Sample reading list

This is a sample reading list on the topic of study skills. You are not expected to read any of the books on this list at any point during your degree. It is, instead, intended to show what a reading list might look like. You will find that the layout and amount of detail will vary between papers (modules) and staff, as will the referencing style; we have used Harvard. The list is annotated to explain some of the features you might expect to see.

Many lists are not just one long list; they are divided in some way. This one has been divided into themes. Many staff will also help you prioritise your reading. For example, we have indicated **essential and *recommended reading (again, this is just to illustrate how a list might look).

While you don't need to read any of the books, some of them may be of interest to you. You could search for them now (use the guidance in How do I find books and articles from a reading list?) or when you arrive in Cambridge. Do please note that a variety of resources have been included to imitate a real reading list and so not all of them may be relevant to your course or in your college/departmental library.

General Study Skills


**University of Manchester (2019). My Learning Essentials. Available at: https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/using-the-library/students/training-and-skills-support/my-learning-essentials/ Accessed 08/05/19.

Academic writing

If an edition (ed.) is listed, try to find it. Sometimes very minor changes are made between editions, but in some subjects, such as medicine or law, it is important for your reading to stay up-to-date.


Reading and Notemaking


**Critical thinking**


*University of Leeds (2019). *What is Critical Thinking?* Available at: [https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1401/academic_skills/105/critical_thinking](https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1401/academic_skills/105/critical_thinking) Accessed: 08/05/19.