

Study Skills for developing Academic Learning

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Introduction:

Throughout this presentation three study skills will be discussed these will be Critical Thinking Skills, Academic Writing Skills and Note Taking and why they are important.

Critical Thinking:

According to Skillsyouneed (2023) Critical thinking is a cognitive capacity that enables individuals to engage in objective and rigorous analysis, comprehending the inherent logical coherence and interrelation among concepts. However, the significance of Critical Thinking Skills as a method to acquire knowledge and grasp the world is highlighted by Aizikovitsh-Udi and Amit (2011) in a study. Having strong critical thinking skills enables students to effectively navigate through the extensive range of information, allowing students to distinguish between what is true and what is not, and assess the reliability of sources.

Agoos (2016) video on five very helpful tips to improve critical thinking skills



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(Source discover (2021))



Academic Writing Skills:

Cottrell (2019, p. 273), says that academic writing is creating a carefully composed assignment poses a challenging undertaking but also brings about meaningful satisfaction as an essential aspect of learning. At this level of education, tasks are purposely created to push students' intellectual limits, requiring them to exert significant mental energy. Furthermore, the University of Sheffield (2023) defines academic writing as a various stages such as researching, analysing, and evaluating information, developing a strategic plan for writing, organizing ideas effectively, and thoroughly proofreading one's work. In addition, it involves the thorough evaluation and reflection on received feedback, forming the basis for academic written assessments in the university context. However, Oshima and Hogue (2007, p. 3) states Academic writing and creative writing are distinct from each other, where creative writing focuses on storytelling through narratives. It is necessary to use a formal tone in academic writing, which means that colloquial language or contractions should not be employed. In addition, it is crucial to carefully construct and organize sentences in a systematic manner.

Note Taking:

Note taking may not be mandatory to write down every single word, but it can be advantageous in terms of documenting relevant information by taking notes. It is common for lectures to offer guidance by encouraging students to "make a mental note of this". Cortvriend, (2008, p.9). Additionally, Burns and Sinfield (2022, p. 77- 78) states that the act of taking comprehensive notes may result in an overflow of information, causing a decrease in overall engagement and a potential lack of attention towards the information. Independent thinking can be hindered when individuals get trapped in the ideas and opinions of others. However, Open University (2023) Note-taking can serve as a valuable tool for enhancing one's comprehension skills. Through the process of transcribing intricate concepts into personal language, it aids in the synthesis of information. Additionally, note-taking facilitates the development of more comprehensive and cohesive arguments in written essays. Moreover, it promotes focus and time-management during the period of exam preparation, resulting in greater efficiency. Ultimately, note-taking allows for self-assessment and monitoring of progress throughout the studying journey.

Conclusion: To summarise these study skill that have been discussed throughout this presentation, there are many authors that have own take on these study skill. For instance, skills you need state that critical thinking is a cognitive skill, yet Aizikovitsh-Udi and Amit (2011) mentions that having strong critical skills will ensure students to effectively navigate through various information needed for academic studies. With academic writing Cottrell (2019) mentions that academic writing is creating a carefully composed assignment. However, the University of Sheffield (2023) states that academic writing is a way of researching, analysing and evaluating information to compose an essay. Lastly, there is note taking were Cortvriend (2008, p9) mentions in Macleod-Brudenell and Kat (2008) that note taking can have it advantages were Lecturers will prompt, to take a note of this. As were as Open University (2023) says that Note-taking is a valuable tool for enhancing the comprehensive skills and greater efficiency.

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