



The University of Glasgow  
Guide to Academic Writing

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Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Service

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# Aims & Objectives

- streamline already existing provision for international students into online, efficient, and accessible resource
- respond to fundamental questions on academic writing that international students ask frequently
- build an interactive academic writing resource that accompany international students during their journey

Learning & Teaching Strategy (2015-2020) – Easing international students' **Transition** into UK Higher Education





### How can we help?

- Who we are and what we do - our strategy
- College contacts
- Events
- Graduation recordings
- Our staff



### 12th Annual UofG Learning & Teaching Conference - #LTConf19

View the programme at:  
→ [www.gla.ac.uk/lteconference](http://www.gla.ac.uk/lteconference)



### For Students

View the range of advisers in the student-facing side of LEADS, who provide in-course teaching, optional classes, and one-to-one appointments on a range of topics related to the subject-specific content of the University's degrees.



### For Staff

View the range of taught courses, support for curriculum development, media production facilities, and good practice advice for staff who teach.



### Good Practice Resources

View the range of examples of good and innovative practice in learning and teaching that have been developed, created and curated by LEADS staff in order to support and enhance

# Background

## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC STUDY

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### Courses

- Pre-session courses
- In-session support for current students
- Teacher Development and Training
- Other Courses



### Workshops

Open to all University of Glasgow International students, staff and visiting researchers.  
Sign up for English for Study and Communication.

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



### Support for students

- Information for current students
- Registration and enrolment



### Postgraduate students

- Graduate School
- Funding opportunities

### Schools

- Adam Smith Business School
- School of Education
- School of Interdisciplinary Studies
- School of Law
- School of Social & Political Sciences



# International UoG Guide to Academic Writing



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## General

Announcements

Hidden from students

**About the Resource**



**Getting Started**



**Researching for the Assignm...**



**Planning the Assignment**



**Writing Critically**



**Writing Logically**



**Integrating Evidence**



**Completing the Writing Cycle**



# Pilot year uptake

- Ca. 5800 students enrolled on to the resource at the beginning of the academic year 2018/19 and welcomed with an e-mail invitation
- Resource advertised in international writing workshops
- 596 individual students have actively participated in the resource (10%)
- Resource has been accessed 1437 times
- Some individuals have accessed it up to 70 times!
- postgraduate students from the College of Social Sciences are making most use of the resource

# Most accessed topic

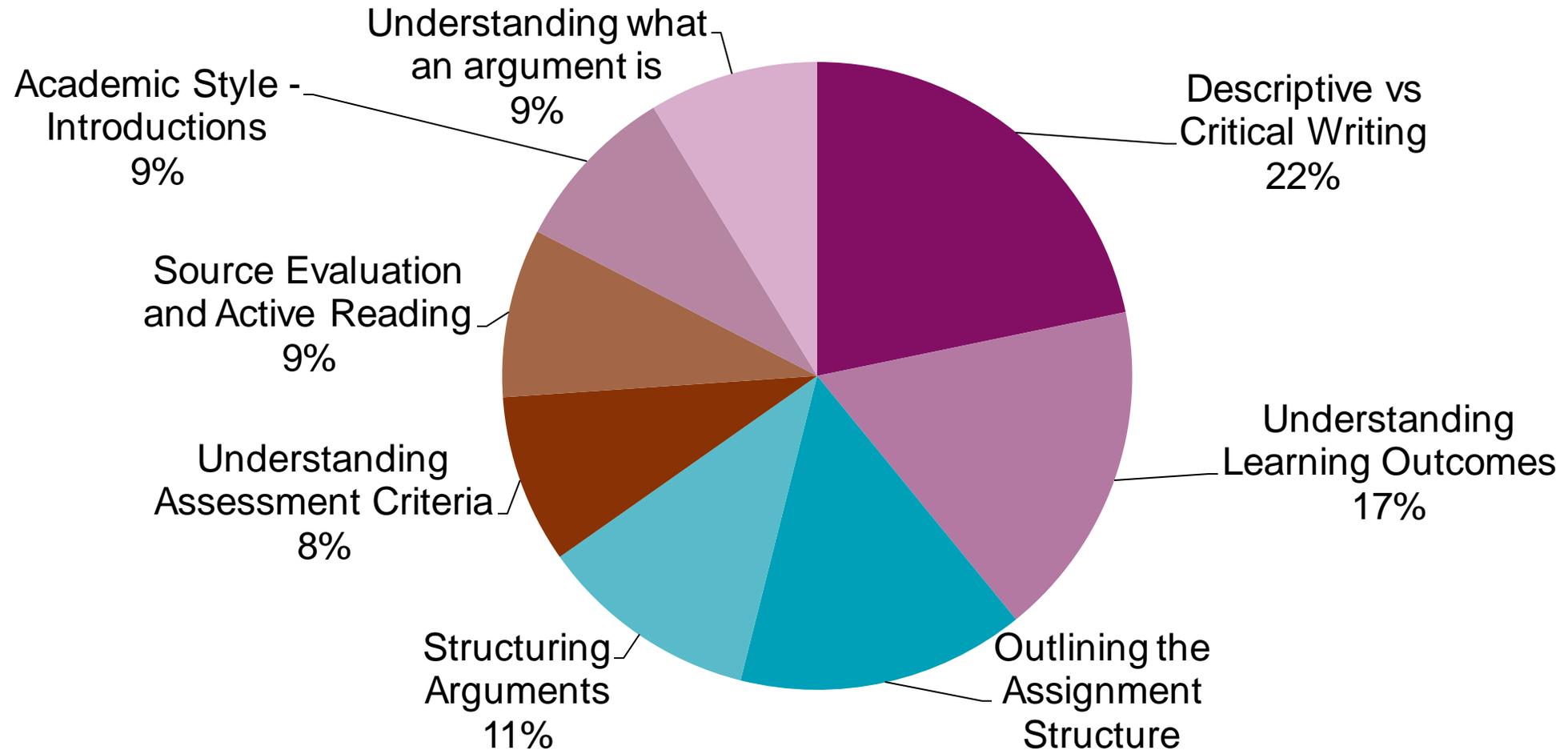


## **DESCRIPTION vs CRITICAL ANALYSIS**

**This activity aims to help you develop a better understanding of:**

- **what we mean by 'descriptive', 'analytical' and 'critical';**
- **how to recognise examples of descriptive, analytical and critical writing;**
- **how to write analytically and critically.**

# Overview of most accessed topics



# Next steps

- In-depth user data analysis
- Focus groups
- Embed in LEADS provision
- Embed into subject specific classes
- Open the resource to all students?



# Questions?



## LEADS for Students

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