

Award in Practical Academic Skills

★ MQF/EQF Level 5

★ Course Start Date: Every Monday

Our Mission & Values

EXCELLENCE

Excellence is the hallmark of all Ascencia Malta's educational programmes. Our programmes are homegrown, officially accredited by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority, and designed to put our learners at the centre of their learning. We recruit from among the most talented professionals on the island to give our learners the benefit of first-hand industry experience combined with leading-edge pedagogies.

ACCESSIBILITY

We strive to ensure that Ascencia Malta is an open to youths from all walks of life who might aspire to take their academic or professional careers to the next level. We prioritise dedication and ambition far above background or origins, as we believe these qualities drive personal growth and shape the leaders of the future.

LEARNER-CENTREDNESS

To ensure that the ambitions of each individual are not only recognised but celebrated, we are proud to afford our learners individual attention in the classroom. Here, they will find training courses founded on participatory pedagogies and based on the value of concrete examples, real-world engagement, and constant exchange between learners and practitioners. Outside the classroom, we follow learners' progress closely and they know that our doors are open at any time for them to come and present their dream projects or to seek our practical advice.

Why Malta as a study destination

1. **Cultural Immersion** in a vibrant Mediterranean context
2. **Proficiency in the English language**, one of Malta's two native languages
3. **Globally Recognised Quality Education** with unbeatable affordability
4. **Travel and Leisure**, an ideal staycation and a base for exploring the rest of Europe
5. **International Networking** inside a truly global community of students, professionals, and entrepreneurs
6. **Business-Friendly Environment** in a country that actively promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and emerging industries
7. **Career Prospects** thanks to employers who value versatility and agility
8. **Personal Growth**, self-discovery and independence as the side-effects of the study-abroad experience

AWARD TITLE	STUDY-UNITS COVERED	NUMBER OF ECTS	TOTAL DURATION OF AWARD	TOTAL HOURS OF LESSONS	TOTAL HOURS OF TUTORIALS/ WORKSHOPS	TOTAL SELF-STUDY HOURS
Award in Practical Academic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating Data and Illustrations • Preparing for Conference Presentations • Practical Academic Skills: Revising and Editing 	7 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 weeks (full-time) OR • 6 weeks (part-time) 	74 Hours	09 Hours	51 Hours

Description

Deliver on data analysis, presentation prowess, and revising your writing with this three-fold Award. Discover the purpose and power of data by differentiating between statistical information, graphic presentations, and illustrations. Learn to select data graphics so as to illustrate your point beyond words and practice proper referencing in relation to data sources. Hone your analytical skills by evaluating data commentaries and writing your own insightful interpretations. Apply your knowledge in real-world scenarios, collect and analyse survey data, and describe data features collaboratively in workshop-style environments. Then, get hands-on experience to prepare for your first academic conference. Design, script, and deliver memorable and thought-provoking academic presentations. Understand the nuances between presentation/ paper introductions and abstracts, and decode the key features of successful abstracts to draw audiences into your presentation. Adapt lengthy writing into concise oral formats, create attractive poster presentations, and engage effectively with your audience during poster sessions. Last but not least, go through your writing with a fine-tooth comb with in-depth revision and editing techniques. Improve your control over grammatical structures and distinguish between substantive and mechanical editing. Adhere to style guide conventions for consistent spelling, style, and formatting. Correct common writing errors, practice sentence transformations, and develop a critical eye for self-editing. Ensure the unity, clarity, and precision of your arguments, achieving a final draft that is professional and polished.

What will I be able to do after this Award?

- o **Master Data Interpretation:** understand the role of data in academic texts, differentiate between types of data and illustrations, and create insightful data interpretations
- o **Select and Present Data Graphics:** choose the correct data graphic to illustrate or support your argument and present it effectively, using proper labelling and referencing
- o **Seamless Data Integration:** integrate data references smoothly into your writing, using both parenthetical and discursive methods
- o **Critical Analysis of Data:** develop a set of go-to critical questions to evaluate and interpret data, thereby creating a template to help you enhance your analytical skills
- o **Effective Academic Presentations:** design, script, and deliver impactful academic presentations, adapting written work into concise oral formats for formal audience presentation or one-to-one poster presentations
- o **Engage and Persuade with Posters:** create compelling poster presentations that synthesise your research graphically, engaging effectively with your audience in one-to-one interactions about the poster and the research
- o **Develop Presentation Skills:** master the art of structuring, signposting, and timing presentations, using visual aids effectively, harnessing your charisma, and handling audience questions with confidence
- o **Polish Your Writing:** present your writing to best ability through in-depth revision and editing, ensuring clarity, consistency, and precision in both mechanical aspects as well as in the substance of the argument
- o **Eliminate Errors:** identify and correct common writing errors, maintaining appropriate adherence to style guides and formatting conventions
- o **Craft Compelling Abstracts:** write effective conference abstracts that summarise your research, provide adequate hints about where the research is headed, and that pack the audiences in for your talk