

# Before you come..

Prepare yourself to adjust to your new environment more easily by finding out as much as you can before you come, and identifying questions you still need answers to.

Explore all the information you have access to, including information for new students on the University of Edinburgh web site, MyEd and information from your School (web pages, mail or email, other material you may have access to, such as Learn or PebblePad).

## What will your day / week / semester / year look like?

- How many hours of set classes will you have?
- What kind? How many hours of each?
 

Lectures	Demonstrations
Tutorials	Other practicals
PALS sessions	Other classes
- How many hours of independent study should you do?
- Are there any 'events' such as placements or field trips?

In some subjects, you will not have many taught hours but you will need to do a lot of reading and independent work

## What can you find out about the kind of work you will be expected to do?

- What kind of activities will take place in your different classes?
- Will you need to prepare beforehand?
- What kinds of assignments and assessments will you have?
 

Essays	Reports
Presentations	Posters
Dissertation	Exams
Practicals	Other

## What can you find out about the content of your courses?

- Do you have choices about which courses you take?
- Do you know which topics will be covered?
- Are there any lists of suggested reading?
- Are there any online resources, tasks or advice for you?
  - There may be things on Learn or PebblePad, for example
- Are there any social networking sites connected to your course?

## Other sources of help

- Who is **your** contact person on your school's Student Support Team?
- Have you visited the EUSA (Edinburgh University Students' Association) website? <http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/>