

MUU44021 MUSIC & CLIMATE Viva Preparation

Overview

A viva voce examination constitutes an oral defence of your essay. It seeks to give you the opportunity to discuss your essay; provide more details about why you made particular points; and reflect on the research and writing process. It is also designed to assist you in showcasing your learning and delve into aspects of the essay that may not have been fully elucidated due to word count constraints. Additionally, it serves as practice for job interviews and postgraduate vivas.

Each viva takes place on an individual basis and will be 10-11 minutes in length.

Notes of any kind are not permitted.

Timetable

Name	Time

Preparation

The following preparation is recommended.

- **Review the Module Material**
 - Go through all the relevant module materials, including personal lecture notes, PowerPoints, and readings pertinent to your essay.
 - Ensure you have a solid understanding of the key concepts, theories, and methodologies covered in the module.
- **Review Your Essay**
 - Re-familiarise yourself with your essay and read it critically before the viva. In particular, revisit some of the material that was most influential in the development of your ideas.
 - Have a strong grasp of your essay's argument, claims, and conclusion.
 - Reflect on what you would do differently, or what you would add to or subtract from the essay in hindsight.
- **Review the Essay Feedback**
 - Be prepared to address any comments or issues raised in the feedback.

Marking Criteria

- **Knowledge and Understanding**
 - Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the module content.
 - Provides accurate and relevant responses to questions.
 - Shows depth of knowledge beyond surface-level understanding.
 - Able to apply theoretical concepts to practical scenarios.
 - Displays a deep understanding of the essay's subject matter.
- **Critical Thinking and Analysis**
 - Engages in critical analysis of concepts, theories, and arguments.
 - Evaluates different perspectives and presents well-reasoned points.
 - Demonstrates the ability to identify assumptions, strengths, and weaknesses in arguments.
 - Shows creativity and originality in responses.
- **Communication Skills**
 - Articulates ideas clearly and coherently.
 - Uses appropriate vocabulary and terminology.
 - Demonstrates effective listening skills by responding thoughtfully to questions.
- **Engagement and Participation**
 - Demonstrates preparedness and engagement with the subject matter.
 - Engages in meaningful dialogue and demonstrates a high level of academic maturity.
- **Organisation and Structure**
 - Presents responses in a logical and organised manner.
 - Provides concise and focused answers to questions.