

Frequently asked questions – Student Life – Academic

Below you'll find answers to the questions we get asked most:

What is a lecture?

A lecture is when you will sit and listen to a presentation in a large group and make notes.

Are you in lectures 9-5?

Different courses have different amounts of time you are in university. On some courses you may only be in lectures and seminars 5 hours a week where as other, you will be in 9-5 every day.

What is a seminar?

A seminar is when you work in smaller groups to discuss different topics. You are encouraged to debate and discuss what you are learning and have read about.

Will I have time to work part time?

Many students do work part time whilst at university but it completely depends on your course. It is important to find something that will allow you to keep studying as your priority.

What is a semester?

A semester is like a term in school. There are usually two or three in the year depending on the university and can vary in length.

Will I get homework?

Yes, but unlike school no one will chase you to hand it in. You will be given reading and projects that you will be required to complete over the semester.

What happens if you fail an exam?

You will be given a chance to re-sit the exam. If you fail again, or fail too many exams you may be asked to re-sit the year.

Will I get support if I have a disability?

Of course, all universities offer a wealth of support at university for anyone with a disability. More details can be found on their individual Universities' website.

You can also access more financial support by applying for the Disability Student Allowance (you can find more details of this in our finance resources. For more information, follow this [link](#)

