

Free intensive 4 session short course.

Monday 19 – Thursday 22 February, 2018.

## The skills you need to succeed at university.

# STRATEGIES 4 SUCCESS

For newly enrolled and continuing INTERNATIONAL students in undergraduate and coursework masters programs.

Whether you are coming to Swinburne from secondary school, vocational education or returning to study, adapting to university life is going to involve some changes. This program clarifies what to expect and provides some strategies to succeed at university.

**Students who attended this program in recent years received an average mark 4-5% higher than students who did not attend.**

Registration is ideal but not necessary, please feel free to come along for as many sessions as you can.

| Day                           |  | Monday 19 February  | Tuesday 20 February   | Wednesday 21 February   | Thursday 22 February   |
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| Time                          |  | 3pm - 6pm   | 4pm - 6pm   | 4pm - 6pm   | 4pm - 6pm  |
| ROOM                          | FBL  | BA302   | BA302   | BA302   | BA302  |
|                               | FHAD   | EN715   | EN715   | EN715   | EN715  |
|                               | FSET   | EN615   | EN615   | EN615   | EN615  |
| SCHEDULE                      | Transition to University   |   | Getting the most out of lectures  | Academic skills   | Communication skills   |
|                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes experienced at university</li> <li>Skills required to be a successful student</li> <li>'Transition to successful study' - A student's experience</li> </ul> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective listening</li> <li>Note-taking strategies</li> <li>Digital solutions</li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical thinking</li> <li>Reading strategies</li> <li>Assessment task analysis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Support Services</li> <li>Oral presentations</li> <li>Getting the most out of group work</li> </ul> |
|                               | Break 4.10pm - 4.30pm  |   | Information services  | Academic skills   |  |
| Getting and staying motivated |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting goals</li> <li>Studying the right course</li> <li>Planning and maintaining life balance</li> <li>Time management</li> <li>Course advice</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library services</li> <li>Using databases</li> <li>Online learning tools</li> <li>Mobile services and tools</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic writing</li> <li>Avoiding plagiarism</li> </ul>                                   |  |

Strategies for Success is being run for students in each faculty. To ensure you receive the most relevant advice and meet other students in your course, make sure you attend the program for your faculty. If you are unsure about which venue to attend, please contact John Schwartz, [jschwartz@swin.edu.au](mailto:jschwartz@swin.edu.au), (03) 9214 8377

## Academic Development Advisers.

Academic Development Advisers provide students with individual consultation on issues affecting study performance and organise weekly study support groups to improve your academic performance. All of our services are FREE for current students.

### Our services include:

- Putting you in touch with the most appropriate support services
- Helping with your transition to university study
- Assisting you; if you are identified as “at risk” or probation / “show cause”; address issues impeding you from achieving your best academic results

### Swinburne Study Groups.

Study Groups are available in several “difficult” first year units. A successful previous student in the unit leads peer study for one hour per week. [swi.nu/ssg](https://swi.nu/ssg)

### Swin-Mentors.

The Swin-Mentors program is designed to help new Swinburne students (mentees) learn about different aspects of university life from experienced students who have been through the same situation. [swi.nu/mentors](https://swi.nu/mentors)

### Swinburne Peer Assistants (SPAs).

Swinburne Peer Assistants (SPAs) are students who have been selected and trained to help other students from the same study area. [swi.nu/spa](https://swi.nu/spa)

### Contact your Academic Development Adviser:

| Faculty                                    | Name           | Email  | Phone No.      |
|--|----------------|--|----------------|
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## Learning and Academic Skills (LAS) Centre.

Contact us for FREE advice and guidance with:

- Learning strategies and academic skills
- Essay, report and thesis writing
- Researching and referencing
- Speaking and oral presentations
- Maths, physics and basic statistics
- Computer literacy and assignment formatting

You are invited to attend the following activities:

- **English conversation group** *(No booking required)*  
12.30pm - 1.30pm, Monday-Friday. *Contact us for more info.*  
  
Our English language conversation groups are held throughout the year. Make friends, practise your English and learn interesting things about life and culture in Australia. The group is open to all Swinburne students.
- **Individual and small group consultations** *(One hour booking)*  
  
We provide free advice on how to improve your learning and academic skills and advice on how to meet your current course requirements. Our advisors are available to meet with you individually or in small groups to help with specific issues you may be facing.
- **Drop-in advice** *(No booking required)*  
*LAS Drop-in Hub Latelab area of the Library, Hawthorn*  
  
If you have a quick question about your assignments, assessments or managing your studies, come and ask us between 10am - 8pm Monday to Thursday and 10am - 4pm Friday.  
  
During week 3 to week 12 (inclusive): 12pm-6pm on Saturday and Sunday.
- Workshops
- Short programs

### Bookings:

[swi.nu/book-las](https://swi.nu/book-las)

### Enquiries:

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