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Delivering Excellence: Writing, Analysis & Viva Success

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- Leads the MSc Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics programme, ensuring strategic alignment and high quality delivery;
- Applies expertise in AI and cybersecurity to advance research informed teaching and innovation;
- Enhances student outcomes through industry informed practice and academic leadership;
- Promotes excellence in hands on learning, ethical practice and professional development.



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Workshop 2 Roadmap

- Purpose and learning objectives
- Literature review expectations and critical engagement
- Implementation and evaluation guidance
- Presentation style, referencing and word limits
- Viva structure and marking criteria
- Common pitfalls and best practices
- Key deadlines and preparation timeline

Writing, Evaluation & Viva Success

- Producing a high-quality academic report
- Strengthening analysis and evaluation
- Preparing for a successful viva

Purpose & Learning Objectives

- Strengthen literature review quality
- Improve evaluation and critical analysis
- Understand viva expectations
- Refine academic presentation skills

Literature Review Excellence

- Critically compare and contrast research
- Justify chosen methods and techniques
- Engage with findings, not just summaries
- Maintain relevance throughout

Implementation Best Practice

- Demonstrate what you built or tested
- Explain key design decisions
- Discuss challenges and solutions
- Focus on depth, not screenshots

Evaluation & Analysis

- Present results clearly (tables, charts)
- Apply appropriate analysis methods
- Interpret results critically
- Link findings back to literature

Presentation Style & Referencing

- Use clear academic language (UK English)
- Follow formatting requirements
- Apply numeric referencing system
- Stay within 15,000-word limit

Viva Structure (20%)

- 15–20-minute presentation
- Followed by Q&A discussion
- Demonstrate understanding of methodology
- Defend findings and decisions confidently

Common Pitfalls to Avoid

- Vague aims or unclear objectives
- Descriptive writing without analysis
- Weak artefact quality
- Superficial conclusions

Viva Preparation Strategy

- Know your methodology thoroughly
- Prepare to justify every decision
- Practice explaining results clearly
- Test demonstrations in advance

Workshop 2 – Key Takeaways

- Analysis determines high marks
- Evaluation is more important than description
- Professional presentation matters
- Preparation builds confidence



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