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## Starting your course is a big step

Maybe you've just left college. Maybe you took a gap year. Or maybe you fancied a change from the 9-5. Whatever your story, don't worry. We're going to make sure you fulfil your potential.

There might be hurdles along the way. But rest assured, you'll get all the support you need to succeed with your studies.

## A sneak peek into university study

Our style of teaching and assessment may be different to what you're used to.

Don't panic! Our guide will help you understand how teaching and assessments work here, and give you an idea of the skills that will lead to your success.

[Prepare yourself for university study](#)

## Where to find your course materials

myUWE is your online student portal. You'll use it to access Blackboard, teaching and exam timetables, your university emails and your library account.

Blackboard is where you'll find everything to do with your course, such as module handbooks and lecture notes. Some of your taught sessions that have been recorded through our [event capture](#) system will also be available there, so that you can review them again in your own time.

Log in to myUWE

## More than just books

Resources for your subject, e-journals, past exam papers, study skills training - our libraries have it all.

Our staff will help you find what you need. And even better? Our [Ask a Librarian](#) live chat is available 24/7, so if you're not on campus you won't miss out.

See what the Library has to offer

## Develop the skills you need to succeed

Confused by referencing? Panic at the thought of presentations? Struggling with time management?

With online guides, videos, workshops and one-to-one support sessions, we'll help you conquer those pesky study skills.

Improve your study skills

## Student Reps represent your voice

You can talk to them about issues with your course and they'll work with staff to improve things.

Reps are usually elected at the start of term and anyone can put themselves forward. Could it be you?

[Find out what Reps do](#)

## Our second-year superstars

We've got a great group of second year students known as PAL Leaders (PAL stands for Peer Assisted Learning). They'll help you master concepts covered in your modules - after all, they did them last year!

And it's not just your course they can help with - PAL Leaders also run academic success, emotional resilience and careers and employability workshops.

[How can our PAL Leaders help you?](#)

## Space to study

Need a room for a group project? Need somewhere quiet when the library is full? Need a computer or a laptop?

Book study spaces online or just turn up.

[Find a study space](#)

## Free Microsoft Office and document storage

You have access to [Office 365](#) through your university email account (look for the link in the top left hand corner).

Office 365 has online versions of Word, Excel and PowerPoint built in, plus 1TB of secure online storage through OneDrive. That means you can access your documents anywhere in the world - no more lost memory sticks!

It also allows you to download Microsoft Office **for free** on up to five of your personal devices.

Access Office365 through your emails

## IT support 24/7

If you've got an IT problem, call **0117 32 83612** at any time of day (even weekends and evenings). It's the quickest way to get help and it doesn't matter if you're on campus or not.

Check our hassle-free guide to IT at UWE Bristol

## The small print

Our [academic regulations and procedures](#) are in place to make sure you're all treated fairly. You agree to them as part of your registration.

We know they can be tricky to understand, so the best thing to do if you've got any questions about your studies is to contact an [Information Point](#). You can also pick up an Academic Survival Guide at the main [registration event](#).

## And remember, we're here to help

If you're struggling with your course or can't meet a deadline, please ask for help. There are lots of things we can do to make things better so that you can get on and enjoy your course.

Contact an [Information Point](#) for advice - the earlier we know about a problem the faster we can fix it for you.



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What's on

## HELPING YOU SUCCEED

**AYRDEN POCOCK**

VP Education



Hi, I'm Ayrden, your VP Education. I'm here to campaign for and deliver on all the educational issues that matter to you throughout the year, both locally at UWE Bristol and nationally. This can range from the curriculum, to course costs, assessments and more.

At The Students' Union, we represent your academic interests in many ways:

### [Academic societies](#)

Enhancing your studies, expanding your experiences and increasing your employability.

### [Student Ideas](#)

Creating meaningful change because of you.

### [Advice Centre](#)

Supporting you when you need it most.

### [Student Reps](#)

Constantly shaping your course based on your feedback.

## Quick links

» [myUWE](#)

» [Academic advice](#)

## Contact us

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» Study support

» Term dates

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## Dynamic content

### Undergraduate students

## Meet your Academic Personal Tutor

They'll help you review your progress and identify goals so that you can get the most out of your studies.

You'll be able to find out who your Academic Personal Tutor is through the myUWE Courses tab.

How can my Academic Personal Tutor help?