

The OU essentials: How do I study at the OU? Introduction to what's what – trailer

KAREN FOLEY: The 1 February is when your 20B module starts, so we, at the Student Hub Live, have lined up a series of online workshops specifically aimed at new students to get you up and running and, more importantly, acquainted with some other students embarking on a similar journey.

Our workshops are structured sessions, each lasting an hour, and they're online. You simply log on 15 minutes before the start time, and you'll be able to text-chat with other students. Plus, at the end of the workshop, you'll have the opportunity in small groups to talk about how you can apply what you've learnt to your own situation.

We begin the day from 10:00–11:00 with The OU essentials where we'll show you around the learning platform, and tell you how to use forums and connect with others, and highlight the important parts of the module website that you'll find useful.

At 11:30–12:30, there's a time management session with heaps of practical ideas about how you might organise your study time. We've learned a lot about what works from other students, and we'll be sharing their advice with you too.

Our last workshop of the day is from 14:00–15:00, and this one focuses on academic writing. We particularly wanted to run this one because many students are beginning a qualification with the OU after many years away from education. Academic writing is different to other forms of writing, so in this workshop we take you through some of the basics.

All the workshops have limited places, so to book your free space you need to get a ticket. To get more details and each session and reserve your place on the workshops you'd like to attend, visit the Student Hub Live website.

I hope you can join us at one of these events.