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ACADEMIC LITERACIES SERVICES

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Our Academic Literacies Services support Unisa students - from undergraduate to doctoral level in any discipline - who aim to develop their literacies practices in the following areas:

- Academic language
- Quantitative literacy (academic numeracy)
- Information literacy
- Learning literacy (study skills)

Every Unisa learning centre has a face-to-face Academic Literacies Centre, with Reading and Writing and Quantitative Literacy services for undergraduate students, and a Research Writing Service for postgraduate students.

Undergraduate students

The Reading and Writing Service will support you to develop your competence in reading large amounts of material for your studies and in writing for different academic purposes. We offer face-to-face consultations where a member of staff will help you to

- read with greater understanding
- analyse and understand assignment questions
- brainstorm and compile an assignment outline
- obtain feedback on your first and successive drafts of assignment answers
- practise self-editing for grammatical and surface errors

In addition, workshops run throughout the semester will build your confidence in your ability to read and write academically.





Quantitative Literacy Service

The Quantitative Literacy Service provides students in all disciplines and at any undergraduate level the opportunity to consult one-to-one with a facilitator.

Workshops - both general and module specific - are offered throughout the semester which address critical aspects of quantitative literacy.

Postgraduate students

The Research Writing Service supports postgraduate students in developing advanced reading strategies and by coaching them in all stages of their writing:

- Honours students: research reports
- Master's students: proposals and dissertations
- Doctoral students: theses, abstracts, conference presentations and papers, and articles for academic journals

Please note that this is not an editing service. The facilitator will start by looking at your writing holistically, provide feedback on your drafts, and work towards developing your proficiency and confidence as an academic research writer.

Consultations with the Research Writing Facilitator are usually by appointment to ensure that you, as a postgraduate student, receive their undivided attention.

AcaLit Digital

AcaLit Digital is an independent, self-paced, online learning program to introduce undergraduate students to academic reading and writing at university level. Its focus areas are

- academic reading
- academic writing
- study skills
- information literacy and research skills
- digital skills development

Please request access to the program by sending an e-mail to **aLitDig@unisa.ac.za**

For more information about the Academic Literacies Services visit **<http://bit.ly/2z7Rx50>** or contact your nearest Unisa regional centre.



AcaLit@Unisa Hotline

Should you prefer to consult our facilitators by e-mail, you're welcome to use the AcaLit@Unisa Hotline. You may pose any questions you have about reading, writing, learning strategies and academic numeracy that crop up while you engage with your learning materials, assignments and exam preparation