

Responsibilities

The process of learning involves a sharing of responsibilities between you and the College of Science and Engineering. The College will provide you with the facilities and support you need in order to learn, but your learning can only be successful if you accept responsibility for it, and manage your own studies effectively.

The College of Science and Engineering is responsible for providing you with the means to learn. We will

- help you to learn, by providing lectures, laboratories, tutorials and other opportunities for learning
- advise you on how to make best use of these learning opportunities
- help you to plan your academic career at the University, and to prepare you for your life after university.
- assess your accomplishment in each of your courses: to give you our view of your achievement; to determine whether you may proceed to the next stage; and (in third and subsequent years) to determine the class of degree you will be awarded
- be receptive to your comments on how learning opportunities might be improved.

You are responsible for your own learning. You should

- consider how you can best make use of the learning opportunities to attain the learning outcomes¹ of the course, and to meet your personal objectives
- decide for yourself how to make use of the various resources (formal teaching, electronic resources, textbooks) available to you; this will probably depend on your personal preferences and your own circumstances (for example, work commitments or disability)
- manage your own time effectively, and prioritise competing demands within and beyond your courses
- monitor, and reflect on, your own progress during the course by carrying out the self-assessment exercises that are made available to you; you will probably find the E-portfolio system helpful in doing this
- develop a self-awareness about your own levels of engagement and professionalism in relation to your courses
- give feedback to staff on the effectiveness of the various course elements.

We realise that the level of responsibility you are asked to take at University may be greater than in your previous learning experiences. We aim to make this transition as smooth as possible but if you require additional guidance do let us know. You can also seek advice about learning at this level from the University's study development adviser (for information on this service see - <http://www.tla.ed.ac.uk/> under 'for students').

¹ The "learning outcomes" are the knowledge and skills you should acquire; these are specified in the course booklet and in the Degree Regulations and Programmes of Study (DRPS).