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Language and Learning at UniSA

Learning and Teaching Unit (LTU)
Overview

• Adapting to a different place
  Online environment
  Time management
  Referencing
  Academic Language

• Accessing services
Top 5 challenges

- Financial difficulty
- Time management
- Work and Study balance
- Managing Relationships
- Adjusting to university life
Strategies for Success
Online learning
• Familiarise yourself with the course information and resources for each course

• Check email regularly, and follow online discussions and notices

• For an introduction: Online@UniSA
Managing your time and workload
Study period

Using the study period planner

Mark in the teaching weeks for your courses

Mark in all assignments from every course and what they’re worth

Mark in times you can’t study
Week

Using the weekly planner

Calculate the total number of hours you will need per week for study

Mark in your contact time for each course (seminars, tutorials etc) and your typical weekly commitments (work, sport, family, travel, sleep, shopping, cooking)

Organise study time around those other commitments
How much time for study?

For each 4.5 unit course, a study period of 10 weeks involves:
10–12 hours of study per week (this includes contact and non contact time)

Full time study (4 courses) = 40+ hours per week (i.e. equal to a full-time job)
Referencing

Whenever you use someone else’s ideas you must acknowledge this using a referencing system.

For guidance on referencing, visit unisa.edu.au/Referencing
Academic language

New vocabulary – Disciplinary words; ‘Australian’ words
Expectation of high level English – take every opportunity to listen, speak, read and write in English.

Use Inclusive language

For more assistance see the L3 Resources hub
Don’t bury your head in the Sand!

Be proactive
Ask …

Family & friends
UniSA academic and School staff

Learning and Teaching Unit (LTU)
Library
Campus Central
USASA
Contact LTU

- Disability or medical condition affecting your ability to study?
- Guidance on finding part time work & career planning?
- Developing skills for learning at UniSA - assignments, writing, referencing, exams?
- Personal matters affecting your study?
- Find out about living in Australia, Visa, health cover and other queries
Language and Learning at UniSA

- Visit unisa.edu.au/L3 for L3 Student Resources Hub
- The library has resources at http://guides.library.unisa.edu.au/EnglishLanguageResources
- Access online guides to assessment tasks and academic skills in your division
- Workshops in some divisions
- Make an appointment with a Language and Learning Adviser: Ph: 8302 0022 / 1300 656 377 email: ltu@unisa.edu.au
What to do next

• Finalise your enrolment
• Look at the Learnonline sites for your courses
• Plan your week using the planners
• Meet some more new students next week
• Get settled into accommodation and explore Adelaide