

LLF11 ASSIGNMENT 2: ACADEMIC ESSAY WRITING

Due date: 1st May, 2015 (*end of week 10*)

Marks: 40

Weighting: 20% of your final grade

Length: 800–1000 words

Learning outcomes assessed in this assignment are:

- 1) *To apply the stages of essay writing to produce an essay.*
- 2) *To identify the sources of information used from the readings.*
- 3) *To write up correct in-text referencing using Harvard referencing style.*
- 4) *To write up a bibliography.*

Instructions

Assignment 2 is the major assignment and requires you to submit an **essay** to be marked.

It is a continuation of Assignment 1 where you chose an Essay Topic, studied the question, and planned your answer and collected information from your research and the two articles provided on pages 29-32 of this IA.

N.B.

YOU CANNOT DO ASSIGNMENT 2 WITHOUT FIRST COMPLETING ASSIGNMENT 1.

Assignment 2 again requires you to complete a series of tasks.

In any essay, if you use material that you have not created yourself then you **must** acknowledge that it is borrowed material. This applies to the readings given on pages 29-32 and to any other written source material from books, magazines or pamphlets. Acknowledgement also applies to any references you may make use of from other media—television, radio features or song lyrics. This is standard practice in academic writing.

You must give the title of the article (or book etc.), author, date of publication, and page references, if this information is available. Acknowledgement of borrowed material when used within the text can be bracketed as in-text references.

For advice on referencing, refer to the section “Referencing and Bibliographies” in Unit 7 of your LLF11 *Course Book 2*.

ASSIGNMENT 2 (CONTINUED)

Assignment tasks

To complete the writing of your essay for this assignment, you should have **completed** Assignment 1 and then go through the following tasks one by one in the order given.

TASK 1.

Write the essay draft.

Carefully study your essay plan from Assignment 1 and try to write your first draft. Remember that there are FOUR important sections in the structure of your essay:

1. Introduction
2. The Body
3. Conclusion
4. Bibliography

a. Write your introduction.

Use the guide below to help.

What should be included in the introduction?

- a). **General Information**-Your understanding of the topic/question in your own words. (what/why is it important)
- b). **Thesis** – you argument or view point about the topic. [This essay will argue that]
- c). **Plan** – how will you argue your thesis [This essay will highlight the problems of before it will move on to look at possible solutions to reduce the effects of]

TASK 2.

Write the body.

The body of the essay is made up of paragraphs. One idea per paragraph.

In order to write good paragraphs you need to plan what you are going to include (from assignment 1).

Every paragraph has a basic structure (**TEXC**)

1. **T**opic sentence. - to express the main idea.
2. **E**xplanation of main idea.
3. **eX**amples /**evidence** to support your topic/argument/quote or paraphrase from your readings/research
4. **C**omment/**C**onclusion- to sum up and link to topic sentence or to next paragraph.

N.B.

Also use linking words to begin each paragraph and within each paragraph. (Refer to pages 281 & 282 of Course book 2 for linking words) This is necessary to give your paragraph unity and coherence.

Begin writing the body of your essay following the TEXC structure.

TASK 3:

Write the conclusion.

When you have finished the body of the essay begin writing the conclusion. This is the final paragraph and it is also structured:

What should be included in your conclusion?

- **Linking device** ending e.g. Therefore/to conclude / It is clear than...
- **Rephrase/reaffirm thesis** (from introduction)
- **Sum up** (1 sentence: problems/1 sentence: solutions)
- **Smooth finish/Future** (1 sentence: positive)

TASK 4.

Compile the Bibliography.

Using the Harvard Referencing Method (Unit 7 page 345 -348 of Course Book 2)

Write your Bibliography (include all the 4 articles you used in Assignment 1)

Your bibliography is also structured.

1. Arrange in Alphabetical order (author's surname /title/publisher)
2. Use the Harvard referencing Method.
3. Use a consistent punctuation style
4. Do not number each entry.
5. Use a new page at the end of your essay.

On the completion of the **above tasks**, you should have a **rough draft** of your essay.

TASK 5

Edit, proof read and rewrite your draft.

Revise your rough draft using the methods given in **Unit 7**. Remember to check your references and include a bibliography. Make sure you **proof-read** your essay thoroughly. Remember to have margins on every sheet of paper used.

On the coversheet of your assignment, be sure you make clear the essay you have chosen by indicating its number as well as a suitable title.

Send your final proof-read essay in for marking.

Essay Topics

Write an essay on ONE topic only. Choose 1 or 2. You **MUST** use the information from **TWO** readings provided in this I&A (pages 29-32) and **TWO** from your own research for your essay. Remember to give reasons and use examples from all the readings and your own experience or research to develop your argument.

- 1. For Pacific Islanders marine resources are their real wealth. Discuss.**
- 2. It is important for Pacific Islanders to preserve marine resources for future generations. They need to take action now or it will be too late. Discuss.**