

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) PGT Skills Training Programme 2017-2018 Introduction

Welcome to the SALC Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Skills Training Programme.

To help with your professional and researcher development, the PGT Skills Training Programme offers non-compulsory and non-assessed workshops and events available for all MA students in SALC. The Programme is organised within SALC by the PGT Skills Training Coordinator and in conjunction with the Careers Service, Institute for Cultural Practices, the University Library's Teaching and Learning Team, the Alumni Association, and the ArtsMethods Programme.

Though you are not required to attend sessions offered on the Programme, the workshops and events are aimed directly at PGT students and so they are particularly useful to further develop your professional and academic profile. These workshops complement the training events organised by your individual MA disciplines.

A complete list of skills training sessions can be found on our Blackboard page, as well as session materials (handouts, powerpoint presentations, readings, etc.). Information on date, time, location, and sign-up for all events is listed.

There are lots of activities to get involved in during both Semester I and Semester II, including our Academic Writing Skills workshop series, our Using Theory masterclass series, and general workshops on academic reading skills; conferencing; and speed reading.

Using Theory sessions currently planned for Semester I will include:

- Using Space-Time Theory
- Thinking Beyond the Binary: An Introduction to Gender Theory
- Memory Studies Theory: Public History and Heritage
- Introduction to Postmodernism/Postmodern Literature
- Who's Afraid of Jacques Derrida?

We will also advertise wider activities associated with the Programme through the course of Semester I, including:

- 20 events hosted by the PGT programme.
- 17 events organised with the Careers Service.
- 10 events organised by the Institute for Cultural Practices.
- 9 events organised by the Alumni Association.

Additionally, for those planning to pursue further academic research beyond their MA programme, we will be running a series of PhD-related sessions through both semesters, including a workshop on 'How to Apply for a PhD', a PhD roundtable session where you can hear from current PhD researchers, and a 'PhD Application Clinic', to help you write strong research proposals.

The key to enjoying and maximising your time as an MA student is getting involved and taking part, as much as you can, in the learning and development activities provided to complement your studies and aid your professional development. To this end, we look forward to having you join us on the PGT Skills Training Programme!

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