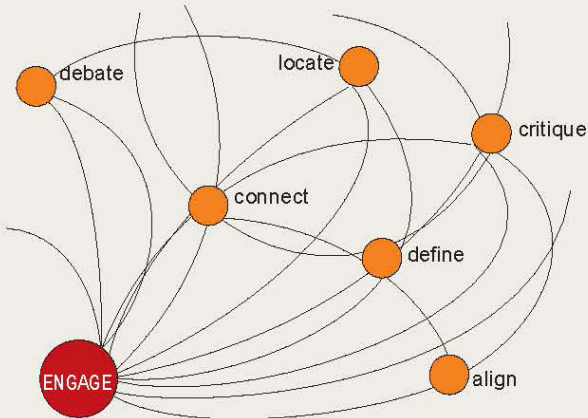


REQUIREMENTS

- an Honours degree (or equivalent competence if preparing for an RPL application)
- be considering entry into a postgraduate programme or currently registered at UCT for a postgraduate degree
- be available to attend a full week of classes in Cape Town (11-15 Feb)
- have access to a computer for online learning in the week before and three weeks after the course runs
- a R650 course fee



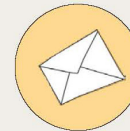
Course costs are partially subsidised.

CONTACT US

If you are interested please visit us at www.col.uct.ac.za to download an application form.

For queries about RPL please contact janet.small@uct.ac.za.

The deadline for receiving applications is 25 January 2013. The class size will be kept small. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 February 2013.



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Navigating Research Literacies

A short course on entering postgraduate studies

11 to 15 February 2013

Doing research as a postgraduate demands that we read, write and engage in ways that are different to how we communicate as undergraduates or in the workplace. This engagement with research can be particularly challenging for students in transition between the workplace and university, or between countries, languages or disciplines. This week long intensive course aims to orient prospective postgraduates to writing-related concepts and skills essential to becoming a confident researcher.



WHAT the short course is about:

- understanding and articulating your research interests in an exploratory pre-proposal 'concept paper'
- developing a research identity
- sustaining a strong writer's voice
- working with the knowledge of others (including citation and information literacy in collaboration with the UCT Library)
- making and supporting claims in words and numbers
- digital research skills
- exposure to research resources on campus

WHO may find this course relevant:

All prospective postgraduate students from any discipline are welcome to apply. It will be most suitable for those who already hold an Honours degree (or equivalent). Current postgraduates may also attend with the approval of their supervisor(s). The course may appeal particularly to those who:

- are returning to study from the workplace or a long break from studies
- are prospective RPL candidates (Recognition of Prior Learning)
- feel underprepared for postgraduate studies
- are transitioning between disciplines, countries, universities and languages

HOW the course will be offered:

The main focus is an intensive five day face-to-face course blended with a three week follow up of optional online support which will assist you to write a 1200 word pre-proposal concept paper.

The course:

- is full time (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- will require extra time during February for tasks leading to the draft concept paper
- does not assume prior experience of online learning
- includes time and space to access on-line and face-to-face library and writing support.

This is a non credit-bearing University of Cape Town Short Course (for which you will gain a certificate) but the course **IS NOT PART OF UCT'S ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES OR A GUARANTEE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO POSTGRADUATE STUDY**. The draft concept paper is however likely to help you articulate your research interests to a Department in future, and to show your grasp of crucial research concepts such as accessing the literature and developing an argument from sources. It is NOT a research methods or research design course. These would be offered by Faculties and Departments.

