

### **MRes for School of Medicine – Semester 1 Syllabus**

	<b>Session Focus</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Source Texts</b>
1	Academic writing style	Language formality, use of sources/evidence, structure and signposting, sentence length, plagiarism	Pre-eclampsia; MRes student text
2	Avoiding plagiarism	Overview of what constitutes plagiarism of language and ideas; practical examples; citation styles	In-house material
3	Reading critically 1	Framework of questions for appraising the introduction and literature review of a research article	Journal article; Sleep and eating disorders
4	Reading critically 2	Continuation of the framework of questions: method, results, discussion, references; assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the article as a whole	Journal article; Sleep and eating disorders
5	Synthesising information	Analysing an essay question; extracting information and tabulating notes from four sources; assessing information quality; analysing an essay	Abstracts from journal articles– Ad-36 & obesity
6	Writing an introduction to the topic	Language, structure and order of information when introducing a research topic	Journal article: calorie deprivation study
7	Introducing other studies 1	Describing previous studies and organising content coherently	Journal article: calorie deprivation study + three abstracts from study above
8	Introducing other studies 2	Adding critique to descriptions of previous studies and organising content coherently	Journal article: calorie deprivation study + five more abstracts from study above
9	Writing about methods	Practical task focusing on language needed for writing about your method; elements commonly found in methods sections	Journal article; Gambian study of diet/ pregnancy

