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The University of Kent has a Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) which helps students at all levels (from Foundation to PhD) to develop the study, assignment and revision skills needed to succeed in their subject area.

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AREAS OF SUPPORT

We offer guidance on a range of topics, such as:

Study skills

Time management; getting the most from lectures and seminars; reading and notetaking; independent learning; thinking critically; studying online; teamworking.

University top tip

Take control of your time and materials

You can only control it if you can see it, so use time planners to manage your time and files and folders to organise your work and course materials.

For free time-planners:

www.kent.ac.uk/student-learning-advisory-service

Assignment skills

Referencing and avoiding plagiarism; researching, reading and note-taking; academic writing and language; paragraph writing; reflective writing; analysis and developing arguments; presentation techniques (verbal and visual); using charts and diagrams; maths and stats.

University top tip

Experiment with note-taking

Find a way of recording key information and ideas quickly. Remember, notes are only as good as what you do with them, so don't file and forget them, ensure you use them to aid understanding, research, memory, revision etc.

For note-taking tips:

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Completing assignments

Planning, writing and editing essays, reports (including science reports), research projects, dissertations, book and literature reviews; developing project proposals; creating and delivering presentations.

University top tip

Start your own subject dictionary

Create your own subject-specific glossary of terms and definitions. Record any words you don't understand and find out their meaning.

Assessments and exams

Learning from feedback; revision, planning and strategies; exam techniques and strategies; writing essays in exams; managing exam stress.

University top tip

Learn from feedback

Read it, make sure you understand it (seek advice if required), then turn it into a checklist to help improve your academic performance.



HOW WE PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT

Workshops

We run an online (Bitesize) programme of study, assignment and revision skills development sessions, which are available daily throughout the term. The programme consists of short standalone sessions lasting 15-30 minutes on different topics; all you need to do is choose a session, click a link and join. In a session you will experience a live presentation covering strategies, examples and tips on specific study or assignment skills relevant to your subject area, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

Appointments

We offer free and friendly 45-minute individual tutorials delivered either face-to-face in person or online, where you can discuss any aspect of your learning with a member of our team. You can seek advice from a range of tutors:

- Learning Advisers (for all study skills, assignments and exams)
- Royal Literary Fund Fellows (for written assignments only)
- Maths and Stats Tutors (for maths, financial maths and statistics).

Online resources

We provide a variety of online resources to help every student at Kent, whether studying online or on-campus. These include:

- A comprehensive range of study guides on all aspects of learning and assignments
- A series of video tutorials guiding you through the stages of planning, researching and writing assignments
- Useful assignment and time management tools such as term-planners
- Links to additional external learning resources.

CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact us or browse our webpages for further information about how we might help you with your studies.

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