

GRSC6003 Reporting on Other Researchers' Work

Content:

This course covers certain micro aspects of language use which are of particular relevance to reviewing the work of other researchers in academic discourse. It focuses on how to report on other researchers' work and how to use language to adjudicate on conflicting research positions and present a critical evaluation of an issue. It also demonstrates useful paraphrasing and summarizing techniques. As such, it expands on and provides additional practice for an aspect covered in GRSC6001 / 6020 / 6021 'Introduction to Thesis Writing'.

Organization:

This is a 12-hour course, consisting of one or two 2-hour lessons per week, making a total of six lessons. Each lesson will consist of brief input sessions from the teacher with small group discussions of examples and exercises allowing for maximum practice.

Enrolment:

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students.

Assessment:

Assessment will take the form of an in-class writing assignment at the end of the course. Students will be graded Pass or Fail on the basis of this work.

Outcome:

At the end of the course, participants should be more aware of the appropriate language to use when reporting on the work of other researchers and should be able to present a critical evaluation in an academic context.