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The Changing Face of In-sessional Support

Academic Success Programme

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Workshop Agenda

- Introductions
- Group discussion
- The ASP programme
- Feedback
- Challenges at Swansea
- Future directions
- Questions
Who are we?

Student Services

ELTS
- English Language Training Services

ASP
- Academic Success Programme

The ASP team:

Sandy George: Programme manager
Liz Stratton: Coordinator
1 x full-time tutor
2 x half time tutors
ASP Aims

- Overseas students
  - transition to UK study & environment
  - ongoing language development
  - Academic study skills development
- Level 1 home students
  - transition to H.E. study
  - academic study skills development
- Levels 2, 3 & PG students
  - ongoing study skills development
- Cambridge exams
  - CPE, ILEC
Home v International Students

- Different academic needs?
- Linguistic needs?
- Integrated classes?
The ASP Programme

- Drop-in classes
- Certificated courses
- Intensive workshops
- College specific support
- Individual appointments
- Online provision
# Drop-in Classes: Sample

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**Drop-in Classes (Just turn-up to any class)**

**Term 1 (Michaelmas Term) 8th October – 14th December 2012**
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Subject Specific Classes

- Law
- Engineering
- Arts & Humanities
- Human & Health Sciences
- Sciences
Individual Appointments

- All students can book individual appointments to discuss any aspect of their academic work:
  - Writing
  - Understanding essay titles
  - Style, language, cohesion
  - Referencing
  - Presentations
  - Grammar
Student Profile

Geographic Split

- U.K.: 173
- E.U.: 91
- International: 456
Student Profile

- BEL: 217
- CoAH: 145
- CHHS: 108
- CoENG: 183
- Science: 46
- Medicine: 7
- ICWS: 11
- Staff: 3

*Academic College*
Feedback: International

I have to say thank you. They taught me how to study in UK and guided me to be perfect.

The teaching method is cool and teachers are very good.

The teachers help me to improve my English and my life.
Feedback: Home students

Excellent. I did not realise how much I knew about essay writing.

Very useful for confidence in my ability to hand in work/essays that are of a decent standard.

I learnt a lot and feel a lot less scared about my essay.
Feedback: Online

1:1 appointments are fantastic and really add value to my studies. An excellent service.

The programme is very informative and should be attended by all international students.
Feedback: Staff

“The College of Business, Economics and Law (CBEL) view the availability of study skills support to undergraduates through ASP as key to enhancing student academic performance and rates of progression within the College. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with students making personal recommendations to other students on the value of the programme having experienced the support offered and the academic skills and resulting confidence gained.”

(LPC Course Director – Law)
“This excellent programme of academic support draws on the expertise of Swansea University staff and utilises the virtual learning environment to enable students to build a firm academic foundation and thus enhance their success. The positive feedback received from students coupled with extensive use of the programme’s blackboard site are markers of the value students attach to the programme.”

(Senior Lecturer - Human & Health Science)
Challenges at Swansea
Future Directions

- Collaboration with Reaching Wider (SWWP)
- Mapping to academic programmes
- HEAR (Higher Education Achievement Record)
- Funding
- Centre for ???
- Shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards 2013
Questions