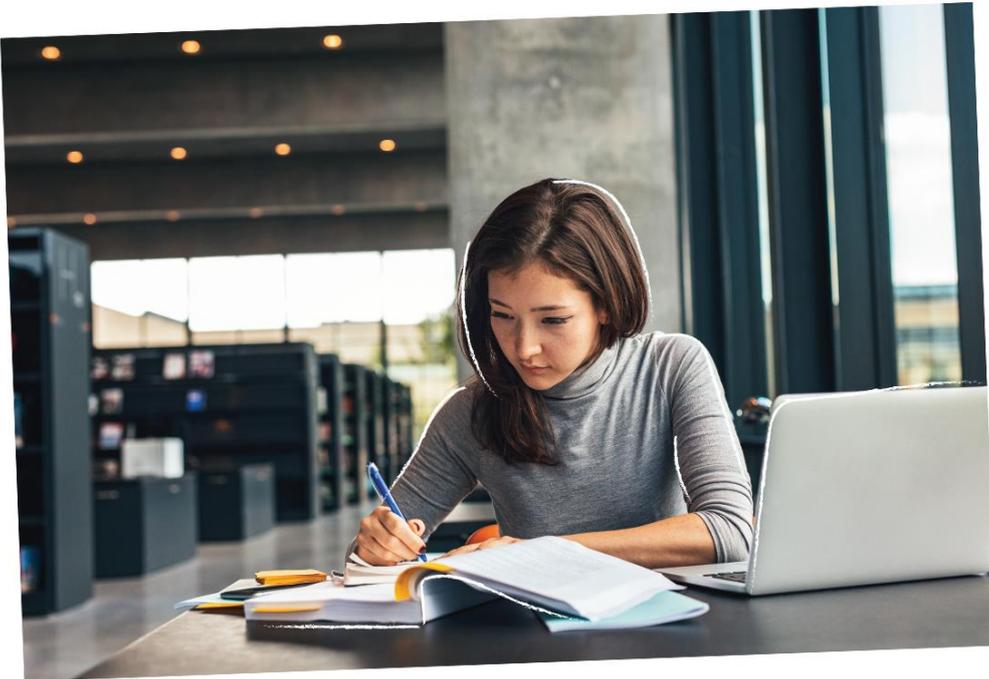


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## The difference between school and university

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The main difference between school and university is that nobody is made to do something they don't want to do. You are invited to take part. You are treated as an adult which means that you make your own decisions. While you are expected to attend lectures as this is the most important part of your learning, this is your responsibility.



The materials you need for your module will be made available to you through an online learning management system like Moodle or perhaps Google Classroom. This means that information such as presentations, research articles, PDF's, links to videos, podcasts and audio files will be available to you online for you to access when you need them. It is important that you understand how to use this system. You will be shown how to use it at induction.

You are expected to complete the coursework and assessments that are part of each module. You must pass the assessments to progress through the degree. The difference between school and university is that this is your responsibility. No one will check to see if you completed the work. This does not mean that there is no help available but it will be up to you to inform your lecturer, or your Year Head if you have questions or need help or more time to complete a piece of work. They will advise you of your options and direct you to additional help if you need it. Your lecturer is the first person you should contact about your coursework and/or assessment.

You can also register with the Disabilities Office or other support networks and services in the university. You will be told about these at induction and information will also be available on the university website. These supports and services are there for each student and most students will avail of student support and academic supports during their time studying. It is important that you communicate with friends, academic staff and the people working in these supports. They are there to help. You will find that most university support services have one or two people dedicated to your programme or faculty. It is good to get to know them and for them to get to know you too.



Most universities have a code of conduct for staff and students. All agree to be polite, respectful and understanding of each other.