

Transition to University & Study Skills Resources

Introducing Oxford

Guided Audio Tour of Oxford	Audio tour with current undergraduates	A great introduction to key buildings, colleges, and the history of the city.
Oxford Glossary	Document	A list of Oxford University terminology.
Coping with Freshers' Week	Podcast 9 mins 29 seconds	Practical advice on Freshers' Week and beyond.

Study Skills

[Subject specific advice from departments](#)

General information

Tutorials	Video	An explanation of how tutorials work for different subjects, what to do to prepare and how to make the most of them.
What to expect from a tutorial	Written information	
General advice on studying effectively at oxford	Video	A recording of an online Q&A with Dr Margaret Coombe, Director of the oxford Study Skills Centre.
Jumpstart University Hub	Written information, video material and short courses	Various resources including short courses to support students making the transitions to university, both general and subject-specific.
Study Skills and Training	Written Information	University web page covering a range of general study skills for shorter pieces of work, dissertations, reading, note-taking, referencing and revision.
Oxford Study Centre Skills Recommended reading	Written Information	Examples of useful books to help with academic writing and critical thinking.
Freshers' E Guide	Written information	Pages 7-21 of this guide contain useful information about approaching reading, note taking, solving a set of problems, citing references, and getting the most out of lectures and tutorials.
Disability Advisory Service	DAS	Teaching adjustments, study technology, exams, and assessment support and more.

Reading

General Advice on Managing reading	Written Information	Advice about different reading skills and approaches to several types of resources.
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Research and Library Skills	Making effective use of libraries	Includes a guide for undergraduates and video about how to make the best use out of the libraries in Oxford.
Using Reading Lists	Video	Oxford Study Skills Centre
Getting Started with reading	Written information	
Reading Using various sources	Written information	Covers using material such as online resources and material other than books.
Summer reading tips	Written information Video 6 mins 30 seconds	Advice about how to tackle long reading lists.
Guide to reading and note taking	Written information	A help guide about active reading and note-making.

Making Notes

Making Notes	Written Information and Video	Key points for successful note-taking.
Examples of note making	Explanation of Cornell method of note making with template	The Cornell Method of note-making designed for lectures and classes.
Using Mind maps to make notes	Video 5 minutes	Video on how to create a mind map.
How to make the most of recorded Lectures for study and Revision	Written information	

Writing

Essay Writing Guide	Written Information	Includes general advice and more specific advice for Humanities, Life Sciences and Social Sciences students.
Planning and Structuring an Essay	Written Information	
Structuring an Essay	video 2 mins 32 seconds	How to structure your essay - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Example of an Essay Structure	Written Material	
Essay writing	video 2 min 41 seconds	Practical Tips on how to approach essays questions - Oxford study Skills Centre.
Extended Essays	Video 2 mins 15 seconds	Practical advice planning and organising about extended writing tasks - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Using Evidence	Video 2 mins 12 seconds	Explanations of how to use evidence within an essay - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Essay Introductions	Video 1 min 38 seconds	Approaches to writing an introduction - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Essay Conclusions	Video 1 min 46 seconds	Approaches to writing a conclusion - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Referencing	Written Information	

Avoiding Plagiarism	Online course	Online course on how to avoid plagiarism available to students at Oxford
Plagiarism	Written information	Advice about how to avoid plagiarism

Revision

Revision and Study Skills Strategies-oxford Study Skills Centre Soundbites	Short video series	Oxford Study Skills Centre series of videos covering revision, use of time, planning downtime, managing distractions, coping with deadlines, creating targets and advice about planning and structuring essays.
Revision Tips	Written information	Specific advice about tackling revision for Humanities, Social Sciences and Medicine. More general advice on managing anxiety, dealing with exam day and any problems with an exam.

Time Management

Time Management	Video 4 minutes 36 seconds	Practical Strategies
Effective use of time	Video 2 minutes 21 seconds	Oxford Study Skills Centre
Making use of Empty tasks	Video 1 minutes 48 seconds	Suggestions on how to reduce the cognitive load by making use of empty tasks - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Dealing with distractions	Video 2 minutes 44 seconds	Practical tips on managing distractions - Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Managing Deadlines	Video 2 minutes 44 seconds	Practical advice about managing short and long deadlines - Oxford Study Skills centre.
Targets	Video 2 minutes 23 seconds	Using targets to focus the type learning involved in different tasks- Oxford Study Skills Centre.
Other related videos from Oxford Study Skills Centre Playlist	Video Series	Series of short video each focusing on a specific aspect of managing time and tasks to ensure students are studying effectively and enjoying their university experience.

