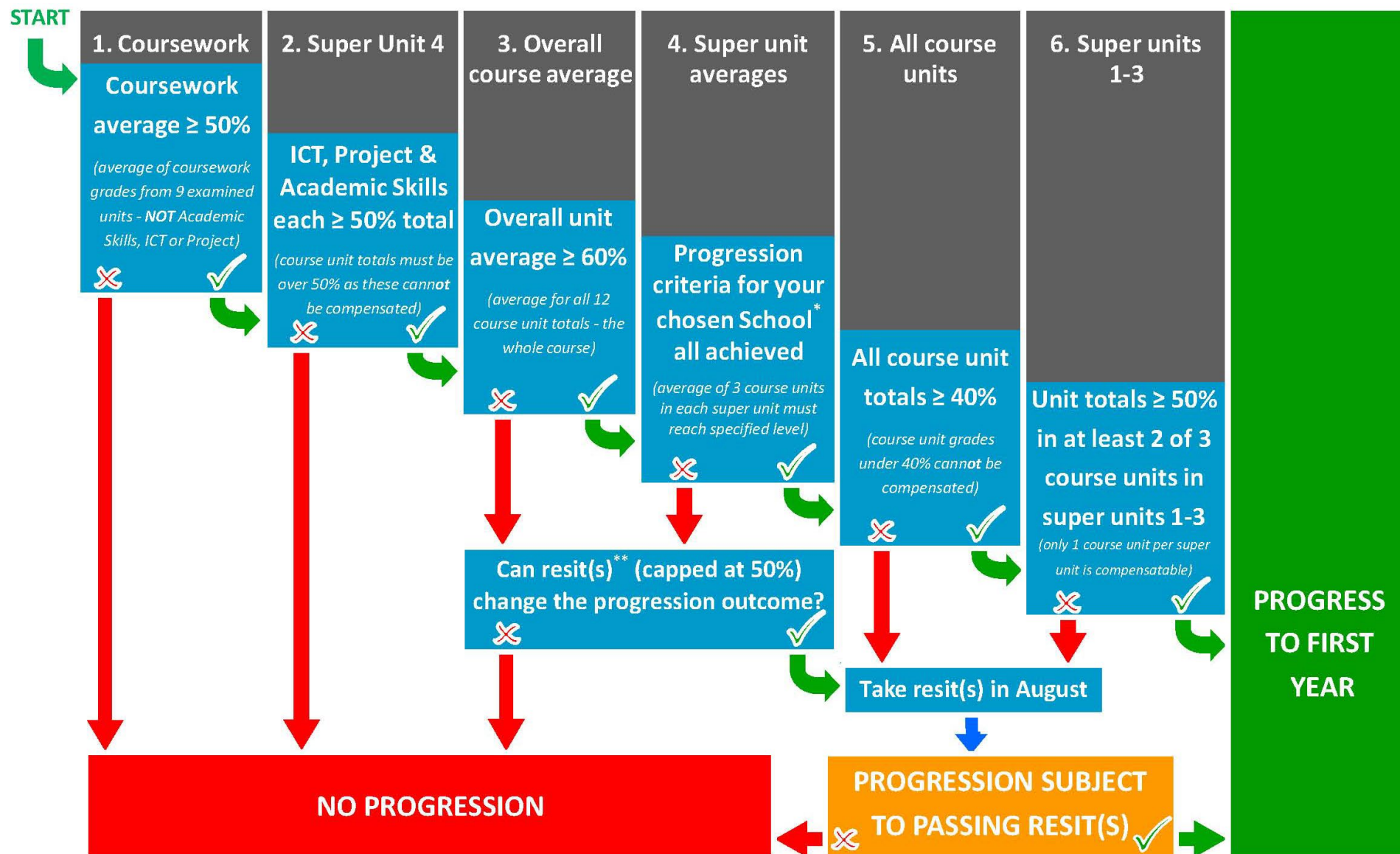


How to pass the Foundation Year

Overview/context

- you will study 12 course units, six in each semester
- your syllabus depends on your chosen degree pathway
- 9 units (maths, physics, chemistry) are assessed primarily by written examination (worth 70-80% of the unit score) at the end of the unit but also by coursework (worth 20-30%) carried throughout the semester
- 3 units (ICT, Academic Skills and Project) are continuously assessed (no terminal exam)
- each course unit is equally weighted (worth 10 credits)

How to progress to 1st year



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Integrated Foundation Year 2021-22 Super Unit Diagram

Department	Super Unit 1			SU av. needed to progress	Super Unit 2			SU av. needed to progress	Super Unit 3			SU av. needed to progress	Super Unit 4			SU av. needed to progress
Chemical Engineering	MATHS 0B/C1	MATHS 0B/C2	MATHS 0F2	70%	PHYS 1 Matter	CHEM 1	CHEM 2	70%	MATHS 0N1	MATHS 0J2	PHYS 3 Waves	70%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	70%
Computer Science, Computer Systems Engineering, Artificial Intelligence	MATHS 0B/C1	MATHS 0B/C2	MATHS 0F2	75%	OPTION 1 Phys1 Phys2 Chem1	OPTION 2 Phys1 Phys2 Chem1	Comp Thinking	60%	MATHS 0N1	MATHS 0D2	MATHS 0J2	70%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	65%
Electrical, Electronic & Mechatronic Engineering	MATHS 0B/C1	MATHS 0B/C2	MATHS 0F2	60%	PHYS 1 Matter	PHYS 2 WoE	PHYS 3 Waves	50%	MATHS 0N1	MATHS 0D2	MATHS 0J2	60%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	50%
Mechanical, Aerospace, Civil Engineering (MACE)	MATHS 0B/C1	MATHS 0B/C2	MATHS 0F2	60%	PHYS 1 Matter	PHYS 2 WoE	PHYS 3 Waves	50%	MATHS 0N1	MATHS 0D2	MATHS 0J2	60%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	50%
Chemistry	MATHS 0B1	PHYS1 Matter	MATHS 0F2	60%	CHEM 1	CHEM 2	CHEM 3	70%	MATHS 0N1	MATHS 0B/C2	PHYS 3 Waves	60%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	60%
Earth and Environmental Sciences	MATHS 0B/C1	MATHS 0B/C2	MATHS 0F2	50%	CHEM 1	CHEM 2	CHEM 3	60%	MATHS 0N1	OPTION 1 Phys1 Phys2	PHYS 3 Waves	60%	ICT	Academic Skills	Project	50%
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How to pass Foundation Year

- Attend
- Engage
- Ask
- Be confident in your ability
- Enjoy the journey



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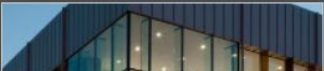



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Find out more

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MyManchester – Blackboard and Student System Links

The screenshot displays the MyManchester website. On the left is a dark purple sidebar with the University of Manchester logo and a list of navigation links: Home, My profile, My timetable, Email, My university, Tools, Email, Blackboard, eProg, My documents, My placements, Lecture podcasts, Student System, and CareerConnect. The 'Tools' link is highlighted with a blue box, and the 'Blackboard' and 'Student System' links are highlighted with yellow boxes. The main content area has a light grey header with the 'My Manchester' title and a 'Log out' button. Below the header, there are two announcement boxes. The first box contains text about a new online attendance system and a 'Find out more' button. The second box contains text about the new My Manchester for staff and a 'Go to staff view' button. At the bottom, there are three content tiles: a large image of a person crossing a street at night, a 'LEARNING' tile titled 'What to expect from your masters' with a '2 days ago' timestamp, and a 'UNIVERSITY NEWS' tile titled 'What's on in Welcome Week' with a 'More than a week' timestamp.

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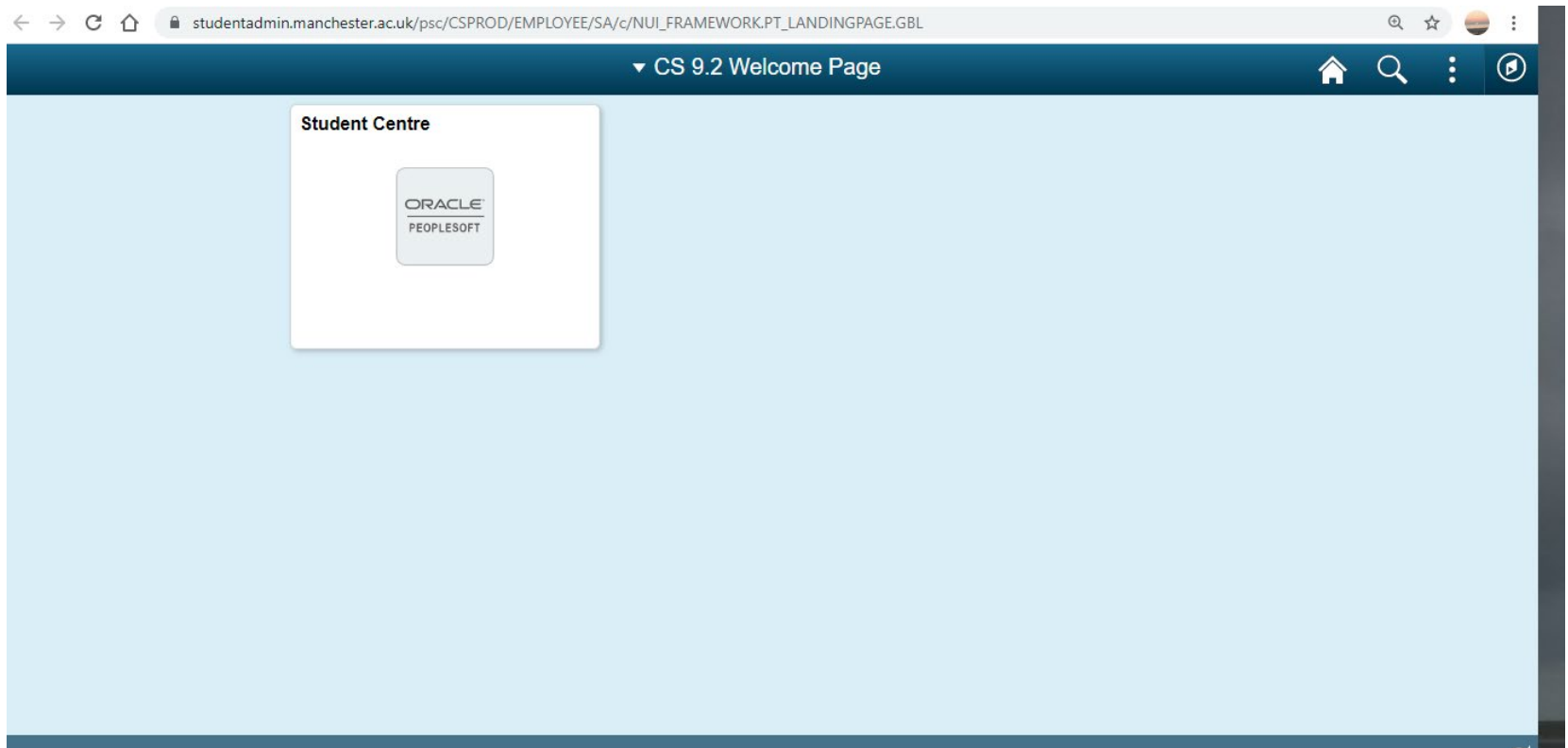
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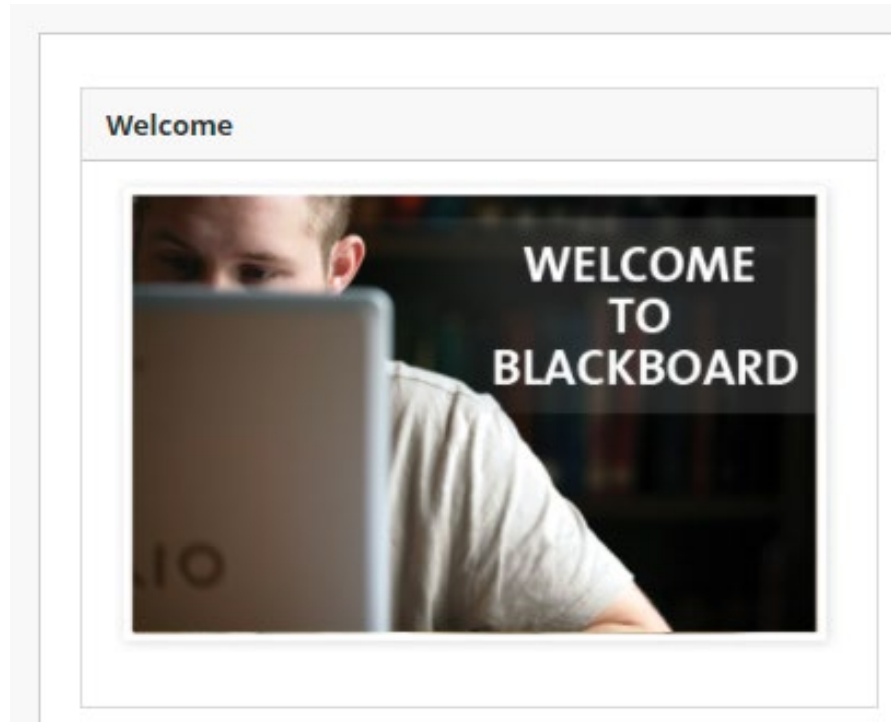
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Blackboard – Course Unit Page

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for the course 'FOUN10031 Academic Skills 2020-21 Full Year'. The top navigation bar includes the University of Manchester logo, the user name 'Lucy Filmore' with a '145' badge, and links for 'Blackboard', 'Files', and 'My Manchester'. Below this, the course title and 'Course Content' link are visible, along with an 'Edit Mode' toggle. A central banner for the 'Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences' is present. The left-hand navigation menu lists various course resources, with 'Course Content' selected. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Academic Skills Unit' message and a note about accessing course material.

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FOUN10031 Academic Skills 2020-21 Full Year Course Content

Edit Mode is: OFF

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Course Content

Welcome to the Academic Skills Unit

Course material and activities can be accessed on the left navigation bar.

FOUN10031 Academic Skills 2020-21 Full Year

- Course Content
- Introduction to Academic Skills
- Zoom links
- Staff details
- Discussion Boards
- My Grades
- Academic Skills Noticeboard
- My Group

Learning Resources

- eLearning Support
- University Library Harvard Referencing Guide
- My Learning Essentials - Online Resources
- University Library

Blackboard – Virtual Common Room

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Virtual Common Room interface for the FSE Foundation Year. At the top, a dark header bar features the University of Manchester logo on the left, the user name 'Lucy Filmore' with a '145' badge and a dropdown arrow in the center, and a power icon on the right. Below this, a navigation bar includes 'Blackboard' (highlighted with a purple underline), 'Files', and 'My Manchester'. The main content area has a sub-header 'Virtual Common Room - FSE Foundation Year' with a dropdown arrow, followed by 'VCR Noticeboard'. To the right of this is an 'Edit Mode' toggle set to 'OFF'. A left-hand sidebar contains a search icon, a home icon, and a list of links: 'Virtual Common Room - FSE Foundation Year', 'About the VCR', 'VCR Noticeboard', 'Course Information', 'Glossary', 'Tools', 'My Grades', 'Help!', 'Blackboard & IT help', 'Crucial Guide Live', 'HELM (Helping Engineers Learn Mathematics)', 'Library', and 'My Learning Essentials - the University's skills programme'. The main content area has a dark banner titled 'Foundation Year'. Below this, a box titled 'My Announcements' contains the text 'No Course or Organisation Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.' and a link 'more announcements...'. The interface is clean and modern, with a dark theme for the header and sidebar.

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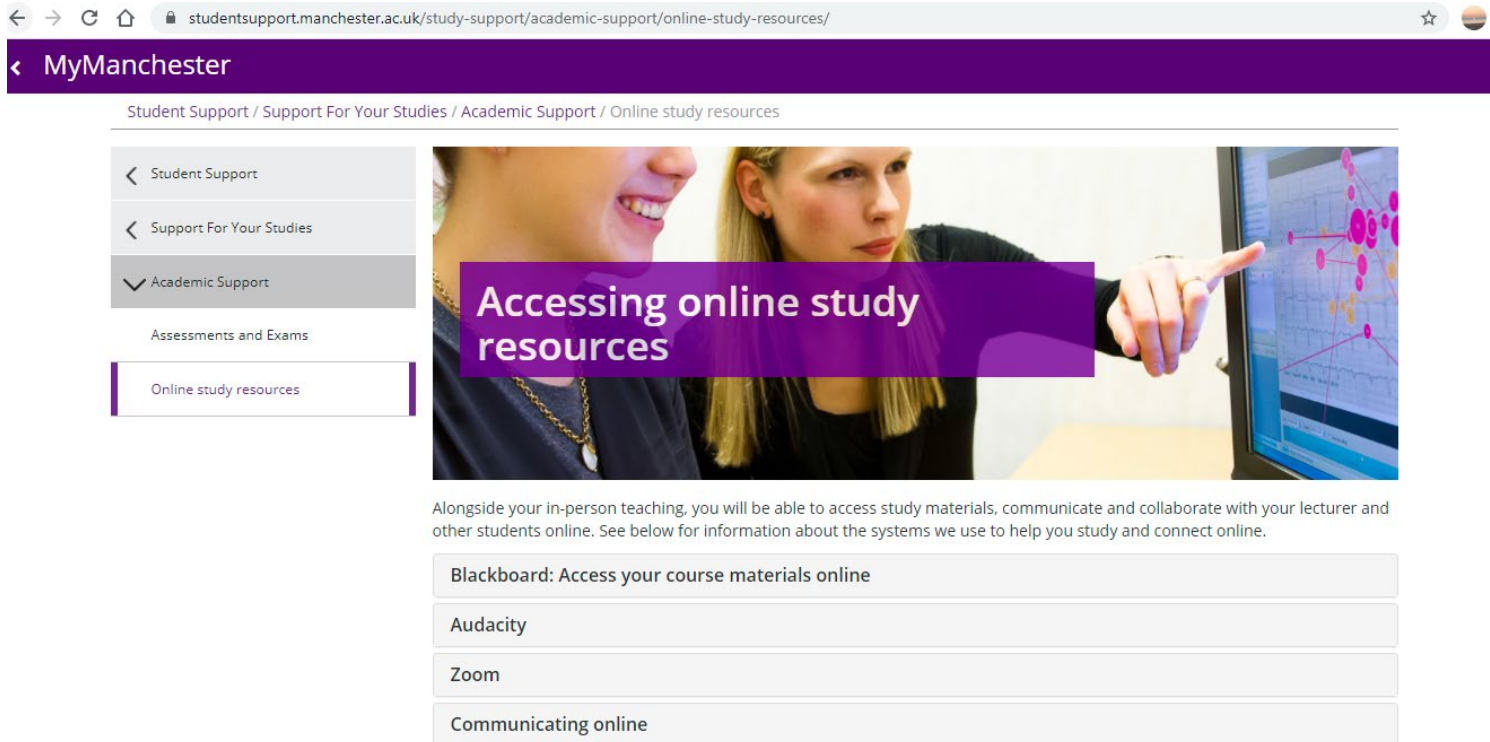
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My Announcements

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Blackboard Help – <https://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/study-support/academic-support/online-study-resources/>



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Online study resources



Accessing online study resources

Alongside your in-person teaching, you will be able to access study materials, communicate and collaborate with your lecturer and other students online. See below for information about the systems we use to help you study and connect online.

Blackboard: Access your course materials online

Audacity

Zoom

Communicating online

Tutorial Groups – will show on timetables next week

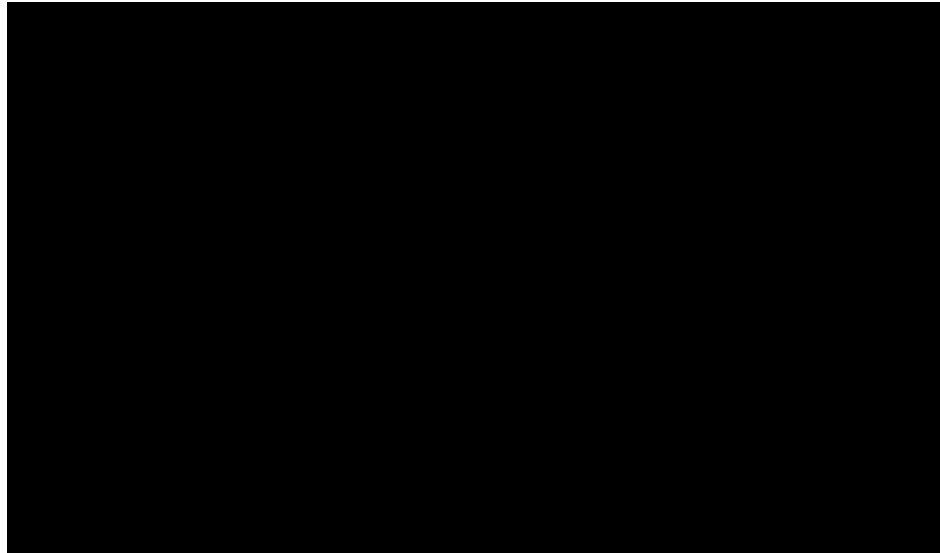


Points to remember

- Complete registration
- Regularly check your university emails
- Access MyManchester and the student system
- Access and navigate Blackboard
- Familiarise yourself with the VCR (Virtual Common Room)
- Ask us anything!

How to fail the Foundation Year

A short list of ways to fall at the first hurdle...



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Top five ways to fail the year

1. Don't attend classes
2. Don't read your emails
3. Don't ask for help
4. Don't submit coursework
5. Don't get 'the balance' right

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Top five ways to fail the year

1. Don't attend classes

“Go to every lecture no matter how many friends convince you that you don't need to.”

“Modules may seem really easy at the start so you might skip a few lectures but then the course will have moved on so quickly that you’ll have no idea what’s happening the next time you turn up.”

“Do not underestimate foundation year. It seems easy enough at first but after a few weeks all the work piles on top of each other”

“Don't underestimate foundation year. It isn't a 'repeat' of A-levels and don't expect to fly through it”

“Do not think you can take it easy, especially in semester 2”

“You can say ‘I’ll just watch the podcasts later’ all you want but cramming three weeks worth of content the night before a coursework test will do you little good.”

“Listening in lectures is just as important as attending them”



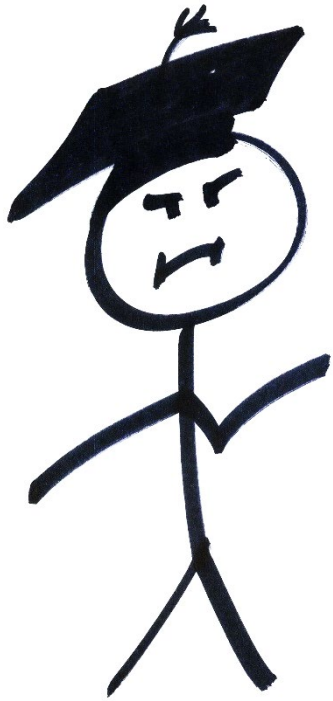
- learning shouldn't be a passive activity
- to understand, you must engage with the subject
- most people engage with a subject by engaging with teachers and other learners
- 'knowledge is constructed through interaction with others'



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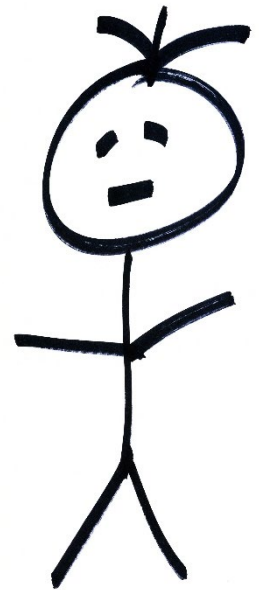
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“Why don’t you check your emails!?”

“I do... and if there’s anything from Uni, I ALWAYS read the subject line before deleting it.”



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Top five ways to fail the year

1. Don't attend classes
2. Don't read your emails
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“if you struggle with anything
never be afraid to ask the lecturer
for help in the drop-in sessions”

“lecturers are more approachable
than you first assume”

“don't struggle alone – there's plenty of people willing to help you!”



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Top five ways to fail the year

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4. Don't submit coursework

“Coursework is your friend! Do well in that – it not only gets banker marks but helps you be more prepared for exams later.”

“Give it your all for every single coursework and don't take them lightly as they can decide whether you carry on to year 1...”

- you can only pass Foundation Year if the average of your coursework components over the year is at least 50%
- coursework submitted late will be penalised by a reduced mark or an immediate mark of zero

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Top five ways to fail the year

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2. Don't read your emails
3. Don't ask
4. Don't submit coursework
5. Don't get 'the balance' right

and finally

“If you live in Fallowfield leave 30 minutes early or you’ll be late.”

“Probability is more involved than the name suggests.”

“I like cats”