

The Vientiane College Diploma - Module Overview

DIPCO100 Core

Overview of the module

In this course you will learn more about the skills that are necessary for further study in the Diploma programme. You will be taught a variety of core skills related to gathering information from online research. The course focuses on how to evaluate and select sources from the internet. Then you will learn how to take information from sources and use that information appropriately in effective note form. As a final stage, you will be conducting your own research and learning how to run a seminar.

Key questions explored on the course

- How can I find the information that I need? What do I need to notice about sources I get when I run a search?
- What is the difference between a reliable and a non-reliable source?
- How can I take effective notes?
- Why do I need to acknowledge my sources? How do I reference my sources?
- How do I put the information from a source into my own words?

Skills

This module will help you improve your English language skills with a special emphasis on:

- narrowing search hits more effectively
- evaluating the reliability of websites
- recognising bias in sources
- recognising the logical structure and progressions in texts
- selecting and organising information logically in note form
- formatting accurate references
- identifying key ideas in texts and then rephrasing those in your own words
- participating in both formal and informal discussions about current issues

Performance Tasks

Throughout the module you will:

- participate in weekly discussions about a variety of topics
- evaluate search hits and websites
- write reference lists
- produce sets of notes from source materials
- research a topic of your choice and run a seminar on it

The information literate person can:



Information