correlation, between variables, and how to describe these relationships using simple and multiple linear regression. We will use R to generate a best fit line to pairwise ordered data, and then also generate a more complex linear model.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-17:00	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
	Thursday 27th February	12:00-13:00	Essay Writing	Referencing	This class discusses why we reference in academia and how to reference your essay adequately.	109 Molema Building
3rd March	Wednesday 5th March	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 their course, and if so, what's my probability of passing if I spend x hours studying? This session will show how this can be answered using logistic regression, and how this can be implemented in R.	257 Wolfson Medical Building
		15:00-17:00	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.	430 James McCune Smith Learning Hub
	Thursday 6th March	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.	109 Molema Building
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	Wednesday 12th March	13:00-14:00	Introduction to Statistics	Flexible Regression	Sometimes a linear model won't be appropriate to model the data we have and we have to instead use a flexible yet smooth curve. The last of our sessions will show how to create a flexible regression model using the R package "mgcv".	257 Wolfson Medical Building
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Moodle pages

Maths Support Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=140
Stats Support Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=42233
Intro to Stats Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=19841
Graduate Numeracy Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12831
Dissertation Classes Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12843
Early Stages Dissertation Writing Moodle (International Students):	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=15181
Essay Writing Moodle:	https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10315