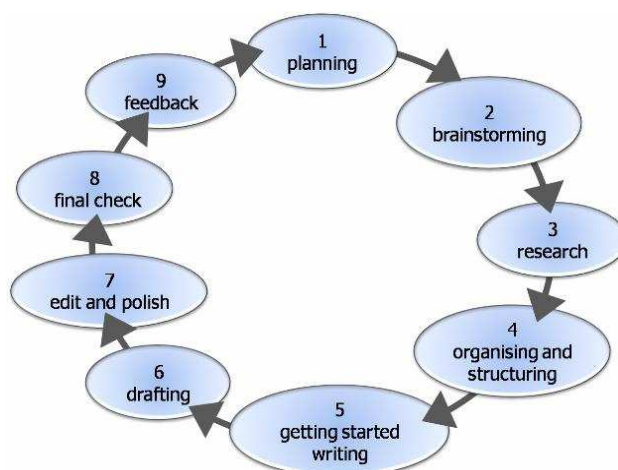


Essay Writing



The second half of this semester is dedicated to essay writing. This is obviously a crucial part of your academic training and is a feature of all areas of your work throughout the three years of your degree course. Whatever the subject you are engaged in and whatever the topic you are discussing, being able to present your argument convincingly in the form of a coherent, logical academic essay is a basic core skill students clearly have to develop. In the first semester, we addressed the key elements which characterise the internal structure of a single paragraph. While discussing Data Commentary, we concentrated on the larger set moves within paragraphs. We now extend our investigation to consider the construction of whole texts and the conventions of academic writing. The material covered over the next five weeks is the final section of this course and leads to your final assignment: The Essay.

Exercise 1 Analyse the paragraph above.

Exercise 2 Look at the United Nations new sustainable development agenda. Discuss with a partner how an individual can help attain these goals. Which goals are easiest to achieve? Focus on one goal and discuss it in detail. Write a brief paragraph based on your discussion.



Exercise 3 Visit: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction/>