



## Academic Advice

### Peer Advice Desk

A FREE drop-in service in the Learning Centre open to all students in all year levels and all JCU courses. Located on the ground floor of Cairns and Townsville campus libraries.

#### Monday - Friday

**Townsville** 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

**Cairns** 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

At the Peer Advice Desk you can seek advice from experienced Peer Advisors about:

- Managing your time
- Study strategies
- Understanding and planning your assignment
- Editing strategies
- Basic mathematics and statistics

### Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

PASS is a FREE academic support program for selected subjects.

PASS provides a friendly and active learning environment where students can work together to better understand the content and learning outcomes for a subject. The study sessions are facilitated by an experienced student leader and focus on integrating course content (what to learn) with academic reasoning and study skills (how to learn).

Why attend PASS?

- Improve marks and overall academic performance
- Study more effectively
- Understand subject content more deeply
- Develop closer relationships with other students
- Develop teamwork and communication skills

### Studiosity

Access **FREE** online support for all JCU students. This service provides eight personalised online interactions per semester where you can get study help from a real person.

**Connect Live 3pm – midnight**

Connect to a live tutor for help with a question right away, in English, Maths, Science, Business, and other core skills areas.



#### Writing Feedback any time

Review of submitted assessment drafts for academic literacy, including structure, spelling, grammar, punctuation and referencing. No review of content, no editing or proofreading.

To access Studiosity

1. Log in to LearnJCU
2. Go to your Subject Site
3. Click on Tools in the right-side menu
4. Click on the Studiosity link

## WORKSHOPS and SHORT COURSES: Study Period 1, 2020

Free and open to JCU students from all year levels and courses

### Maths Refresher

This short course is designed for students who have not completed senior maths or who are returning to maths as adults. It is particularly helpful for students intending to study courses where mathematics and statistics are required. Experienced facilitators will be on hand to assist you to work through mathematical concepts.

Sat Feb 22: 9am – 2pm

Sun Feb 23: 9am – 2pm

Townsville: 18-002 A/B/C

Cairns: A3.3

### Basic Statistics

Revise basic statistics concepts that will support future learning throughout your degree. You will learn how to collect, organise, analyse and interpret information.

Sat Feb 29

9am – 2pm

Townsville: 134-021

Cairns: B1.020

### Getting the most from your readings

This workshop will focus on helping you to read more efficiently and develop strategies to interact creatively and critically with the information you have read. Bring along one of your subject readings.

Mon Feb 24: 11am – 12pm and repeated 6pm - 7pm

Townsville 18-002C

Cairns: B1.124

### Study Well in Australia

(for students with English as an additional language)  
Study in an Australian university may be very different to how you study in your own country. This workshop will help you to better understand the University's expectations of you, what being an independent learner means, how to engage with critical thinking, how to avoid plagiarism and ways to develop your English.

Wed Feb 19: 1 – 4pm

Townsville: 18.002B & C

Cairns: B1.020

### Academic Writing

This informative and hands-on short course addresses the skills needed to research and write various academic texts such as essays, reports and annotated bibliographies. Bring along your subject outline and get a head start on your assignments with help from our facilitators.

Sat Mar 14: 9am – 1pm

Townsville: 134.111

Cairns: D3:054

Online: Check the **Short Courses and Workshops** page of our website for more information <https://www.jcu.edu.au/students/learning-centre/short-courses-and-workshops>

### Making a Start: an academic orientation for Masters by coursework students

As a new Masters (coursework) student are you unsure of what to expect? This workshop covers expectations for academic writing and writing genres; critical thinking; writing tips; how to approach writing tasks; deciphering subject outlines, task sheets and assessment rubrics/criteria, and tips on data analysis and useful statistics resources.

Fri Feb 21: 12pm - 1:30pm

Townsville: 18.002B & C

Cairns: B1:020

Morning tea will be provided for full day and half day courses.

### Register online at

<https://tinyurl.com/jcuregistration>

Registrations close 24 hours before the short courses begin. Contact the Learning Centre for assistance or visit the **Short Courses and Workshops** page of our website for more information. [jcu.edu.au/learning-centre](http://jcu.edu.au/learning-centre)

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