

# Welcome to Expressing Your Expertise

(LCA-1002)

# Schedule for today

- Course content, tasks, grading
- Introductions
- Expressing opinions

# Two compulsory English courses for your programme

- LCA-1001 (this course), integrated with Thematic Studio I (Spring 2022)
- LC-1117 Integrated Written and Oral skills, integrated with ARTX-C1011 (autumn 2022)

# LCA-1002 - Expressing Your Expertise

- Both written and oral skills but with more emphasis on spoken communication

# LC-1117 – integrated written and oral skills

- Both written and oral skills but with more emphasis on written communication

# Expressing Your Expertise

## Main graded assignments

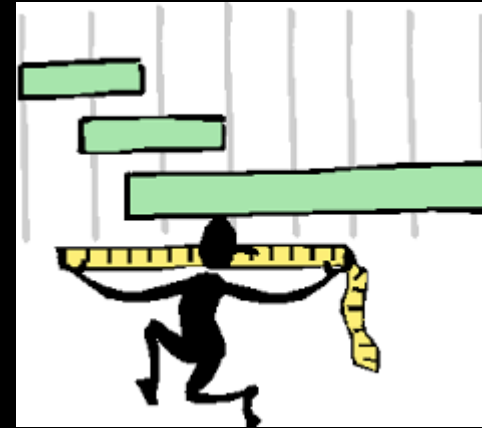
- Written report on your research in the first half of Thematic Studio I (March 29, 25% of final grade)
- Individual presentation on your work in Thematic Studio I (April 13, 35% of final grade)

# Other tasks

- Two online modules (19% of total points)
- Elevator pitch (10% of total points)
- Assignment submissions, quizzes and peer feedback (16% of total points).

# Grading scheme

Grade	% of total points
5	93 – 100%
4	85 – 92%
3	77 – 84%
2	69 – 76%
1	61 – 68%
0	60% – less





# Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, you should

- Know and be able to apply some of the key principles of effective spoken and written communication in English
- Be able to use correct referencing methods
- Be able to structure a written report and spoken presentation



# Introductions

Introduce yourself to the rest of the group

Tell us about:

- Your project on Thematic Studio I
- Something you are passionate about
- What you most want to learn on this course
- The thing that last made you laugh

# Expressing opinions

In pairs, think of some phrases that are used to express opinions. How do these phrases affect the strength of the opinion? How formal or informal are they?

# Now think of phrases for agreeing and disagreeing with opinions

- Again, how strong or weak is the agreement/ disagreement?
- How formal or informal are the expressions?

# Discussion exercise

- In groups of four or five complete the discussion exercise 'New Civilisation'.
- Step 1: first complete the handout on your own. Form some logical arguments for your choices and think of how you might counter any objections to these arguments
- Step 2: discuss the issue together as a group and arrive at a joint decision. You must do this by debating and arriving at a consensus. Voting is not allowed.
- Step 3. Briefly justify your group's choices to the rest of the class

# Homework

- Bring some of the sources you used for your research in Thematic Studio I, P III to class on Thursday.