

Module code	Module name	When	How long	Convenor	Assessment
EAL4630	Structuring arguments and avoiding plagiarism	Semesters 1 & 2	10 weeks (2hrs x 10wks)	Alan Hart a.g.hart@qmul.ac.uk	None
Aims	To develop your knowledge, confidence and ability in argumentative writing.				
Outline	<p>The syllabus is flexible and based on your needs, but will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of purpose and audience in academic writing • Avoiding plagiarism: acknowledging sources, paraphrasing and summarising skills, citation • What an argument is and how to develop sound arguments • Developing your thoughts in a linear fashion: how to design your argument and use claims from your reading to support your views • The importance of the writer's voice: how to hold an argument together • Hedging, supporting and refuting claims • Evaluating your arguments: avoiding logical fallacies and overgeneralisations 				
Outcomes	<p>By the end of the module you should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understood the role of purpose and audience in academic writing • Become confident in identifying, selecting and evaluating a variety of claims in your reading • Developed good practice in using sources for your writing • Explored different types of argumentation and experimented with those relevant to your studies • Developed confident understanding of using claims to develop a position • Examined a wide variety of linguistic devices to help you express your views concisely and with maximum effect 				