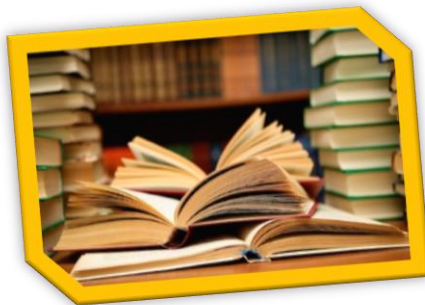


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Hi, my name is Jane Henderson and I am a Senior lecturer in Law at King's College London. I am going to speak to you about how university students learn and study.

A key aspect of university is independence, this might be because you are living away from home for the first time but you will also definitely be more independent in the way you study.



You will be set reading, and tasks to do for particular classes but you are expected to take responsibility for your own learning. Tutors will not be chasing you like your teachers do now! That is why it is essential to study something you enjoy and are passionate about.

There is lots of support available at universities people can mentor you and give help and advice, both on academic and also general life issues, so it is not that scary.

Furthermore there can be different types of classes at university.

The exact range will depend on what you are studying, but you could be in a lecture with possibly hundreds of people, or a small seminar group. Some students have the opportunity to work in laboratories or clinics where they get to carry out exciting experiments.

On the whole, people studying science topics will spend most of the time in laboratories, whilst others studying arts and humanities will spend more of their time reading in preparation for class discussion.



I teach law, and for a first year law student there are about 12 hours of actual classes (lectures and tutorials) per week, but students are expected to do a lot more than just 12 hours work! There may also be different types of assessment – coursework, exams, and presentations. This could be something else for you to look out for when you are choosing what and where to study.

Finally your degree will have core topics which you will have to study. But often you can choose modules. This means you can have a greater say in the topics you explore at university.

In all university study is more independent, varied and bespoke. It is a fantastic learning experience which we hope you will all enjoy!