GAC003 Study Skills for Independent Learning

GAC Study and Communication Skills · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
reflective learning journal /rɪˈflektɪv ˈlɜːnɪŋ ˈdʒɜːnl/	Write in your **reflective learning journal** every week.
reflection /rɪˈflekʃn/	The essay ends with a personal **reflection**.
semester planner /səˈmestə ˈplænə/	Put all deadlines in your **semester planner**.
schedule /ˈʃedjuːl/	Make a study **schedule** for the week.
academic integrity /ˌækəˈdemɪk ɪnˈtegrɪti/	**Academic integrity** means doing your own work honestly.
referencing /ˈrefrənsɪŋ/	Correct **referencing** shows where your ideas came from.
independent learning /ˌɪndɪˈpendənt ˈlɜːnɪŋ/	**Independent learning** means you plan and check your own study.
curriculum vitae (CV) /kəˈrɪkjʊləm ˈvɪtiː/	Update your **curriculum vitae (CV)** before applying.
personal statement /ˈpɜːsənl ˈsteɪtmənt/	Your **personal statement** explains why you want the course.
describe /dɪˈskraɪb/	**Describe** means say what something is like, without explaining why.

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evaluate /ɪˈvæljuːeɪt/	**Evaluate** the book: say what works well and what does not.
plan /plæn/	Write a short **plan** before you start writing.
learning style /ˈlɜːnɪŋ staɪl/	Your **learning style** is how you like to study.
multiple intelligences /ˈmʌltɪpl ɪnˈtelɪdʒənsɪz/	The theory of **multiple intelligences** says people are clever in different ways.
assessment deadline /əˈsesmənt ˈdedlaɪn/	Write each **assessment deadline** in your calendar.
start date /stɑːt deɪt/	Choose a **start date** for each task.
collisions /kəˈlɪʒnz/	Look for **collisions**: two big tasks due on the same day.
urgent /ˈɜːdʒənt/	An **urgent** task is due very soon.
important /ɪmˈpɔːtənt/	An **important** task helps your main goals.
buffer /ˈbʌfə/	Leave a **buffer** of two days before each deadline.
to-do list /tə duː lɪst/	Make a **to-do list** each morning.
procrastination /prəʊˌkræstɪˈneɪʃn/	**Procrastination** means putting off work you should do now.
lecture /ˈlektʃə/	In a **lecture**, a teacher talks to a large group.
seminar /ˈsemɪnɑː/	In the **seminar**, we discussed the reading.

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tutorial /tjuːˈtɔːrɪəl/	In the **tutorial**, the teacher helped us with our questions.
plagiarism /ˈpleɪdʒərɪzəm/	Copying others' work without credit is **plagiarism**.
citation /saɪˈteɪʃn/	Add a **citation** to show where the information came from.
bibliography /ˌbɪblɪˈɒgrəfi/	List all your sources in the **bibliography**.
transcript /ˈtrænskrɪpt/	Your **transcript** lists your courses and grades.
grade point average (GPA)	Your **grade point average (GPA)** is the average of all your grades.
academic advisers /ˌækəˈdemɪk ədˈvaɪzəz/	**Academic advisers** help students choose their courses.
learning goal /ˈlɜːnɪŋ gəʊl/	Set a clear **learning goal** for each week.
library and databases /ˈlaɪbrəri ænd ˈdeɪtəbeɪsɪz/	Use the **library and databases** to find articles.
group study /gruːp ˈstʌdi/	**Group study** lets students explain ideas to each other.
active recall /ˈæktɪv ˈriːkɔːl/	**Active recall** means testing yourself instead of just reading again.
spaced practice /speɪst ˈpræktɪs/	**Spaced practice** means studying a topic a little at a time over several days.
note-taking /nəʊt ˈteɪkɪŋ/	Good **note-taking** keeps only the key ideas.

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Cornell method /kɔːˈnel ˈmeθəd/	The **Cornell method** splits the page into notes, questions and a summary.