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## Other Support Options

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### SK038: PhD Language Support

Open to doctoral students in any year. Classes focus on both writing and oral skills for research study.

### SK090: Job Talk

For students who wish to develop their employability, and the necessary skills and knowledge to obtain a job or academic position.

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## 1:1 Advising

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- Get individual support with any aspect of language, academic study, assignment writing or maths from our team of expert advisers.
- To book a 30-minute appointment, visit the TDC Helpdesk in the Silberrad Student Centre
- We also organise a range of bespoke small-group workshops and conversation clubs – come and talk to us to find out more.



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## Boost your Skills

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- Language Support
- Academic Skills
- Modules & Classes
- Workshops
- 1:1 Advising

To find out more, visit us at the TDC Helpdesk in the Silberrad Student Centre.

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# TALENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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**Academic English Support  
for International Students**

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## Get the skills you need to succeed

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**Academic English Support classes** are designed to help international students develop a range of skills and knowledge that will enhance their university studies.

The modules are a programme of 'stand-alone' sessions and attendance is optional.

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### SK020/025 – Writing Skills & Strategies 1 & 2

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These classes give guided practice in successful academic writing. They include:

- analysing essay questions
- achieving good academic style
- formulating abstract concepts
- writing introductions and conclusions



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### SK050/051 – Grammar Review 1 & 2

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These classes identify areas of weakness and provide practice in developing grammatical accuracy and usage. Typically, they include:

- use of articles and tense
- prepositions
- sentence structure
- punctuation

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### SK035/037 – Speaking Skills and Strategies 1 & 2

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**Part 1** gives guided practice in developing effective speaking skills in academic contexts. Classes include:

- taking part in discussion
- agreeing and disagreeing
- asking for clarification
- participating in seminars
- giving successful oral presentation

**Part 2** focuses on pronunciation and communication skills. Sessions include:

- word and sentence stress
- intonation
- elements of connected speech

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### SK042 – Exam Preparation & Writing Skills

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These classes provide guidance and practice to improve your performance in exams. They include:

- effective revision strategies
- exam techniques for different exam types
- analysing essay question
- knowledge and skills examiners want to see

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