UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

PRE-MASTER'S (2 TERMS/90 CREDITS)



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Yousuf Hindess joined the ISC at Wolverhampton in September 2025 as Programme Lead for English for Academic Purposes (EAP). Prior to that, he worked at INTO University of Exeter for 8 years as an EAP lecturer and Assistant Academic Manager. Long before reaching Wolverhampton, Yousuf worked abroad for substantial stints in Saudi Arabia and Egypt teaching both TEFL and EAP. A strong advocate of play in learning, he is an INNOPLAY Playful Champion from his time in Exeter.

Module overview:

Critical Thinking and Research Foundations

This module is designed to equip students with essential critical thinking and research skills necessary for postgraduate study. With a strong emphasis on constructing a literature review, students will develop the ability to source, evaluate, and synthesise academic literature effectively.

Through a combination of theoretical exploration and practical application, students will enhance their logical reasoning, argumentation, and analytical skills, enabling them to critically engage with academic sources and develop well-structured arguments. The module introduces foundational research methodologies, ethical considerations in academic inquiry, and techniques for identifying credible scholarly sources.

By the end of this module, students will be able to critically assess academic literature, organise research findings coherently, and construct a literature review that demonstrates depth of analysis and academic integrity, preparing them for more advanced research projects at the master's level.

Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis

This module equips students with advanced research skills and data analysis techniques essential for postgraduate study. Through an exploration of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, students will develop the ability to design, collect, analyse, and interpret data while critically evaluating research findings. The module emphasises methodological rigour, ethical research practices, and the application of analytical techniques, preparing students to undertake independent research projects. By the end of this module, students will have the skills to critically assess research designs, apply appropriate data analysis methods, and effectively communicate their findings within their academic discipline.

Academic English and Communication Skills

This module develops students' academic research, writing, and communication skills, preparing them for postgraduate study. Students will engage with AI-assisted research tools and academic databases, critically evaluate sources, and construct well-structured, research-driven arguments. Through incremental writing tasks, AI-supported editing, and structured feedback, they will refine their academic writing while ensuring ethical engagement with AI. In addition to written work, students will deliver a research presentation, articulating key findings and reflecting on their learning process. The module follows a process-based approach, ensuring students progressively build confidence in academic inquiry, critical thinking, and professional communication.