



## Northumbria Skills Programme

The Northumbria Skills Programme supports you to acquire the skills you need to become an independent and effective scholar. You can [book](#) on to a range of study skills sessions on a range of topics – see below for details.

[Library drop-ins](#) are also held throughout the year at City Campus and Coach Lane Libraries. There is no need to book, just drop in and see our librarians for help with specific questions or for advice on study skills in general.

### **Introducing effective searching**

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This session will introduce you to a range of techniques to help you develop search strategies for finding good quality academic information using Library Search, including how to refine and organise results. Bring along a current assignment and take the opportunity in this hands-on session to practice some of the techniques learned, supported by library staff.

### **Using advanced search techniques**

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This session investigates applying advanced techniques to Library Search and subject databases. Learn about techniques for managing your search results and staying up to date with newly published literature in your subject area. Bring along a current assignment or research project and take the opportunity to put into practice some of the techniques learned, supported by library staff.

### **Introducing critical thinking**

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This session will introduce you to the concept of critical thinking and its importance in helping you identify misinformation and make informed, analytical decisions in your academic work.

### **Applying critical thinking**

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Learning to analyse and evaluate what you read effectively can help you get more from your study time. This workshop introduces techniques that help you analyse and assess the strength of academic arguments.

### **Planning and writing an academic essay**

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This session will introduce you to methods for planning your assignment and structuring your work. An overview of searching for information, academic writing style, and the correct use of language are also included.

## Referencing to avoid plagiarism

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This session will introduce you to the topic of plagiarism and how it can be avoided by referencing sources correctly. Learn about basic referencing features and terminology. Hands on practice during the session will give you the opportunity to find out more about your required referencing style, supported by library staff.

## EndNote: getting started

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This session introduces you to using EndNote software which is used to create, import and store references. You will have the opportunity to set up and populate your own EndNote library. You will also learn how to 'cite while you write' and automatically insert in-text citations into your Word documents.

## Dissertation planning and research

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This session looks at good practice in planning, choosing a topic, and refining your question, through to conducting a literature review and finding good quality, relevant material. Learn more about types of research methodology and selecting appropriate research methods.



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