How to sign up to a workshop

Workshops are FREE and available to all students. **Please note that you can sign up to the workshops a maximum of 2 weeks prior to each session.**

To book yourself onto a workshop contact us with your **full name**, **student number** and the **workshop reference number(s):**

- LDC enquiries desk (1st Floor of the Library) 10am – 5pm weekdays
- Phone: 0121 204 3040
- Email: ldc@aston.ac.uk
- Website: www.aston.ac.uk/ldc
- For more information visit the LDC Blackboard Module
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Frequently Asked Questions

Can anyone attend a workshop?
Workshops are FREE and open to anyone, whether you're new to Aston or an existing student.

What will a typical workshop consist of?
A mixture of group discussions, tutor presentations, and small-group activities.

Do I need to bring anything along to the workshop?
You'll need to bring along pens and paper, and an interest in developing your skills.

Will my lecturers know that I've attended a workshop?
No. We are an independent and confidential service.

Will there be any assessment or 'homework'?
No. The sessions are designed to encourage you to apply your new skills to your Aston assignments.

What happens if I sign up for a workshop and then change my mind?
Places for the workshops are limited. Please contact the LDC to cancel your workshop booking(s)**.**

Is there any other support available if I cannot attend a workshop?
Yes. You can book an one-to-one tutorial with a Learning development advisor or a student writing mentor. You can also visit the LDC module on Blackboard where you can access workshop materials and other resources.

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Undergraduate Dissertation Workshops
October - November 2012

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Undergraduate Dissertation Writing

Workshop 1: Planning your Dissertation

Wednesday 24th October 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm (ref. no.494)

This workshop will examine issues concerning the initial planning and preparation of your dissertation. Topics covered will include: time management, working with your supervisor, developing a proposal and preparing an action plan.

Workshop 2: Reading and Writing up your Literature Review

Wednesday 31st October 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm (ref. no.495)

This session will help you to develop a critical approach to your academic reading. It will help you to analyse the material you intend to use as part of your literature review and develop a more critical and analytical academic writing style.

Workshop 3: An introduction to using Statistics

Wednesday 7th November 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm (ref. no.496)

The focus of this workshop is the analyses and interpretation of the generated data. It will also provide some fundamental knowledge on the selection of
appropriate methods applicable to your dissertation.

Workshop 4: Understanding Research Methods

Wednesday 14th November 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm (ref. no.497)

Deciding on which research methods you will use is a key part of developing your dissertation. This workshop will provide an overview of qualitative and quantitative research methods and also examine the advantages and challenges of using different research methods.

Workshop 5: Writing your Project/ Dissertation

Wednesday 21st November 12.30 pm– 2.00 pm (ref. no.498)

A key component of a good dissertation is to use clear and concise language. This workshop will help you to develop drafting and editing skills to improve the structure and readability of your dissertation.

You are also welcome to attend our ***All Student Workshops*** on**:**

- **Studying in Higher Education**
  Monday 8th October 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm **(ref. no.468)**
  Thursday 11th October 10.00 am - 11.30 am **(ref. no.469)**

- **Understanding Assessment and Feedback**
  Monday 12th November 1.00 pm - 2.30 p.m **(ref. no.476)**
  Thursday 15th November 10.00 am - 11.30 am **(ref. no.477)**

- **Group Work**
  Monday 19th November 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm **(ref. no.478)**
  Thursday 22nd November 10.00 am - 11.30 am **(ref. no.479)**

- **Poster Presentations**
  Monday 10th December 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm **(ref. no.480)**
  Thursday 13th December 10.00 am - 11.30 am **(ref. no.481)**

The following workshops are also available and delivered by the **Counselling Service** from **12.30 - 1.30pm** in the Learning Development Centre:

Time Management:
Tuesday 23rd October **(ref. no.470)** & Tuesday 6th November **(ref. no.471)**

Dealing with Procrastination:
Tuesday 30th October **(ref. no.472)** & Tuesday 13th November **(ref. no.473)**

Managing Stress:
Thursday 25th October **(ref. no.474)** & Thursday 15th November**(ref.no.475)**

For more information about the sessions, please see our Blackboard module, website or the All Student Workshop leaflet.