The Nature of Master's Level Study and Distance Learning

Succeeding in Postgraduate Study

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Knowledge, understanding and its applications

Dealing with complex issues systematically and creatively

Continuous personal and professional development

Critical skills

Practical, professional and employability skills

Developing professional responsibility, integrity and ethics

Originality in tackling and solving problems

Undergraduate Study

Key differences between

Postgraduate

- Research
- Professional Practice
- Specialised Advanced Study

Study and intensity increases

- Specialist and advanced knowledge
- Career focus
- Skills development
- Depth of enquiry

- Purpose
- Vocation
- Specialised
- Progression
- Research
- Autonomy

NEW

- Find research material
- Critical analysis and evaluation
- Follow academic convention
- Plan organise and manage time
- Reflect on your learning

- ✓ Support is available
- ✓ Quality Assured
- ✓ Computer-based and online activities
- ✓ Flexible - fits around work and Lifestyles
- ✓ Sense of community - Forums/discussion groups
- ✓ Require efficient time management
- ✓ Interactive 'Virtual' learning environment
- ✓ New and emerging technology

Distance and Online Learning

Anywhere in the World with an internet connection

What are my study options?

Part-time or Full-time

Flexible or Scheduled

Real time or recorded

Live

Press to play

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Delivery Methods

- Face-to-Face
- Online
- Blended

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