

Swansea University

An aerial photograph of Swansea University. The university's main campus is a cluster of modern, multi-story buildings with various roof colors, situated on a green hillside. To the left of the campus is a long, sandy beach that curves along the edge of a large bay. The water in the bay is a deep blue, and the surrounding city of Swansea is visible in the background, extending to the horizon under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows more greenery and a winding path.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY
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**The Changing Face of In-session
Support
Academic Success
Programme**

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Workshop Agenda

- Introductions
- Group discussion
- The ASP programme
- Feedback
- Challenges at Swansea
- Future directions
- Questions

Who are we?



The ASP team:

Sandy George: Programme manager

Liz Stratton: Coordinator

1 x full-time tutor

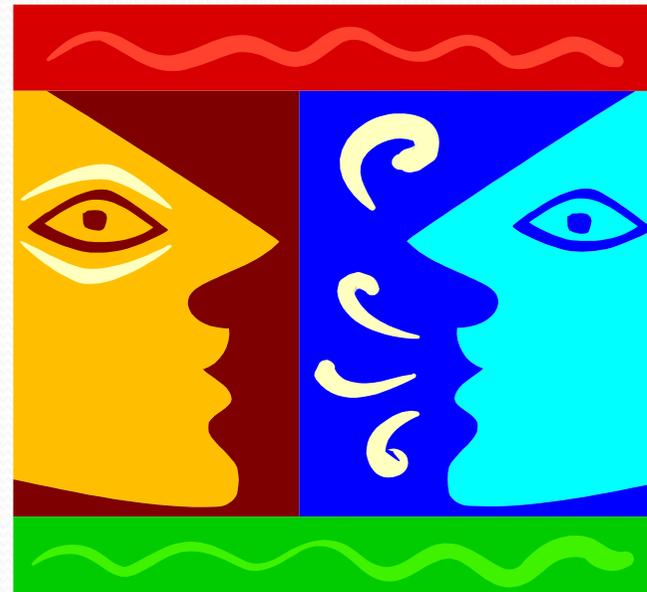
2 x half time tutors

ASP Aims

- Overseas students
 - transition to UK study & environment
 - ongoing language development
 - Academic study skills development
- Level 1 home students
 - transition to H.E. study
 - academic study skills development
- Levels 2, 3 & PG students
 - ongoing study skills development
- Cambridge exams
 - CPE, ILEC

Home v International Students

- Different academic needs?
- Linguistic needs?
- Integrated classes?





The ASP Programme

- Drop-in classes
- Certificated courses
- Intensive workshops
- College specific support
- Individual appointments
- Online provision

Drop-in Classes: Sample

Drop-in Classes (Just turn-up to any class)			
Term 1 (Michaelmas Term) 8th October – 14th December 2012			
Day	Class	Time	Room
Monday	Grammar and Writing	12:00 – 12:50	Faraday B
Monday	Research Writing for Post-graduates	14:00 - 14:50	Faraday B
Tuesday	Academic Essay Writing	12:00 – 12:50	Faraday B
Tuesday	Listening Comprehension	14:00 - 14:50	Faraday B
Tuesday	Pronunciation	15:00 – 15:50	Faraday B
Wednesday	Listening Skills/TV News	12:00 – 12:50	Faraday B
Wednesday	Advanced Academic Grammar	14:00 - 14:50	Faraday B
Thursday	Reading Skills	12:00 – 12:50	Faraday B
Friday	Seminar Skills	12:00 – 12:50	Faraday B

Certificated Courses: Sample

Certificated Courses (Enrol online and attend the full course)			
Term 1 (Michaelmas Term) 15th October – 14th December 2012			
Course name	Course length	Day & time	Room
Writing Academic Essays Option 1	2 hours per week x 8 weeks = 16 hours	Monday 10:00 – 12:00 From 15 th October	Grove 265
Writing Academic Essays Option 2	2 hours per week x 8 weeks = 16 hours	Monday 15:00 – 17:00 From 15 th October	Grove 265
Writing Academic Essays Option 3	2 hours per week x 8 weeks = 16 hours	Thursday 15:00 – 17:00 From 18 th October	Grove 265
Writing Academic Essays Option 4	2 hours per week X 6 weeks – 12 hours	Wednesday 14:00–16:00 From 7 th November	Grove 353
Critical Thinking Option 1	2 hours per week x 6 weeks = 12 hours	Tuesdays 10:00 – 12:00 From 16 th October	Grove 265
Critical Thinking Option 2	2 hours per week X 6 weeks = 12 hours	Friday 10:00 – 12:00 From 9 th November	Grove 353
Presentation Skills Option 1	2 hours per week x 4 weeks = 8 hours	Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00 From 15 th October	Grove 265
Presentation Skills Option 2	2 hours per week x 4 weeks = 8 hours	Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00 From 12 th November	Grove 265
Presentation Skills Option 3	2 hours per week X 4 weeks = 8 hours	Monday 14:00 – 16:00 From 12 th November	Margam 318
Exam Skills Option 1	2 hours per week X 4 weeks = 8 hours	Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00 From 14 th November	Taliesin Arts 18

Subject Specific Classes

- Law
- Engineering
- Arts & Humanities
- Human & Health Sciences
- Sciences

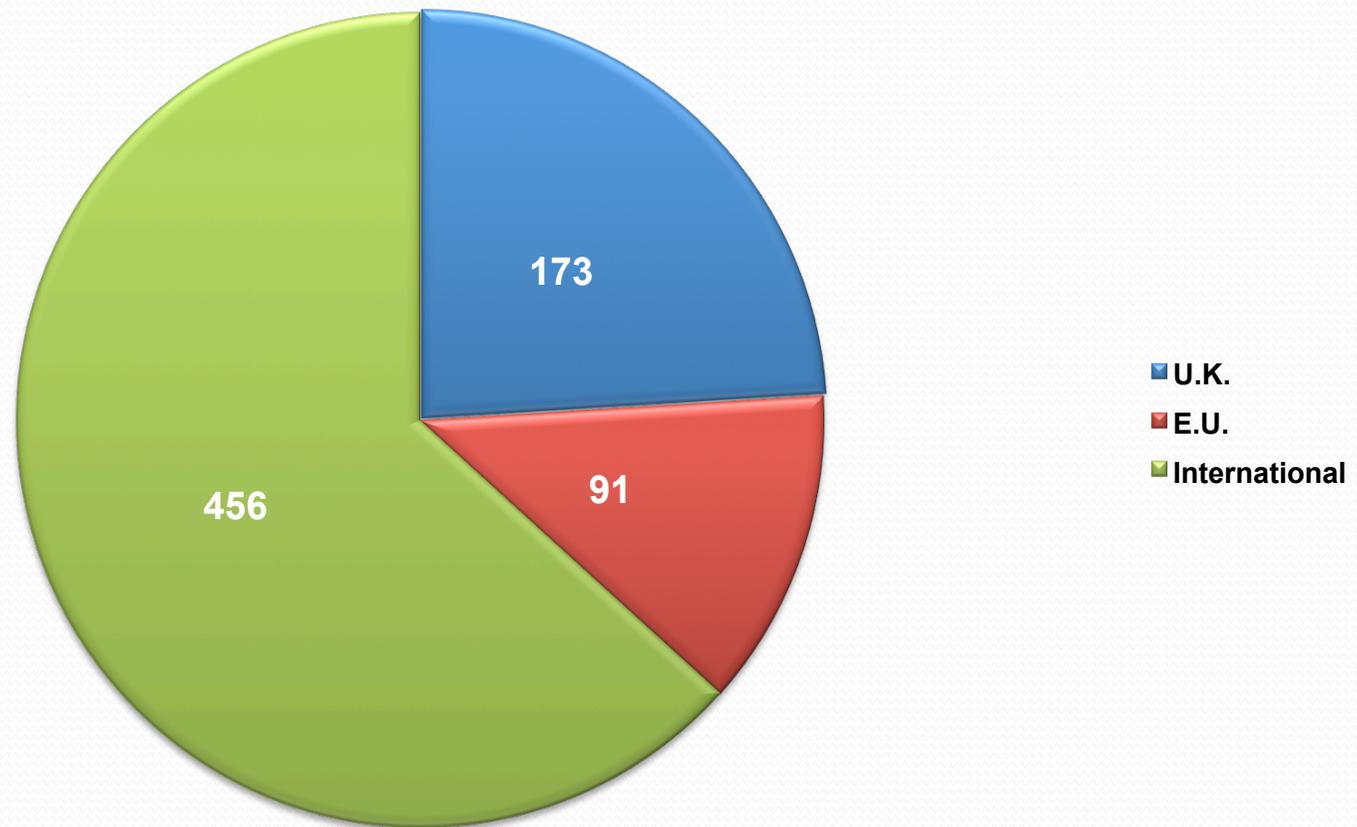


Individual Appointments

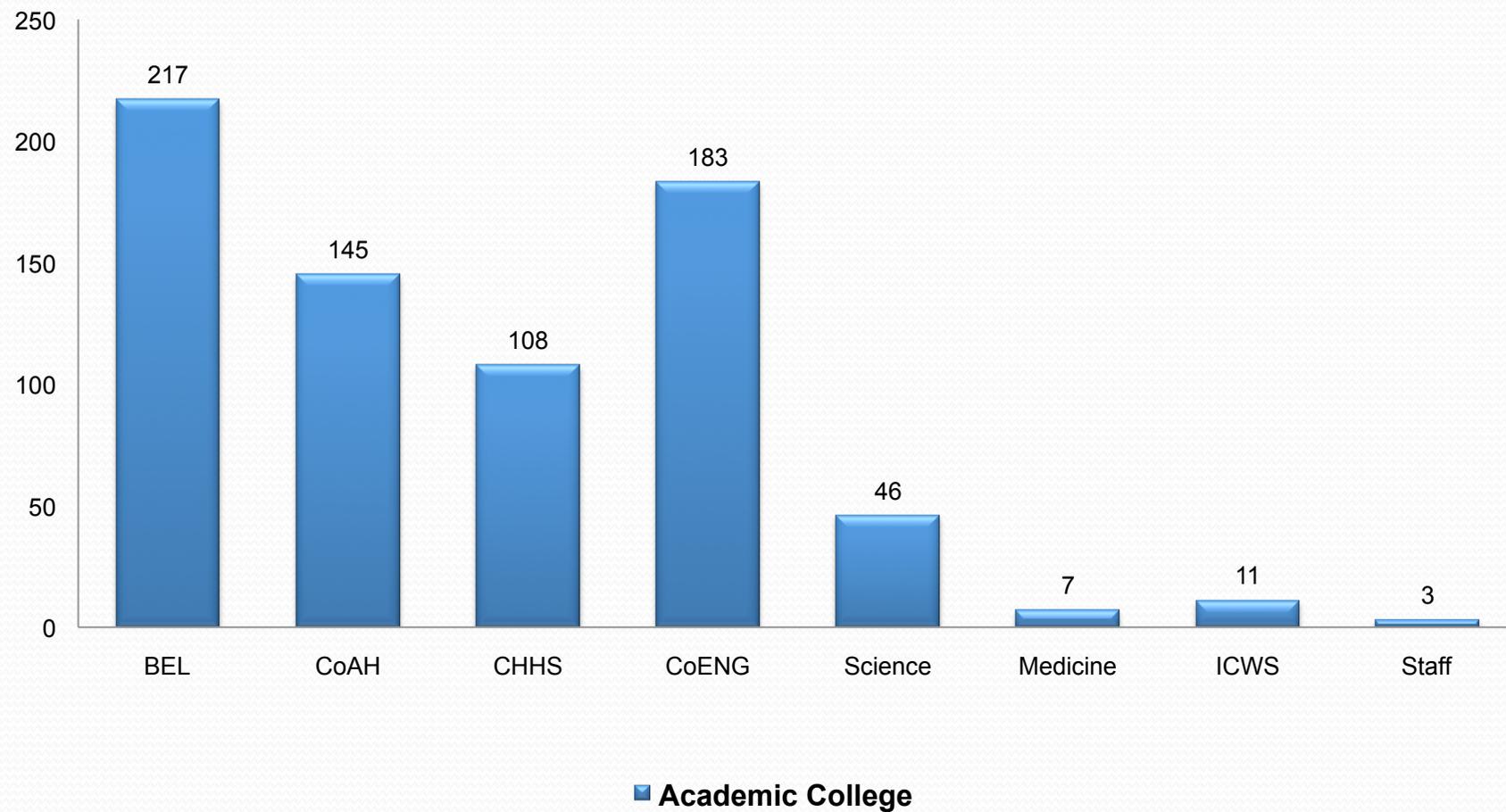
- All students can book individual appointments to discuss any aspect of their academic work:
 - Writing
 - Understanding essay titles
 - Style, language, cohesion
 - Referencing
 - Presentations
 - Grammar

Student Profile

Geographic Split



Student Profile



Feedback: International

I have to say thank you. They taught me how to study in UK and guided me to be perfect.

The teaching method is cool and teachers are very good.

The teachers help me to improve my English and my life.

Feedback: Home students

Excellent. I did not realise how much I knew about essay writing.

Very useful for confidence in my ability to hand in work/ essays that are of a decent standard.

I learnt a lot and feel a lot less scared about my essay.

Feedback: Online

1:1 appointments are fantastic and really add value to my studies. An excellent service.

The programme is very informative and should be attended by all international students.



Feedback: Staff

“The College of Business, Economics and Law (CBEL) view the availability of study skills support to undergraduates through ASP as key to enhancing student academic performance and rates of progression within the College. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with students making personal recommendations to other students on the value of the programme having experienced the support offered and the academic skills and resulting confidence gained.”

(LPC Course Director – Law)

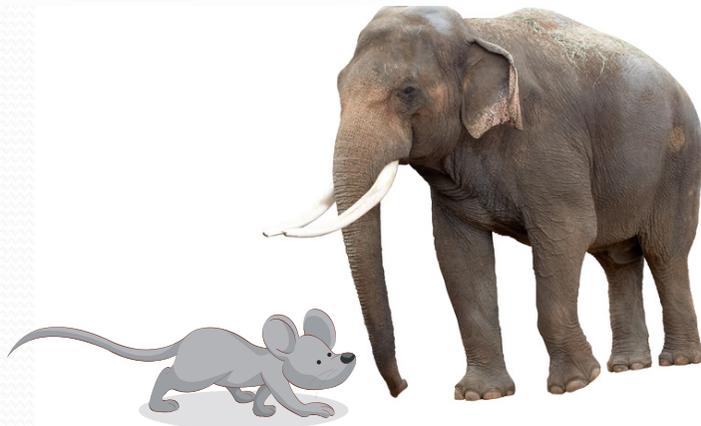
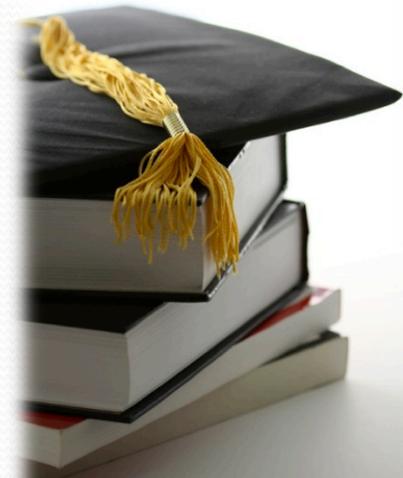


Staff Feedback

“This excellent programme of academic support draws on the expertise of Swansea University staff and utilises the virtual learning environment to enable students to build a firm academic foundation and thus enhance their success. The positive feedback received from students coupled with extensive use of the programme’s blackboard site are markers of the value students attach to the programme.”

(Senior Lecturer - Human & Health Science)

Challenges at Swansea



Future Directions

- Collaboration with Reaching Wider (SWWP)
- Mapping to academic programmes
- HEAR (Higher Education Achievement Record)
- Funding
- Centre for ???
- Shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards 2013

**THE LEADERSHIP &
MANAGEMENT
AWARDS 2013**
SHORTLISTED
OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

Questions

