

## Critical Skills Summer 2019

The Critical Skills summer module is a compressed course that will run from July 8 through July 19. This is an active learning, writing intensive course. Attendance is required to pass. Through daily reading, writing, presentations, and class activities students will develop:

### Methodological skills

- Evaluate and interpret evidence of different types, including documentary and other qualitative sources.
- Access, interpret, evaluate, and present basic statistical/numerical data.
- Explain the respective roles of, and interaction between, questions, theories, evidence and explanations in the social sciences, sciences, and humanities.

### Information skills

- Find and access information relevant to the social sciences, sciences, and humanities, making use of good searching principles and techniques.
- Evaluate information sources, distinguishing scholarly sources from other content and critically assess information from the internet and other sources.
- Manage information using online and other resources. Develop appropriate citing and referencing techniques.

### Communication skills

- Construct coherent and persuasive arguments – both orally and in writing – on issues in the social sciences, sciences, and humanities; structuring the arguments logically and supporting them with relevant evidence.
- Plan and deliver engaging and well-argued presentations that coherently address both question and audience.

The class will be assessed by daily submissions and participation. In addition, students will submit an individual assignment by August 3<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline to register for the course is Sunday, July 7.

<b>Critical Skills Summer 2018 Schedule</b>		<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
SK105 Meets in RHT5	Week 1 8 July to 12 July	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00
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SK106 Meets in RHT6 (limited to students who enrolled in SK105 in semester 2 or who failed SK106 and are not eligible for the supplemental assessment)	Week 1 8 July to 12 July	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00	10:00 to 12:00 13:00 to 15:00
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## Critical Skills Summer Module FAQs

### Logistics

#### 1. How much does it cost?

The cost per Critical Skills Summer Module in 2019 will be €435. Students can register for a maximum of one Critical Skills Summer Module (SK105 or SK106).

#### 2. How to register for the course?

Students will register for the Critical Skills Summer Module via a webform. The webform will be made available on our website <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/critical-skills> from Monday, 1 July. Registration will close at 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

#### 3. When will I know if I have a place on the Critical Skills summer school and which group I am in?

You will receive an email notification and be added to a course Moodle page.

### Eligibility

#### 1. I took Critical Skills as a first-year subject can I now take the summer module to make up for a different subject/module I failed?

Students who studied Critical Skills as a Year 1 subject are not eligible to take a Critical Skills Summer Module as they have completed both modules already. However, if you failed a Critical Skills course then you can take the summer class to replace the result. This is in effect starting a new module, and it will be coded as a deficit module if the student is already registered for 60 credits. Under no circumstances will a student earn more than 15 credits for critical skills.

#### 2. I took SK105 in semester 2 can I take SK106 in the summer?

Students who completed SK105 in semester 2 may choose to study Critical Skills Summer Module SK106 as they have not already taken SK106 this academic year.

### 3. Can I register for both Critical Skills Summer Modules?

Students may register for either Critical Skills Summer Module SK105 or SK106 but not both as the modules will be taught at the same time.

### 4. Critical Skills was not available to me as a choice within my programme; can I take the summer module?

The Critical Skills Modules are available to students for whom Critical Skills was a subject choice in first year. To confirm if Critical Skills was a subject choice for your programme please check the appropriate First year guide below:

[MH101 First Year Guide](#)

[Guide for all students excluding MH101](#)

#### More information:

### 1. I am not sure if I should take the Critical Skills summer module or sit the repeat exam for my failed module; can I speak to someone about it?

Students are advised to speak to their lecturers and departments in the first instance. The University will host a 'Consultation Day' on 3 July 2019 - staff will be available in all Departments to discuss results with students.

Students may speak to the Academic Advisor about their repeat options either in person or over the phone; this can be done by emailing [advisory.office@mu.ie](mailto:advisory.office@mu.ie) to set up an appointment to call in or to arrange a phone call. Students may also call into the office during the drop in hours which will be available on the website here: [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/centre-teaching-and-learning/student-learning-and-advice/academic-advisory-office](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/centre-teaching-and-learning/student-learning-and-advice/academic-advisory-office) No voicemail facilities will be on the office phone during this busy time.

If students have questions regarding how to read exam results and/or their progression options for second year the Programme Advisory Office will be holding the Exam Results and Options information sessions at 10am, 12noon, 2pm and 4pm on Consultation Day (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) in Education Hall in Education House.

### 2. When will I know if I pass my Critical Skills summer module?

The results of the Critical Skills Summer Modules will be available in early September 2019.