

Getting Started with your Study: the essentials

This guide introduces the key documents you will need to know about. You will find all of these on NILE.

Learning outcomes:

- What you are supposed to learn in the module as shown in the module guide.
- Use to evaluate your learning and guide your independent study.

Module guide:

- Introduces the aims and principles of the module; includes module outline, reading lists, and assignment briefs for the entire course.
- Use this to find out what to do when.

Module outline:

- The topics and order of each lecture and seminar; any guest lecturers or other events.
- Use this to help you prepare for classes and get familiar with challenging topics, terminology and bring what you need.

Reading lists:

- Assigned required reading, specific chapters or articles for particular sessions, OR two or three books for the whole module.
- May include extra, optional reading suggestions.
- Use this to find out what to read every week and keep up to date.

Assignment briefs:

- Guidance for assignments. Tell you what to do, how to do it, roughly how you will be marked, and what NOT to do.
- Either in the module guide at beginning; or later in class materials.
- Read to plan your time, research and writing process.

Criteria:

- How you will be marked on an assignment.
- General criteria for each level across the university, or specific rubrics for a particular assignment.

Undergraduate / Postgraduate Handbook:

- Find out about your programme structure, which modules you need to take, assessment grading, etc.
- Check the Award Map and Module Framework to check you are on track.
- Get this from the Student Hub.

Support available

- Academic support about subject: Personal Academic Tutor.
- Develop academic/study skills: [Learning Development](#)

- Locate & use library resources: the [Academic Librarian team](#).
- Additional learning needs: [ASSIST](#).
- Other - ask someone and we'll find a way to support you.