

English and Wellbeing Enhancement Series (EWES) – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the English and Wellbeing Enhancement Series (EWES)?

A: EWES is an innovative, free English language enhancement service provided by The Australian National University to support students' wellbeing and transition to university life:

- A series of 24 English language and wellbeing enhancement topics workshops, 2 hours per workshop;
- Workshops run all year from Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm, including lunchtime;
- Workshops are repeated throughout the week and semester to accommodate your study load and schedule;
- Workshops are delivered in a small group setting and run by qualified and experienced teachers;
- No examinations or homework.

Q: Who can apply?

A: EWES is available to:

- new international students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) within their first 48 units of study;
- continuing international students (UG and PG) within their first 48 units of study;
- domestic students from non-English speaking backgrounds as defined in ANU policy;
- students referred by the ANU Colleges to complete specific workshops as per ANU's [Assessment arrangements for students from language backgrounds other than English](#)

Q: Why should I enrol in EWES?

A: EWES will help you:

- reach your potential and excel in your studies at ANU;
- find more opportunities to practice your English for academic success;
- meet other new international students, create a social network, and share your experiences at ANU College – our English Enhancement hub;
- you may be eligible to apply for concessional assessment arrangements. See ANU's [Student assessment \(coursework\) policy](#);
- improve your language skills and increase your confidence through practical and interactive learning activities;
- develop an understanding of how to apply for work and how to make the most of your time while living in Canberra.

Q: What does it cost?

A: EWES is a free service.

Q: When does it start?

A: On 24 February 2020, however, students can enrol in EWES Workshops anytime during the semester.

Q: Will I receive credit towards my degree?

A: No, but completing this series of workshops will help you gain confidence in your language skills that will contribute to your academic success at ANU.

Q: Will I get a certificate?

A: If you participate in 19 or more of the workshops you will receive a certificate of attendance.

Q: How many workshops should I attend?

A: To maximise the benefits you gain from these workshops, you are strongly encouraged to complete the series.

Q: What if I cannot attend a workshop?

A: Workshops are repeated throughout the week and the semester so you can attend on another day or time.

Q: How long does it take to complete the series of workshops?

A: EWES is designed to suit your study load. You can finish the series in a semester or you can complete it over the year.

Q: Where are the workshops held?

A: The workshops are held at ANU College in the Fulton Muir Building, 95 Daley Road on the ANU campus.



Q: Do I need to bring anything to the workshops?

A: Bring your laptop or smart device, pen and paper.

Q: How do I register?

A: Contact ewes@anucollege.edu.au or phone +61 2 6125 0971

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What will I learn in the workshops?

Living in Australia

The excitement of studying and living in a new country may soon be replaced by the challenges of living away from home. An understanding of the different phases of adjustment could help you settle into your new environment a little more easily.

Join this session for an understanding of the challenges you may face and develop language strategies to cope.

Academic Integrity

Cultural differences in the understanding of academic integrity could lead to breaches in academic integrity including plagiarism which will have serious consequences for you as a student.

Join this session to learn the language to understand and communicate about academic integrity.

Getting a part-time job

One of the advantages you have as an international student studying in Australia is being able to work part time while completing your studies at the ANU.

Join this session for the language needed to create a curriculum vitae, apply for a part-time job and have a successful job interview.

Studying in Australia

You have chosen to study at the Australian National University but you may find that the expectations of your new education environment are different from those in your home country.

Join this session for language that can enhance your chances of academic excellence in Australia.

Emotional Wellbeing

Moving to a new country as an international student is a challenging time. Finding yourself in a new environment with different social, cultural and educational practices can have an impact on your emotional wellbeing.

Join this session for language to express your feelings and to ask for support and advice when you need it.

Personal Safety

While Canberra is a safe place to live, it is important that you understand the risks that could exist in your new environment and look after your personal safety.

Join this session for language to help you navigate these risks and stay safe.

Physical wellbeing

As an international student you may be living away from home for the first time. Preparing nutritious meals, looking after yourself, going to the doctor or dentist may all seem a little daunting in a new country and more so if English is your second language.

Join this session for language to help you look after your physical wellbeing while studying in Australia

Social wellbeing

Like many international students you may be keen to make new international and local friends. However, the idea of starting a conversation with someone may be daunting especially when there are cultural and language differences.

Join this session for the language you need to meet new people and make new friends

Intercultural awareness

The challenge of adjusting to your new social and academic environment can feel a lot more achievable with an understanding of the culture and social customs of Australia. Sharing your own culture and customs with others is an important part of that.

Join this session for language that can help you gain understanding and acceptance in a multicultural learning environment.

Reading with a purpose

Effective reading is a key study skill for university success. The key to reading effectively is to read with a purpose in mind.

Join this session to learn how to define your reading goals and find the information you need as you read.

Communicating with Uni staff

Communicating with your lecturers, tutors and peers through emails is an important part of student life. Learning to write culturally appropriate emails is therefore an important skill for you to develop.

Join this session to learn how to write effective emails in English to enhance your communications with lecturers, tutors and peers.

Speaking with clarity

Communicating effectively is important to your academic success. Achieving this requires speaking clearly to ensure that your message is understood.

Join this session to improve the clarity of your speech by focusing on pronunciation, intonation, stress and pace.

Managing your finances

One of the many difficulties you will face as a first year international student is managing your finances in a new country. Dealing with a new currency, opening up a bank account, carrying out bank transactions, adjusting to the cost of living and prioritising your needs and wants can be quite challenging.

Join this session for language to help you manage these tasks and your finances.

Rights as a part-time worker

You may be among the many international students who have part time jobs while studying at ANU. If so, it is very important that you understand your rights as a casual part time worker.

Join this session to understand your rights as a part-time worker in Australia and develop the language and confidence to express any concerns you may have in your workplace.

Using your resources

In your studies, you will need to depend on the work of other scholars in your field to support your ideas.

Join this session to learn how to use reporting verbs when incorporating evidence from sources in your writing or academic presentations.

Communicating objectively

The ability to express certainty or confidence in the claims you make is central to the conventions of academic writing.

Join this session to learn the language you need to express your ideas with appropriate certainty and confidence.

Finding the right tone

Academic writing and speaking requires you to use a more formal tone when presenting ideas.

Join this session to learn how to build an academic vocabulary bank and use academic style and grammar.

Finding the right word

Successful vocabulary learning and accurate use of vocabulary can determine academic success.

Join this session to learn practical ways to build your vocabulary in your area of study.

Building sentences

The purpose of academic communication is to express your ideas clearly using a combination of sentence types that are accurately constructed to convey the intended meaning.

Join this session to develop your skills in writing grammatically accurate text which uses a range of sentence structures.

Using discussion language

Participating in discussion is a common activity in university life. Therefore developing your discussion skills is important to your academic success.

Join this session to develop the language and strategies necessary to participate in tutorials, seminars and discussions effectively.

Using presentation Language

Developing good presentation skills is useful in both your academic and professional life. Using the appropriate phrases and expressions can help you deliver a more effective presentation.

Join this session for language strategies to develop your confidence and improve the effectiveness of your presentation.

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Common Language Errors

Language learning involves making errors and learning from them.

Join this session to improve the accuracy of your writing by self-identifying and correcting common grammatical errors in your writing.

Writing with unity

In addition to vocabulary and grammatical accuracy, effective academic writing is dependent on your ability to produce a clearly organised and logical text.

Join this session to understand the language needed to develop unity and improve the quality of your writing.