

Module 2

Writing starts with thinking: A summary

In this module, you've learned about the kind of higher-level thinking you are expected to engage in while studying at university, and how you can further develop your critical thinking skills. At uni, you are expected to:

Engage in new ways of thinking

As you start your studies you'll probably discover that you're expected to become a more independent and analytical thinker.



This means that, apart from learning facts and key concepts, you'll need to demonstrate **higher-level thinking skills** such as critical analysis and synthesis.

Question and challenge ideas

Making use of your critical thinking skills will allow you to, among others, **join and contribute to the academic debates** currently taking place in your field.



Through your lectures, tutorials and assignments, you'll be gradually encouraged to **unpack, test and challenge ideas, concepts and theories** in your subject.

Bring a critical approach to every aspect of your studies

You may, therefore, find that you'll need to **develop a critical mind** in order to be successful in all your academic endeavours.



To respond to your course requirements, you may need to learn how to **pay attention to fine detail**, look at issues from **different angles**, and **make connections** between concepts and ideas.

You may achieve this by, for instance, **reading widely** and having an **inquisitive, curious attitude**.