

TOP 10 TIPS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Apply these tips to help you get the most out of your online learning.

1 Familiarise yourself with the course structure

Familiarise yourself with where you can find course materials, timings of sessions and how to access your teaching timetable.

[How to access your timetable](#)

2 Organise your study time

Create yourself a termly and weekly timetable, and study at your most optimum times. Having a set routine is crucial to effective study.

[Make a study timetable](#)

3 Engage with the recorded content and reading

Download slides in advance, watch videos without pausing and take active notes. After watching the recorded content make sure you revisit any content that you did not understand.

[Taking notes from videos](#)

4 Engage actively in live sessions

Be prepared to participate in live sessions by reading course material in advance. Your tutors want to know your views, so be prepared to contribute, share your views and support your peers.

[Getting the most from lectures and seminars](#)

5 Look after yourself and keep well

When you feel unsure, stressed or have low mood, it can be hard to maintain an optimistic outlook. To stay well, be kind to yourself, take regular breaks from studying and celebrate the progress you make each day, no matter how small. To boost your mood, take time to do something you know you enjoy.

For more ideas, join a [Life Tools](#) webinar or read the [blog](#).

6 Understand your assessments

Make sure you read your assessment brief fully before beginning any research. Take a note of the question title, marking criteria and links to the learning outcomes.

[Get help with assessments](#)

7 Make online learning work for you

Online learning can have many benefits. To make the most of these: ensure you have a set routine; work at your optimum time; take regular breaks and set yourself clear goals.

[How to study at home](#)

8 Ask for support early on

We all need a bit of help sometimes. Remember asking for help shows signs of strength and resourcefulness. Links to our service and others are available here

[Seek support.](#)

9 Successfully communicate as you learn online

Be considerate of others when you communicate. Learn how to communicate effectively in an online classroom with our netiquette guide.

[How to communicate online](#)

10 Know your digital tools

Staying focused when studying and revising can be challenging at the best of times, and likely to be more so under the current conditions. If the home environment is proving distracting, why not investigate apps designed to keep you focused and working productively? Alternatively, you could save time by checking out the Study Advisers' favourite digital tools.

[How to use digital tools](#)