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ACADEMIC SKILLS I (ASI)  
DOSHISHA WOMEN'S COLLEGE (DWC)  
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Course overview

- [dwc@sheffnersweb.net](mailto:dwc@sheffnersweb.net)
  - <http://www.sheffnersweb.net/blogs/classblogs/dwc>
  - Also on Manaba
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## A. How to pass

1. One written academic report of satisfactory standard
  2. At least one oral presentation of satisfactory standard
  3. Weekly notes and/or reports
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## WHAT TO EXPECT I

- Instruction in academic format, including citation and bibliography (MLA style)
  - A reading list for independent reading
  - Listening: mini-lectures/presentations on topics of British history
    - For listening and note-taking practice and summarising
  - Guidance in basic research skills:
    - research question,
    - how to search,
    - how to put collected information into your own words.
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# WHAT TO EXPECT 2

- In class
    - Whole class activities, small group activities, independent work
    - Reading
    - Listening to mini-lectures/presentations, taking notes and summarising
    - Doing research in small groups and reporting your findings to the whole class
    - Writing your research reports and sharing with the whole class
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# WHAT TO EXPECT 3

- Homework
    - Reading (assigned and self-selected)
    - Watching short videos
    - Researching
    - Writing, preparing presentations and reports
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- Your instructor: Marc Sheffner
    - British, born in England of French mother and English father (both bilingual)
    - Attended a grammar school (The Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells, Kent)
    - University degree (B.A and M.A in modern languages and literature (French & German))
    - 40+ academic presentations and papers on teaching English as a foreign language
    - 20+ years of teaching academic writing, including thesis-writing supervision
    - Interests: reading, writing, history, economics, political theory, movies, music, Aikido
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