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# WRIT1999: Effective Thinking & Writing

Hit the ground running and boost your academic performance and confidence.

WRIT1999 is a one-week intensive University of Queensland (UQ) course, offered to Year 11 students through UQ's Enhanced Studies Placement program to improve their Year 12 performance and university-readiness.

The course gives senior school students the opportunity to extend their knowledge, skills, and abilities in research and critical thinking including gathering and assessing evidence, identifying,

constructing and evaluating arguments, and communicating findings.

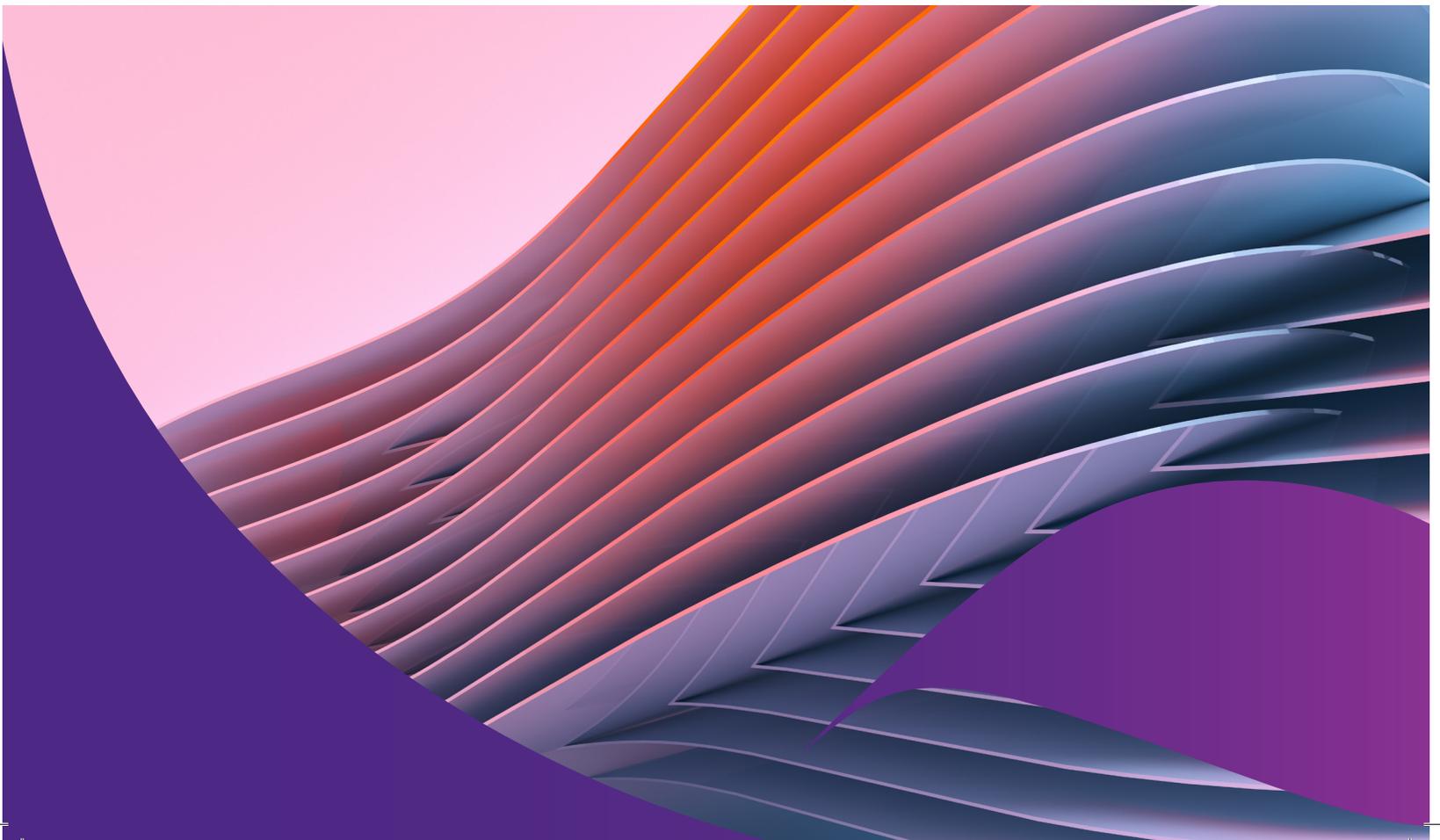
It guides students through the basics of argumentation and effective written communication, teaching them how to present to a variety of audiences in rationally persuasive ways.

These skills are central to academic success and transferable across a range of contexts.

WRIT1999 is delivered by The University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (UQCTP) team.

***UQ is the leader of Critical Thinking training in Queensland.***

***UQCTP-designed critical thinking courses are consistently out-performing other extension courses for numeracy, reading and writing.***



## Program duration

WRIT1999 is an intensive five-day course.

## Entry Requirements

- WRIT1999 applicants must be either from an eligible school or identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The full list of eligible schools can be found at: [esp.uq.edu.au](http://esp.uq.edu.au)
- Students must demonstrate a minimum grade of B in at least 4 subjects and no less than a C in English in the semester prior to applying.

Information about application procedures can be found at [esp.uq.edu.au/how-do-i-apply](http://esp.uq.edu.au/how-do-i-apply)

## Benefits

- Taught by internationally recognised experts in Critical Thinking instruction.
- Prepares students for success in Year 12 studies.
- One bonus rank towards the UQ entrance score (1-99 ATAR scale)
- 2 university credits towards a course or elective in a UQ degree
- Contribution to a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
- Enjoy all the UQ advantages; including access to UQ libraries, student services, guest lectures, and use of UQ sporting facilities
- Prepares students for university study by experiencing classes, completing assessment, connecting with like-minded students, and enjoying campus life.

## Indicative Course Structure

Day 1: Thinking about thinking; Arguments; Argument Mapping, Reflective Writing

Day 2: Evaluating arguments; Deductive reasoning; Research Methods 1

Day 3: Inductive reasoning; Generalisations; Analogies; Research Methods 2

Day 4: Persuasion; Clarity; Peer Activities; Narratives

Day 5: Research and writing; feedback sessions; draft and final essays produced

## Testimonials from our WRIT1999 students

“This course was really great! The lecturers are the best at explaining in-depth and are very helpful.”

“I have learnt so many tools on reading and thinking. I cannot believe I did an essay under a week!”

“Wonderful course. As a School Captain I will strongly encourage my younger peers to participate in this course.”

“I learnt it's important to separate yourself from the ideas you are putting forward in an argument and always be willing to have your perception changed by a better counter argument.”

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