'EcoEAP': The possibilities afforded by developing an ecological approach to EAP practice

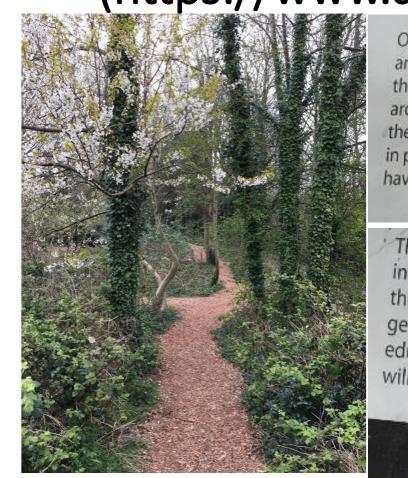
University of Crete, September 2019

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...an *ecological* approach?

What do you think it is?

Canterbury Abbots mill project (https://www.abbotsmillproject.co.uk/)



Our habitat restoration programme is well underway. We have cleared the site of scrub undergrowth and rubbish (including several drug dens), erected a fence made traditionally from local chestnut, thinned and removed several sycamore trees and planted a native-tree hedge and other native trees around the site, sown native wildflower and grass seeds, laid a woodchip path and generally made the site safer and improved its biodiversity. We have also carried out some community archaeology in partnership with Canterbury Archaeological Trust as part of our pre-application evaluations. We have also launched our community education and research programmes.

The centre will demonstrate sustainable and compassionate living in action and provide an inclusive, interactive and accessible centre of education and research. By linking the past to the present and future it will weave a common thread in terms of sustainability and energy education, The project focuses on providing positive examples, stimulating ideas, promoting will be a peaceful, welcoming and accessible place for all.

OUR PROJECT MISSION

To develop an urban hub of sustainability and social justice, powered solely by non-centralised, renewable energy, principally through installing a water-wheel on the River Stour. This will include an education and research centre about sustainable and compassionate living, renewable energy and the importance of the River Stour in Canterbury's past, present and future, a vegan community café and a community-led woodland/wildlife area based on permaculture

OUR PROJECT VISION

To be regarded as the UK exemplar for sustainability and social justice; achieved through focusing on education and research and incorporating renewable energy, environmental science and technology.

OUR GLOBAL VISION

A world where humans live in harmony with our natural environment, non-human animals and with each other and fully understand the social and environmental consequences of our everyday actions.

University of Kent -Community newsletter



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Community

University of Kent

Welcome to our new community garden

A new community garden has opened on our Canterbury campus, designed to become a sustainability hub centred on growing food. It will become a collaborative outdoor space for staff, students and members of the local community to use for a range

The Kent Community Oasis Garden (KentCOG) is being developed by the University's Student Wellbeing team with partners including local charity Kent Enterprise Trust (KET).

The garden provides a space for relaxation and learning new skills, with opportunities to take part in numerous seasonal initiatives including growing plants, wildflowers and vegetables. The garden is located along the Crab and Winkle pathway to the far east of the Canterbury Campus past the Park Wood accommodation.

Helping with its design - with an emphasis on accessibility - is Gardeners' World local expert Mark Lane. Other organisations actively involved with the garden include the Whitstable and Herne Bay Beekeepers group, Kent Union and its student-run Gardening and Foraging Society. Plants have been donated by the Canterbury Chartham Wyevale Garden Centre and Vincent Nurseries in Herne Bay.



The launch of the garden also fits in with several of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals that the University has

KentCOG would love to hear from any members of the public with skills in gardening, foraging, design, art or permaculture who are interested in helping to develop the garden.

Email us now at kentcog@kent.ac.uk

Find out more about the project on the KentCOG blog: https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/kentcog/

Abbots mill project sign

Some ideas...

- FLEXIBLE
- ORGANIC
- RESPECTS DIVERSITY
- SUSTAINABLE
- DURABLE
- SELF-PERPETUATING
- REUSABLE
- MULTI-PURPOSE
- GROWING/DYNAMIC

LINKS?

Communities of Practice (Lave and

Wenger, 1991; Wenger, 1998)

Academic literacies/literacy (Lea and Street, 1998; Wingate, 2015)

Ecolinguistics (Van Lier, 2010)

Ecolinguistics

"An ecological approach aims to look at the learning process, the actions and activities of teachers and learners, the multi-layered nature of interaction and language use, in all their complexity and as a network of interdependencies among all the elements in the setting, not only at the social level, but also at the physical and symbolic level" (van Lier, 2010, p.3)

Academic literacy

- "communicative competence in an academic discourse community" (Wingate, 2015, p.11)
- 3 capabilities of AL competency:

"in addition to linguistic proficiency, (1) an understanding of the discipline's epistemology, i.e. the ways in which subject knowledge is created and communicated, (2) an understanding of the socio-cultural context, i.e. the status of the participants in the academic community and the purpose of the interactions occurring in the community and (3) a command of the conventions and norms that regulate these interactions." (ibid. p. 7)

A basis for ecoEAP? Principles – after van Lier

- Relationships (not objects)
- Contexts
- Emergent patterns
- Quality
- Value
- Critical perspective
- Variability
- Diversity
- Agency (van Lier, 2004)

"there must be room in a learning environment for a variety of expressions of agency to flourish"

...

"the agency-rich environment can become the joint project of teachers and learners alike"

van Lier (2010, p.5)

Application

- Natural Environmental/Ecological: the whole picture, holistic approaches, the importance of contextualised, situated approach to course design...
- Social (Ecological) Academic literacy: understanding the community of practice and its wider context...
- Personal/Mental Engagement: teachers/students engaged in their own learning, critical learning, more than just a pathway?

Similar to bio-logics, socio-logics and ideo-logics (Door and Bang, 1996 in do Couto, 2014, p.123) or van Lier's physical, social, symbolic (2010, p.3)

The context...

Southampton

MIPS: Core Modules

- · English for Masters study
- · Critical and Contextual Thinking
- · Cultural Perspectives (s1 only)
- Research Project related to subject of masters degree (s2 only)



Southampton

MIPS: Entry Requirements

A bachelor degree BUT are not considered adequately qualified for direct entry to their chosen Masters programme



Normally a 2:2 equivalent

PLUS

English Language requirement IELTS or equivalent

5.5 (September entry) or 6.0 (January entry)



Pre Masters

MIPS = Masters with Integrated Preliminary Study

24 month

(September start)

IELTS 5.5

OF

18 month

(January Start)

IELTS 6.0



MIPS: Pathways

- MANAGEMENT* Programmes: MBA, Management, Marketing and Accounting & Finance
- 2. LAW
- 3. MUSIC
- 4. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- 5. HEALTH SCIENCES
- 6. HUMANITIES
- 7.+ MEDICINE (2018)



Before...

HUMA5000/5007 English for Masters Study 2014-15 Syllabus – Weekly Objectives

Week 8	Writing conclusions p88	Identifying main ideas and supporting information p128	Referring backwards and forwards in presentations p88	Understanding lists of items in a lecture p94
	Hedging p90, p102, p130	Organising information for an essay		Reconstructing your notes p97
	Giving references p91	p82 Skimming and scanning texts p84		
	Grammar & vocab p92	Taking notes p87		
		Vocab: collocations p87		
Week 9	Contrasting information p145	Reading critically p98	Concluding your presentation p103	Understanding the relationship between parts of the lecture p122
	Grammar & vocab p108 -109	Taking notes p100	Pronunciation p106	
	Taking a stance: expressing disagreement p146 – 47	Vocab: inferring the meaning		Understanding descriptions of process p123
		Revising general nouns p129		
Week 10	Describing information in figures & tables p133 – 35	Understanding figures and tables p110 Scanning p111	Taking part in tutorials and joining in discussions p114	Understanding vague language p124 Listening for a lecture summary
	Structure and content of reports p116	Taking notes p113	Asking for and giving information p131	p125
	Describing events in a time sequence			Comparing notes p125
	p118 Cause & effect p119	Significance of references p113	Pronunciation p116	
	Grammar & vocab p120 – 21	Vocab: avoiding repetition p114	Intonation p132 (wh-)	
Week 11	Peer correction Proofreading		Review of presentations: language and structure	Overcoming problems in listening to lectures p150 – 53
	Grammar & Vocab p136 -37, p148 – 49		and structure	Understanding specialised terms,
	Submit long assay 1 200 words	Thursday 12th December	Pronunciation p144 – 45	reasons, signals of incomplete information, reference p150 – 52
	Submit long essay 1,200 words Thursday 12 th December 2013 4pm (30%)		Evaluating visual aids p144 Summarising what has been said	Listening and annotating slides
			p143	p152

Transition...

proposed changes to the module I made in 2015-16 (from notes for a meeting of module coordinators)

MIPS2015-16 English Module HUMA5000 - syllabus overview SEMESTER 1

Key Points:

- 3 'themes' 1. Teamwork (weeks 1-3), 2. Learning (weeks 4-6), 3. Analysis (weeks 7-10) + Review (weeks 11 and 12)
- More integration between R/W tutor and L/S tutor
- NO mid-term tests for Reading/Listening –formative exams at end of the semester (summative end of Sem. 2)
- New for L/S seminar discussions*
- New for R/W report writing/reflective report** and extensive reading project***

Assessment:

- Listening and Speaking— 1 group presentation (individual performance assessed) assessed in week 10 + 1 seminar discussion -assessed in week 12 – marks can be included in year ending portfolio
 End of semester Listening and Note-taking exam (same format as 2014)
- Reading and writing –2 long writing tasks -1 essay (submit week 8) and 1 report (submit week 12) + short reflective writing tasks (not assessed)
 - End of semester Reading and writing exam (same format as 2014)

Points to include...

- collaborative research projects which require students to interact with other members of the academic community and the learning environment as a whole;
- innovative teaching practice, such as the use of unassessed extensive reading, encouraging development of voice and identity in writing and a move away from explicit teaching of functional language;
- a critical approach using authentic materials on topical issues such as the internationalisation of universities, being an international student, 'interdisciplinarity' in academia etc.
- reflective practice as a key feature of assessment.

Themes...

SEM 1

eek/	Description	Speaking	Writing
eme		assessment	assessment
	Teamwork games and	ST1 GROUP	WT1 REFLECTIVE
TEAMWORK	presenting in a group	PRESENTATION	WRITING 1
		An aspect of	Reflection on the
	Getting to Know you exercise	Southampton/life in	theme of
	(week 1), group presentation	the UK, based on	'Teamwork'
	about Southampton the city/	preliminary	500 words (set wk
	aspect of the UK.	research	2, submit wk. 3)
	Basic presentation	NOT ASSESSED	NOT ASSESSED
	skills/language (signposting),		
	basic reflective writing skills		
	(focus on criteria)		
	Feedback on presentations.		
	University education –	ST2 SEMINAR	WT2 LONG ESSA
.EARNING	Academic study in the UK	DISCUSSION	Students prepare
	_	On topics related to	essay on a 'for and
1	Different types of	studying and	against' topic
	writing/reading/listening/speaking	learning	1000 words
	Postgraduate students have to		(set wk. 5, submitt
	do, introduction to seminar	NOT ASSESSED	wk.7)
	skills/language for discussions vocabulary, sending university		SUMMATIVE -
	emails, 'For and Against' essays		ASSESSED
	- intro. to critical		ASSESSED
	thinking/argumentation, intro to		
	referencing, essay structure,		
	academic style, basic use of		
	sources.		
	Analysing and discussing	ST3 GROUP	WT3 REPORT
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6 'themes': S1 TEAMWORK LEARNING ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION
DISCUSSION
RESEARCH

3 projects
Involving both
writing and speaking
products:

QUESTIONNAIRE POSTER INTERVIEW

SEM 2

Focus on learning environment - Poster presentations Focus on an area of expertise/specialist research connected to university of Southampton. Work in groups o produce a poster-present n class (formal pres. Style) + n public (informal) conference' style) Designing/presenting a poster. Explaining, discussing, asking and answerring questions. Summary writing. Writing an abstract, reflective wyiting Promoting discussion — The importance of evaluation Language of evaluation and liscuss essay styles, advanced use of sources synthesis and discussion of claims), constructing an	ST1 GROUP PRESENTATION PRESENTATION POSter presentation Students work in groups to prepare a poster about a topic inked to the University of Southantion NOT ASSESSED (wk. 23 ST2 SEMINAR DISCUSSION Based on any topic connected to learning and postgraduate study in particular. (wk.5)	assessment WT1 REFLECTIVE WRITING 1 Students write a reflective piece on their experience of the group word on the poster presentation 500 words (set wk 3, submitted wk, 4) SUMMATIVE -ASSESSED WT2 LONG ESSAY Students prepare an essay on either a Discuss or a
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Southampton - PRESENTATION

Collaborative activities...

In groups of 2 or 3...



- Find an aspect of Southampton you would like to research and give a 10 minute presentation on
- You need to use either PowerPoint or similar (e.g. Prezi)
- All members of the group must participate (equally)
- Think of your audience try to think of something interesting to say (which may be something the rest of the class don't know about)
- Some suggestions population growth, immigration, history of the dockyards, Southampton airport, comparison of University of Southampton and Solent, impact of the Titanic disaster on the city of Southampton...

This assignment is linked to the theme of weeks 7-10 of Semester 2: ANALYSIS. It is **SUMMATIVE** (i.e. assessed).

TASK:

Background:

International students at the University of Southampton

There are increasing numbers of international students on courses at the University of Southampton.

- What impact does this have on the university?
- How different is the experience of university life in Southampton for a home student compared to that of an international student?
- What are the attitudes of home students toward international students, and what are the attitudes of international students toward home students?

Prepare a questionnaire which you can use to research any area which relates to this topic. You need to ask at least ten students, they may be foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate level. At least half of the sample MUST be home students (i.e. NOT international students).

You should then prepare a group presentation in which you discuss your findings from the research you conducted. You should aim to answer the following questions in your presentation:

- Research aims: What were your assumptions at the start of this project? How did you decide what questions to include in the questionnaire?
- <u>Explain your research methods:</u> Explain how you conducted the research. How many students did you interview? How many home vs international students?
- <u>Discuss the results of your research:</u> Did your findings confirm your assumptions about international and home students? Discuss some of the key points that you have learned from this project.

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Exploring...

TASK:

Prepare a group presentation on one of the topics from the list below or a similar theme (please agree with your listening and speaking tutor):

- The History of the University of Southampton
- The University of Southampton: it's place in National and International rankings
- New areas of research at the University of Southampton
- The 'three minute thesis' competition at the University of Southampton
- Present one faculty/ department of the University of Southampton: current areas of research and specific areas of expertise.
- Famous Ex-alumni of the University of Southampton
- Student Accommodation at the University of Southampton
- The student body of the University of Southampton
- Examples of 'Interdisciplinarity' at the University of Southampton
- The National Oceanographic Centre: facts and figures
- Internationalisation and the University of Southampton
- Chawton House
- University of Southampton Library Collection











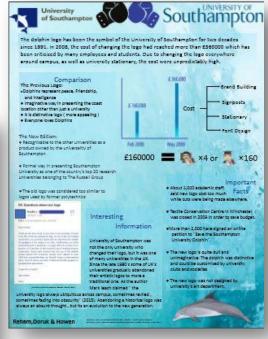


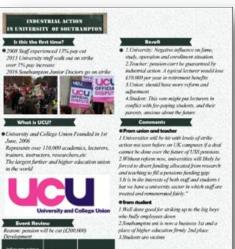




Posters – examples of issues students chose to focus on – including industrial action (2018)







INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Is this the first time?

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June, 2006

in the world

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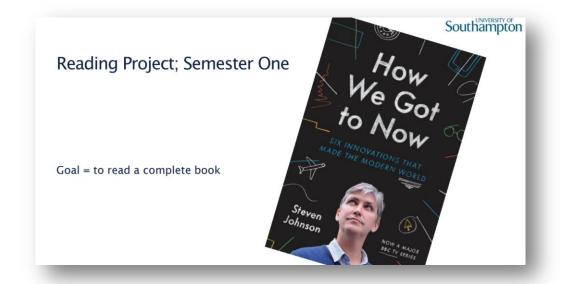
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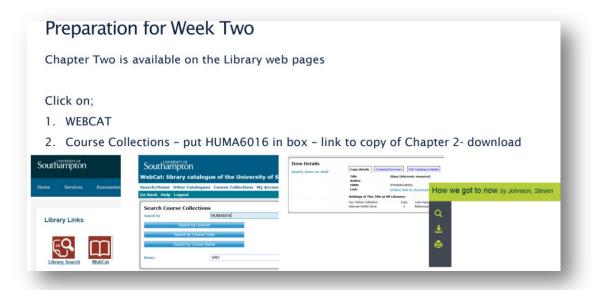
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Presented by Los and Yandi



Allowing for Agency... The Reading Project





Allowing for Agency: The reading project semester 2 (using Academic Reading circles – Sebold (2016)

Reading Project Semester 2: Academic reading circles

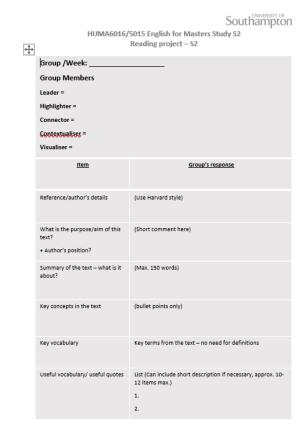
Description of the roles

LEADER	HIGHLIGHTER	CONNECTOR	CONTEXTUALISER	VISUALISER
Critical thinking questions – e.g. Why is this person writing about this subject? Discussion questions – e.g. What do you think about? Summarises	Identifies; • topic vocabulary • Keywords • expressions	Finds connections to; • what we have read, studied or discussed in MIPS classes • Current events • Related to personal experience	Find key references in the text - what do they refer to?	Makes text visual - to see text differently Finds illustrations.

Week 8 (prepare for Monday 18 March 2019)

https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/dec/19/homesickness-at-university-is-there-a-cure

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Leader			
Highlighter			
Connector			
Contextualiser			
Visualiser			



Critical approach...

B. Writing (Answer the question in your answer book)

According to the quote mentioned in the text, 'students go abroad to study and learn, but not necessarily the same things they would at home' (Stier, in Durkin, 2008).

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

You should write approximately 500 words.

Plan your essay carefully and use all the skills you have learned so far on this course to produce an answer that demonstrates:

 content informed by research (you can reference the reading text to help you back up your argument) HUMA6016 and HUMA5015 Supplementary Task 1 2018-19



ENGLISH FOR MASTERS STUDY (MIPS)

SUPPLEMENTARY WRITING TASK 1

TASK:

Write an essay where you consider the following question:

Critical thinking is the most important new skill that international students acquire while studying in the UK. To what extent do you agree with this statement?

(1000 words)

This assignment is linked to the theme of weeks 4-6 of Semester 2: DISCUSSION.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

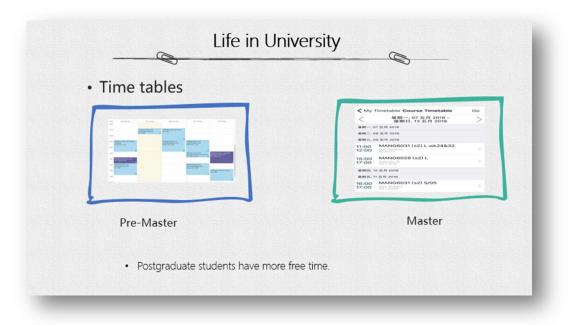
- 1. Your submitted piece of writing should be maximum 1000 words in length.
- You should write your answer in formal, academic style and use Harvard Referencing for any sources you include in your answer.
- Your writing should be submitted in an electronic format (not handwritten). It should be double-spaced, and you should use a minimum font size of 11pt.
- 4. Please submit WRITING TASK 2 by e-assignment as instructed by the student

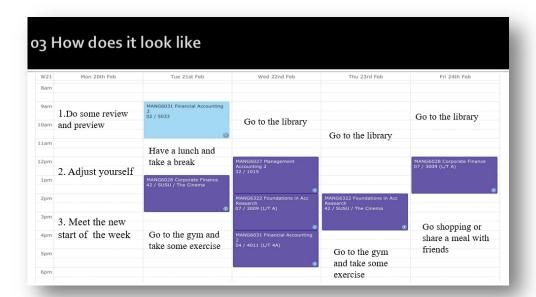
Reflective practice...



- "What do you expect next year will be like?
- "How well do you think the Pre-Masters will prepare you?"
- Background reading
- Discussion in class
- Prepare interview questions/scope
- Arrange to meet former Pre-Masters student
- Present findings (in groups)
- Write reflective report (individually)

Reflections 1 (examples of student presentations from sem 2 interview task)





Main Body : Finding

Southampton

♦ MIPS for preparing master course (MIPS)

- ✓ Skills from the pre-master course were very helpful for the master course
- * In particular, Writing classes, Presentation skills, Teamwork



"Discussion lessons in the Pre-Master course are beneficial, but there is very little opportunity to speak English in class during the master course"

* A large number of students will take classes on a lecture basis

Reflections 2

Conclusion

- · What he learned in MIPS helps him to study as postgraduate student
- → His English was built up through MIPS course
- We didn't expect we will have more free time than MIPS
- It was good to know that 'preparing for the dissertation' is one of film studies' modules
- →It makes us feel relief
- · Our struggling in this year will help us by many ways



About career

- · Plan to apply for a PhD
- Participate in the summer school programme in Korea





- Some students already started working
 There are many job opportunities

 →media company etc..
- Beside VISA issue, it is not difficult to find job



Study at postgraduate level?

Independent – management skill

Isolated – the relation with classmates & tutors

Collaboration - group works

Difficulties - in subject area not English

Feedback...

- "Usually communication is a good way to improve our English level in class. I really like this way."
- "We do poster and interview. That's interesting and useful."
- "teamwork, it's like a bridge between the former education system and the UK's education model. This kind of work helps us on the ability of cooperation, and students are more likely to get a insight about master's course"
- "I guess this course provides some basic training with students to adjust to new environment"

(Student comments from module feedback)

What I learned through this team project is getting insight about the methodological aspect of conducting the team project. I was able to learn how to draw a bigger picture for the team project, although my personal academic improvement was not enough because I only did things that I already doing well. (...) However, I still think it is more important to make decent results in the end rather than just achieving personal accomplishment in team project so there is no regret, but there are only things to learn.

(From student reflective writing)

• The curriculum is well-devised, thorough and relevant to preparing for Masters study. The emphasis on formative assessment appears to have had a positive wash-back effect on teaching.

(External examiner 2016)

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