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| **Thematic Area** | **Supporting Academic Writing in FET** |

**Suggested resources to support implementation of the thematic area in FET:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| Academic Writing – the basics | Webpage | Academic Coaching and Writing | K. Hyland | <http://www.academiccoachingandwriting.org/academic-writing/resources/good-academic-writing> |
| What is Academic Writing? | Webpage | A starting definition for students to understand what is meant by academic writing | Massey University | <http://owll.massey.ac.nz/academic-writing/what-is-academic-writing.php> |
| Teaching Academic Writing | PDF Toolkit | A toolkit for higher education in structuring lessons around teaching academic language | Caroline Coffin | <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/42788641_Teaching_Academic_Writing_A_Toolkit_for_Higher_Education> |
| PowerPoint | Academic Writing: An Overview | California State University | <https://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/documents/Academic%20Writing%20Web%20Link.ppt> |
| Academic Writing | PDF | General guide for academic writing and  presentation of written assignments | DIT  Dr. Anne Murphy | <https://www.dit.ie/media/images/study/maturestudents/Academic%20Writing%20Guide%202009.pdf> |
| PDF | Developing your academic writing skills – a handbook | Dr Marian Fitzmaurice & Dr Ciara O’Farrell | <https://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/readysteadywrite/AcademicWritingHandbook.pdf> |
| **Book** | This book helps academic writers gain control over writing and publishing, master specific aspects of academic writing, and improve their productivity. Patricia Goodson offers weekly exercises and tools to achieve these goals. | Patricia Goodson | Becoming an Academic Writer: 50 Exercises for Paced, Productive and Powerful Writing  <http://www.easons.com/p-4237838-becoming-an-academic-writer.aspx> |
| Academic Language | PPT | Academic Language – What is it?  How do I know it when I see it? | Ann Lippincott  Laura Hill-Bonnet | <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/PACT-Academic-Language.ppt> |
| Spelling/Grammar | Webpage | English Grammar and Rules Usage | Your Dictionary | <http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/style-and-usage/academic-writing-skills.html> |
| Web Plugin | This tool can be installed free and it checks both spelling and grammar in word, offering suggestions along the way.  Grammarly also provides a plagiarism checker. | Grammarly.com | [www.grammarly.com](http://www.grammarly.com) |
| Grammar | Website | This site gives tips and explanations about commonly misused words/phrases. An excellent tool for students due to its ease of use. | Mignon Fogarty | <http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl> |
| Referencing | Webpage/PowerPoint | A guide to understanding the importance of referencing and plagiarism | Monaghan Institute | <http://monaghaninstitute.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/referencing-and-plagiarism.pdf> |
| Webpage | A guide to using sources – direct and indirect quoting styles | Monaghan Institute | <http://monaghaninstitute.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/how-to-use-sources.pdf> |
| Webpage | Quick guide to Harvard Referencing | DkIT | <http://dkit.ie.libguides.com/harvard> |
| Webpage | Detailed guide to Harvard Referencing | DkIT | <http://monaghaninstitute.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/dkit-guide-to-harvard-referencing_6.pdf> |
| Web Plug-In | Free reference manager and PDF organiser. A wonderful tool that allows for the easy creation of reference lists and citations | Mendeley | [www.mendeley.com](http://www.mendeley.com) |
| Essay Writing and Structure | Prezi | A presentation on how to write a 5 paragraph essay. A great tool to use with students as it incorporates “What’s Opera Doc” – the Bugs Bunny cartoon and highlights paragraph by paragraph how to construct an essay. | John Cowlin | <https://prezi.com/zxbzzpskm_c2/welcome-to-the-world-of-the-five-paragraph-essay/> |
| Webpage | Beginning an Academic essay | Harvard Writing Centre | <http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/beginning-academic-essay> |
| PDF | Worksheet for formatting essay structure | University of Minnesota | <http://writing.umn.edu/sws/assets/pdf/quicktips/academicessaystructures.pdf> |
| Research | YouTube | What is research? – a introduction for students | Mr Beck’s World | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yt6XXDF7xaQ> |
| Webpage | Primary vs. Secondary Research | AIMS Community College | <http://www.aims.edu/student/online-writing-lab/sources/primary-vs-secondary> |
| PowerPoint | Presentation on how to conduct research for projects/essays | Read, Write, Think | <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson983/presentation.ppt> |
| Prezi | A look at the differences between qualitative and quantitative research and when to use each | Alexis Loveland | <https://prezi.com/tsdqjh7caylw/qualitative-vs-quantitative-research/> |
| Research Proposal | Webpage | An overview of what a research proposal is, how to write it and what structure it should take. | University of Birmingham | <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/courses/research/research-proposal.aspx> |
| Webpage – Printable for class use | A basic outline of a research proposal. | Northwestern University | <http://www.northwestern.edu/climb/Research%20Proposal%20Writing/A%20Basic%20Research%20Proposal%20Outline.pdf> |
| Report Writing | Webpage | Different types of reports and how they are structured | PEDIAA | <http://pediaa.com/different-types-of-report-writing/> |
| Webpage | How to structure the writing of a report | Birmingham City University | <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/learner/writingguides/1.02%20Reports.htm> |
| Methodology | Webpage | Definition of Report Methodology | Skills You Need | <http://www.skillsyouneed.com/learn/dissertation-methodology.html> |
| Worksheet for compiling a methodology | Allen Brizee | <http://www.allenbrizee.com/Emp_Res_Meth.pdf> |
| Literature Reviews | Webpage | An overview of the purpose of a Literature Review | Royal Literary Fund | <https://www.rlf.org.uk/resources/what-is-a-literature-review/> |
| PDF | Printable worksheet for summarising information contained within the Literature Review as it is being researched | OWL Purdue | <http://owll.massey.ac.nz/pdf/litreview.pdf> |
| Webpage | Critical Reading dissected – what is it? How do it pertain to a literature review? | OWL Purdue | <http://owll.massey.ac.nz/study-skills/critical-reading.php> |
| Worksheet Printable | Literature Review Outline | Appalachian State University | <http://www.appstate.edu/~jacksonay/rcoe/Literature%20Review%20Outline.doc> |
| PPT | Useful in class tool to present to students what a Literature view is, why it is used and the way in which to write it. | Leeds University | <https://library.leeds.ac.uk/downloads/file/546/workshop_powerpoint> |
| **Primary Research Methods**  Interviews | PDF | A short guide to conducting research interviews | Appalachian State University | <http://writingcenter.appstate.edu/sites/writingcenter.appstate.edu/files/Guide%20for%20Conducting%20Interviews.pdf> |
| Surveys | Webpage | Designing surveys/questionnaires | Science Buddies | <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas/Soc_survey.shtml> |
| Online Forms | Tool for designing and creating surveys and questionnaires and collating the data into useable formats. | Google | <https://www.google.com/forms/about/> |
| Oral Presentation | Webpage | Useful information on how to transfer written academic work into oral presentations | Duke University | <http://twp.duke.edu/uploads/media_items/paper-to-talk.original.pdf> |

**Useful Organisations:**

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| **Name** | **Contact Information** |
| Dissertation Doctor’s Clinic | [www.dissertationdoctorsclinic.com](http://www.dissertationdoctorsclinic.com) Academic Writing Solutions and Coaching |
| DCU | <https://www.english.dcu.ie/course/english-academic-purposes> English for Academic Purposes |

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| **MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)** | |
| Free access to online courses  Search regularly for new courses and new start dates | <https://www.mooc-list.com/> |
| Edx regularly provides a range of writing based courses | [www.edx.org](http://www.edx.org) |