## What's on in The Learning Centre - s3 2015

The Learning Centre at USQ offers students online and face-to-face access to academic learning services. Check out our online resources, which offer advice and guidance on academic language topics such as understanding your assignment task, study strategies, academic writing, effective reading techniques, and referencing. If you would still like further advice, a consultation with an Academic Language Advisor might be ideal for you.

Our online maths resources offer guidance on solving equations, algebra, calculus, and statistics. In addition, Maths consultations are available to help you develop your basic maths skills in these areas.

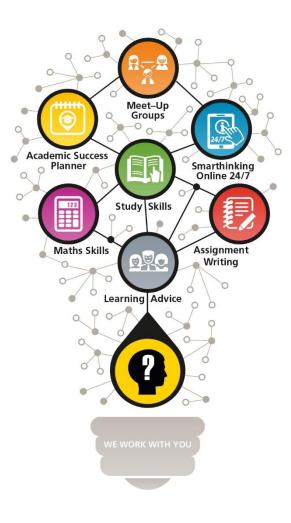
If you would like some help getting started using USQ Learning Systems including USQ*StudyDesk*, UConnect, ePortfolio, Turnitin and Blackboard, then a Learning Systems Support (LSS) consultation is the answer.

### **Consultations with Learning Advisors**

Consultations are available face-to-face, via email or phone.

**Bookings** are essential for consultations. You can use The Learning Centre's online booking system, call or email to request an appointment.

**Please note:** The Learning Centre will be closed from 25 December 2015 to 15 January 2016. During this time, you can access **24/7 online support** via Smarthinking, or you can contact one of our friendly Meet-Up leaders (see below for details).



## Consultations with Student Leaders - Meet-Up Student Community

The Meet-Up Student Community (MUSC) is run by experienced and friendly student leaders who are here to offer support and advice on many aspects of university life. MUSC leaders can provide you with the guidance and tips that only a fellow student can.

#### MUSC leaders can:

- offer an ear and a helping hand
- help you make sense of uni life and find the right balance
- suggest useful study tips and techniques
- help with navigating USQ systems including the USQ website, UConnect, and USQStudyDesk
- provide advice on accessing university resources/facilities
- offer advice on where to go for help with different issues

MUSC leaders are available online and for drop-in face-to-face chats on campus.

#### Online

usq.edu.au/learningcentre Click on
Student peer support: Meet-Up

#### **USQ Springfield**

12 – 1pm Tuesdays in the Library

#### **USQ** Toowoomba

12-1pm Tuesdays outside the bookshop

### Workshops

Workshop	Availability
<b>Time management:</b> this workshop will explore ways to manage your time and organise your life so that you achieve a winning balance.	Recording available online anytime
<b>Calculator refresher:</b> $\pm -x/\div$ , where $\pm x/\div$ , fractions and mixed numbers, use of (), rounding and approximating, using memory. Investigation of the "statistics mode" of scientific calculators to enter data, and find mean and sample standard deviations.	Online via Zoom (bookings essential): 6 – 7pm Wed 18 Nov 6 – 7pm Wed 25 Nov
<b>Note making in lectures:</b> This session will show you the most efficient way to take notes in lectures and help you to engage effectively in lectures and tutorials.	Recording available online anytime
<b>Research skills &amp; assignment preparation:</b> in this workshop we offer advice on how to research more efficiently, how to select material, how to store and retrieve your research and how to apply it in assignments.	Recording available online anytime
<b>Academic writing:</b> This workshop focuses on how to write effective paragraphs, how to organise and structure assignments and how to build an academic argument.	Recording available online anytime
<b>Referencing and academic integrity:</b> This workshop will help you to be sure you've put references in the right places: it's the how, why and when of referencing.	Recording available online anytime
<b>Preparing for exams:</b> In this workshop we discuss tips and skills to help you prepare for examinations, including how to organise, plan and process information.	Recording available online anytime

IMPORTANT: Please book your place in the Calculator Refresher workshop via usq.edu.au/learningcentre and click on "Book a session". Login details will be sent via email once you have made a booking.

To access workshop recordings, visit usq.edu.au/learningcentre, click on Online Resources and then select Workshop Recordings under Category.

# Support Yourself – anywhere, anytime!

The Academic Success Planner provides you with a personalised Academic Success Plan based on your responses to questions about seven key aspects of study:

- Exam preparation
- ✓ Assignment writing
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ English Proficiency

- Presentations
- ✓ Managing information ✓ Working together

24/7 online writing and mathematics support via Smarthinking. Visit usq.edu.au/learningcentre for access and more information.



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