

Helping Tutees Understand Why Their First Year Matters

Aside from educational and developmental reasons why first year matters these are a few of the things that students cannot go on to do or will find harder to do if they do not achieve at least a 2:1 in the first year (an overall average of at least 60% in the units taken in first year):

- To transfer onto the professional placement degree, students must achieve at least 60% in the first year overall
- To remain on a degree with study abroad students must achieve at least 60% in the first year overall
- If a student wants to do a summer internship between years two and three then the only exam results, they will have when they apply at the beginning of their second year are first-year results. A good internship generally requires a 2:1 in the first year. Many students do not realise why an average of 50% is not enough to get a highly competitive internship.
- Students will need good grades to get a place on most masters courses and universities expect a strong set of results across the years of study.

Many of our students are not engaged with the wider business context and news. Encouraging this in their first year would be helpful. The Press reader within this library resource is recommended: [Business, economics and finance news - Library](#)

Things to do in year 2 and 3

- Get involved with events to build skills. For example students can be a [PASS mentor](#) and help first year students with their studies:
- Home students may be eligible for the [Access-Postgrad scheme](#) which offers peer mentoring to a limited number of under-represented undergraduate students in final year considering masters study. Students need to apply early