

Academic Study Skills for Students

Summary Session

1. Referencing

APA 6th
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Citations and quotations

2. Plagiarism

Accurate referencing and appropriate paraphrasing
You can plagiarise your own work!
Collusion

3. Paraphrasing

Skill that will develop throughout degree
Displaying complex information in a way that YOU understand!

4. Abstracts

Important for research papers
The first thing a reader will see
Make it interesting!

5. Reading

READ! LOTS!
Balance between reading everything and reading the most
relevant information?
Take the hints your lecturers give you – read the articles
provided and suggested

6. Academic Writing

Write in an academic and professional way
Avoid personal anecdotes
Structure and formatting is also important
Do not use contractions!

7. Essay Writing

Introduction
Main body
Conclusion

8. Report writing

Title
Abstract
Introduction
Method
Results
Discussion

This is in your psychology
report writing house
rules document! Use
it!

9. Time Management



Is difficult!

Figure out what works best for you – and cost your time wisely
Attend everything you can and aim not to add more pressure to
yourself by having to catch up on essential content

10. Presentations



You WILL be doing them – oral and poster
Consider it a short performance – reduce initial anxiety
Relate to specifics of the assessment criteria

11. Poster Presentations



Poster is your visual aid; the oral presentation element is a
succinct and clear summary of the consent

12. Variables

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 Independent Variables  
 Dependent Variables  
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## 13. Types of research

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 Qualitative
 Quantitative
 Experimental vs. Non-experimental
 Basic vs. Applied

14. Statistics

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 Mean, mode, median (central tendency)  
 Range, variance, standard deviation  
 Normal distribution  
 The p-value!  
 $p < .05$

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Any questions?

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