

New Course Code and Title	HWG703 Graduate English	
<p>Details of Course HWG703 aims to help international PhD students who graduated from non-English medium universities develop their written and oral English skills so that they will be able to communicate effectively in academic settings. The course prepares the students for the demands of academic writing in English. It also gives them opportunities to develop their oral skills in the English language so they can better participate in the academic community. Tutorials are conducted to enable tutors to offer students limited individual support. Online material may also be recommended to enhance student learning. The course covers the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The language of academic writing - The structure of research papers - Academic speaking skills - Pronunciation 	<p>Summary of course content <i>(please note that this information provided will also be uploaded to the web for viewing at large)</i> The course provides postgraduate students the opportunity to develop their written and oral English skills so that they will be able to communicate effectively in academic settings.</p>	
	<p>Rationale for introducing this course There are many international PhD students in NTU who have graduated from non-English medium universities and who may not have the requisite level of academic writing, speaking and listening skills in English necessary to cope with the demands of graduate studies in NTU. These are the students who do not have the requisite scores in a recognized language test e.g. TOEFL , IELTS, or in NTU's English Proficiency Test. With NTU moving towards becoming a research-intensive university with a significant population of PhD students, it is necessary to ensure that these students eventually become skilled at talking and writing about their research.</p>	
	<p>Aims and objectives The course aims to help international PhD students who graduated from non-English medium universities prepare for the demands of academic writing in English. It also gives them opportunities to develop their oral skills in the English language so they can better participate in the academic community.</p>	
Assessment	Non-examinable 3 Assignments Class participation	85% 15%
	Total:	100 %
Hours of Contact/Academic Units	24 hours per semester from Week 2 –14 / non-AU course	