

REPORT: Weekend with GILP 25th & 26th March 2006

37 graduate students participated in this second Weekend with GILP. Overall the weekend was very successful but problems with the Proxy Server on the Sunday seriously disrupted the Web Searching and EndNote B workshops. Feedback from students showed that all students were either satisfied or very satisfied with the weekend workshop. (The average was 4.4 out of a possible maximum of 5).

40% of the students who attended were higher degree research students (during the first weekend with GILP 80% were HDR students). The remaining students were course work Masters and Graduate Diploma students. 59% of the students were fulltime students. 1 student indicated they did not live in Canberra. Almost half the students who attended were from APSEG, the Faculty of Asian Studies, the Faculty of Arts or the National Graduate School of Management.

Workshops Offered and Attendance:

EndNote Module A	19	Producing Theses in Word C	8
EndNote Module B	19	Producing Theses in Word D	7
Issues in Literature Review Writing	19	Search Strategies and Topic Analysis	22
Managing the Thesis Production Process	20	Selecting & Searching Subject Databases	11
Navigating the ANU Library Web Pages	7	The Introductory Session	23
Producing Theses in Word A	12	Web Searching & Citation Searching	18
Producing Theses in Word B	12		

A selection of Comments from the Feedback forms:

In response to the question "What did you find most useful about the workshop" students said:

- ✓ *Doing related sessions concurrently,*
- ✓ *Hands On Experience x2,*
- ✓ *Searching Databases and EndNote,*
- ✓ *Realising what is available and getting a basic understanding of available programs,*
- ✓ *The combination of theory and practical, instructor led and 'practice time',*
- ✓ *Consolidation of useful sessions together*
- ✓ *encouragement to interact with other students*
- ✓ *opportunity to update my IT/IM skills, EndNote sessions were fantastic, notes were a great reference, Technical skills for managing document*

Students were asked to comment on their ability to attend GILP courses during the week.

- ✓ *Did weekend workshops to do lots at once rather than bits and pieces here and there. This was particularly useful for the search strategies + selecting and searching databases combination as gave immediate opportunity to practice what just learnt.*
- ✓ *The benefit of the weekend is also the networking and immediate integration of a variety of complementary IT information and skills.*
- ✓ *Intensive weekend workshops are far better than weekday ones. They are more efficient in terms of time consumption.*

Staff involved in this weekend event were:

ILP -- Hans-Joerg Kraus, Valerie Perrett, Karen Visser and Bryony Wakefield
Chifley Library -- Elaine Kennedy
School of Music -- Bradley Cummings
Academic Skills and Learning Centre -- Stephan Milne