**Skills cloud 1: Different courses, different skills**

For your course and circumstances, you may not need to use all of the Academic, People, Task and Self-Management skills outlined in Chapter 1 – it varies depending on your course. This is exemplified by the ‘skills clouds’ below. On these, the font size indicates the relative importance of the skill to each course. Consider:

* What kind of course do you think is represented by each cloud? Write your responses below each skills cloud, and then check your answers overleaf.
* Which skills would stand out most on a skills cloud for your own course? Use your thoughts to complete Skills cloud 2: skills for my course

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| ***Course 1***Analysing data Maths skills Applying formulae Describing results Observation Taking precise notes Recording details accurately Writing essays Working collaboratively on experiments Presenting results to a group Reading research papers Group wiki Understanding scientific methods Writing a dissertation Writing research reports Group project reports Understanding and using theory |
| Course? |
| ***Course 2***Listening in lectures Writing essays Revision and exam skills Memory skills Groupwork Writing style Using source materials Thinking critically about texts Presenting a seminar Reading Note-making Using a range of source materials Managing independent study Contributing to seminars Technology skills |
| Course? |
| ***Course 3***Researching other people’s practice Making presentations Technical skills Working with clients Writing group blogs Giving and receiving criticism Group discussions Reading Writing essays Time management Studio work Portfolio work Using numbers Managing projects |
| Course? |
| ***Course 4***Writing reports Writing essays Project work with clients Field work Communicating with a wide range of people Interviewing skills Making decisions and recommendations Thinking critically about texts Revision and exam skills Thinking critically about data Reading Listening in lectures Managing independent study time Presenting data Note-making Contributing to groups |
| Course? |

**Answers**

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| **Course 1** | This kind of skill profile is typical of science courses such as chemistry, physics, biology, sports sciences, engineering, psychology, zoology, etc. |
| **Course 2** | This kind of skill profile is typical of arts and humanities courses such as history, English, theology, philosophy, etc. |
| **Course 3** | This kind of skill profile is typical of arts, design-based, studio-based and performing arts courses such as fine art, printing, photography, film, graphic design, sculpture, fashion, dance, music, etc. |
| **Course 4** | This kind of skill profile is typical of business courses, and some computer science, statistics and data analysis courses. |