

LEARNING IN THE DIGITAL ERA



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MODULE INTRODUCTION



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Welcome to the module: Learning in the Digital Era

The aim of the module is:

To develop your skills for independent study and life-long learning, which will form the foundations for successful completion of your degree programme and support future career opportunities.

Upon the successful completion of this module, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate the foundational skills required to be a resilient and healthy independent learner.
- Practise the principles of learning agility.
- Use suitable technology to support and enhance your learning experience within the discipline area.



WAX ON - WAX OFF



Click on the image to play a video clip.



Figure 1: THE SECRET TO SUCCESS – WAX ON, WAX OFF
(Image Source: Think, Be Do Leadership, 2017)

Did you notice what was going on in the movie clip?

Much like Daniel in The Karate Kid movie, when he is told to wax cars and paint fences, some of the learning on this module might seem like it is a waste of time, as it does not appear directly related to the topic you signed up to study. Just like waxing cars didn't have much to do with Karate, so Daniel thought.

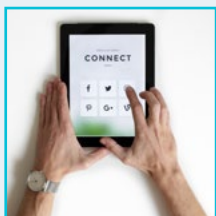
However, what he was learning were the foundational techniques that would lead to him lifting the trophy at the end of the movie.

Similarly, the techniques you will learn about in this module, will form the foundations for successful completion of your degree.

Learning to think and write critically, reference accurately to avoid plagiarism, use appropriate technology to support learning, reflect on learning and work as an effective team member are all skills essential to the successful completion of your degree.

Developing resilience, learning agility, and staying physically and mentally healthy are also fundamental to your success and form a key part of the learning on the module.

The module is broken down into 4 units:



Becoming an Independent Learner



Becoming a Lifelong Learner



Becoming a Digital Learner



Becoming a Team Player

Each unit contains **up to 10 hours of activity** for you to work through, with a tutor there to support and guide you when required. In addition, there will be 8 hours of virtual lessons with your module tutor.

The module consists of two assessments, an e-portfolio and a video with supporting document, which you will find in the Module Handbook.

Navigating Through the Module

On the Moodle page you will find a number of tiles containing resources to support your learning on the module.

As you work through the module you should keep a look out for the following icons:



Clicking on this icon will reveal helpful information and guidance relating to the content of the slide.



This icon indicates and approximate amount of time it should take you to complete a session or activity.



This icon opens a link to an external resource in a new browser window.



When you see this icon you **MUST** complete the indicated activity in order to complete the topic and gain module credits.



This icon indicates you should take notes using your chosen method or as directed in the activity description.



When you see the Level-Up icon you are directed to additional material or stretch activities related to the module topics.

Completion of activities will earn you marks towards the participation element of the assessment.

You can check your progress via the completion bar on the module tile and by looking out for the green tick next to Moodle activity.



This icon indicates you have completed an activity you have been directed to do. Completing specified several activities will earn you badges as you progress through the module. Collect all of the badges to get full marks for the participation element of the assessment.

In this module there are three badges for you to collect.



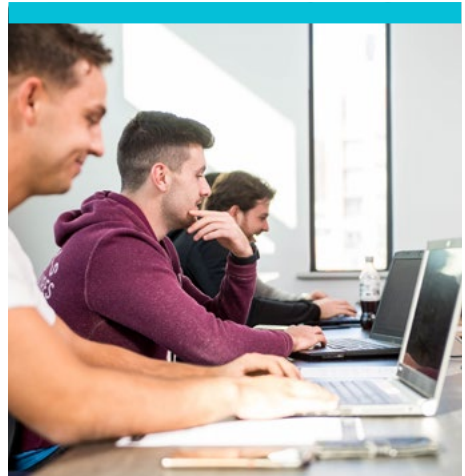
The discussion badge is awarded for participating in the group forum discussions. To earn this badge you must contribute to discussions and comment on the contributions of others.



The blog badge is awarded for completing blogging activities.



The engagement badge is awarded for your level of engagement with the module content. To earn this badge you must work through the learning materials on the Moodle page.



Collecting all three badges that will signify you will be awarded full marks for the participation element of the assessment. Don't worry if you don't manage to collect the badges, you will still be awarded some marks based on your level of contributions to the module activities.

Everything you need you will find in the Moodle page for the module, where you will also find a question and answer forum to raise any concerns you have when progressing through the materials.

You are now ready to start your learning.

Good Luck!



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