Supporting success AT THE University of Huddersfield

Information for families and friends

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Here’s some information to help you get started

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This guide explains what is expected from students and how university is different from school or college.

Find more detail on all of these topics at hud.ac.uk/supporting-success

Helping students to succeed

We know that student success requires:

- High attendance
- Preparing for sessions and background reading
- Regular and disciplined independent study times
- Time spent in the Library and study spaces using Library resources
- Responsibility for own progress
- Building networks of contacts
- Participating in university life.

Families and friends can play a part in understanding and supporting a student to achieve these.

Individual timetables are always available online and our students are expected to manage their own independent study time.

Lessons and lectures

Students attend different kinds of study sessions, such as formal lectures, group seminars, discussion groups, workshops, practicals, supervised and independent activities, one-to-one tutorials and group tutorials.

Some of these are regular weekly sessions and others are one-off activities. Attendance at all sessions is really important and there are plenty of independent study spaces, such as the University Library, to prepare and study for lectures and seminars.

Remember, our students need to:

- Know the timetable
- Attend all classes
- Find a regular independent study space.
Study time

Students will spend much more time in independent study at University than they did at school or college and are responsible for using their own initiative.

The University has great facilities for on-campus study and academic librarians are there during the day for advice. At home regular quiet spaces and time will be needed to complete work.

Skills achieved in retrieving information, finding evidence, forming arguments and analysing data will prepare students for professional life after graduation.

New friends and opportunities

All our students have lots to offer the University community and those beyond it.

Active engagement with teams helps with academic and employment opportunities and that’s why we encourage students to:
  - Take on responsibilities like becoming a student ambassador or course representative
  - Volunteer at events held by the University
  - Actively extend friendship groups to broaden networks.

There are opportunities to share and explore ideas with people from across the UK and around the world – all have different and valuable skills and experiences.

Working towards a career

Work placements make a big difference to employment prospects and academic performance. Students should be encouraged and supported to take advantage of these opportunities. Students can:
  - Get help with their CV and receive ongoing support from careers advisors
  - Plan and search for possible work placements during the second year
  - Meet graduate recruiters through jobs fairs and the University’s Rising Star programme.

Huddersfield is a top 10 University in England for paid work placement years in industry.*

The Library offers:

- More than 350,000 books
- More than 500,000 e-books and academic journals
- 954 silent/quiet/group study spaces
- 24-hour computer rooms open all year with 513 computers
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*(HESA Student Record 15/16).
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Data Protection
University students are adults – so unlike school or college, universities cannot provide families, carers or friends with details of their progress, or any personal details.

We cannot let you know if we are worried about their progress. Families and friends at home may need to encourage the student to discuss their progress with them.

Visit us
Student family and friends are very welcome to come and look around the University.

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Find out more at hud.ac.uk/supporting-success