Students, what advice would you give one another to help with your studies in 2021?

At the end of last semester, BASES surveyed undergraduate students about their learning during COVID-19. We asked what advice they would give another student to help them prepare for their studies from January onwards.



Engage

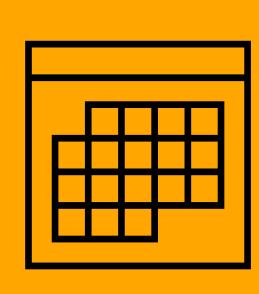
Keep up

Prepare

The survey received 104 responses from 23 institutions. The advice that students provided was typically written into a single sentence. Responses have been coded into these 4 categories. A selection of responses is included below.

Plan & Organise

- "Take frequent breaks when studying."
- "Keeping track of deadlines."
- "Form routines and stick to them."
- "It can be very overwhelming, but organisation is key."
- "Schedule a timetable for your own studies and stick to it."
- "Find what time of day you are best productive and make a routine."
- "Be organised with where you save things for all your different modules."







Engage

- "Attend online lectures and engage with the lecturer when asking questions."
- "Be patient with yourself and your lecturers and don't be afraid to ask questions there are no stupid questions!"
- "Be prepared to ask questions, and go to the lecturer for help if you need it."

 "Reach out if you need help. Do not suffer in silence.
- No question is a dumb question."

 "Engage in lectures, ask questions and enjoy the
- process."

Keep up to date with work even when online as it is

- easier to fall behind. Try to keep as motivated as possible."

 "Don't leave everything thinking you can catch up."
- "Make sure you keep up to date with all of the work each
- week so that you don't fall behind as it can become stressful, do little bits of work/revision at a time."

 "Ensure you keep up to date with your online lectures
- and interact when it is possible."

 "Keep up to date with the work, do the tasks, even if not
- assessed."



Prepare....for the journey ahead "Work hard all semester because it is hard to



- motivate yourself half way through."

 "Be prepared to increase your self motivation."
- "The work is very heavy and you need to stay on
- top of it."
- "Stay active and stay healthy, it will take a mental toll on you."



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