



Transitioning to Post-Graduate Study?

Here are some tips to ensure you make the most out of your post-graduate course!

Reflection

- Reflect on your undergraduate course
- What did you study?
- What have you learnt about the subject?
- Which skills have you developed the most?
- Which skills do you want to develop further?
- If you have been out of study for some time and are looking to continue on to a post-graduate course:
 - What have you learnt while you were not in study?
 - Were you working? If so, what experience do you have that can help you complete this course?

Selecting your post-graduate course

- Set out clear career goals and select a course which will help you achieve this career!
- Attend open days to learn more about the course and to speak with course tutors!
- Speak with previous students from that course to gain more insight!
- Apply early and give yourself time to prepare for the course!
- Look out for scholarships and bursaries available to help you fund your course!
- Living away from home? Start looking at student accommodation as early as possible!
- Would you be more suited to a Full-time or Part-time course?

Goal Setting

- Why do you want to undertake this post-graduate course?
- Will this help you achieve your desired career?
- What skills are you hoping to develop from this course and how will you use them?
- Set your self a career plan to follow and how you will achieve this!

Time Management

- Always plan ahead of time!
- Don't leave assignments and revision until the last minute!
- Pace yourself and keep a plan to follow - make sure you follow this plan!
- Speak to your tutors if you are struggling to keep up... there is always a solution!
- Make time for your personal life - you need to enjoy this journey!

Research

- Researching is a big part of any post-graduate course...
- Use the most of the library and online resources to vary your research material
- Read the course handbook for any research suggestions
- Speak to your tutors for any additional material which can help you research
- Make a note of what you have researched and how this can help you understand your course subject in more detail

Look for support if you need it

There is nothing wrong in looking for support... we all did at one point!

If you require support during your post-graduate course, you can contact:

Students Union, Careers Service, Student Advisors, Library, Societies, Tutors and even your Peers!

Keep up-to-date with the news!

Recent news can help you in completing assignments or exams as you will have an updated knowledge on current situations!

News can inform you on topics which may have not been previously researched... you can impress your tutors!

And always... REMAIN POSITIVE!

Remember... you are on a journey to improve yourself and to take the next step into reaching your goals, so enjoy the journey! The University of Bolton will be there to support you at any stage of your course so don't be afraid to ask for it if you need it!

Stay happy and remain positive!

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