

Introduction to University Study

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Academic Environment, Expectations,
and Communication

The Academic Environment

University study differs significantly from secondary school.

- Degree programmes with required, required optional, and optional courses.

- Credit system measures performance.

- Greater independence and responsibility expected.

University Study

Degree programmes consist of:

- Required courses (mandatory) A
 - Required optional courses (choose from a list) B
 - Optional courses (free choice) C
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- Students must collect the required number of credits.



Expectations

- Independence and self-direction are essential.
- Courses: lectures (presentation) and seminars (discussion, group work).
- Teachers act as facilitators, not sole information sources.
- Fewer contact hours, more homework and reading.
- Library is a crucial resource.



Contact and Communication

- Less personal contact with teachers; office hours are available.
- Use of Learning Management Systems (e.g., IS).
- E-learning vs. blended learning: flexibility vs. limited feedback.
- Communication via university e-mail is mandatory.
- Professional and polite e-mail etiquette required.
- Teachers rarely use social media for communication.



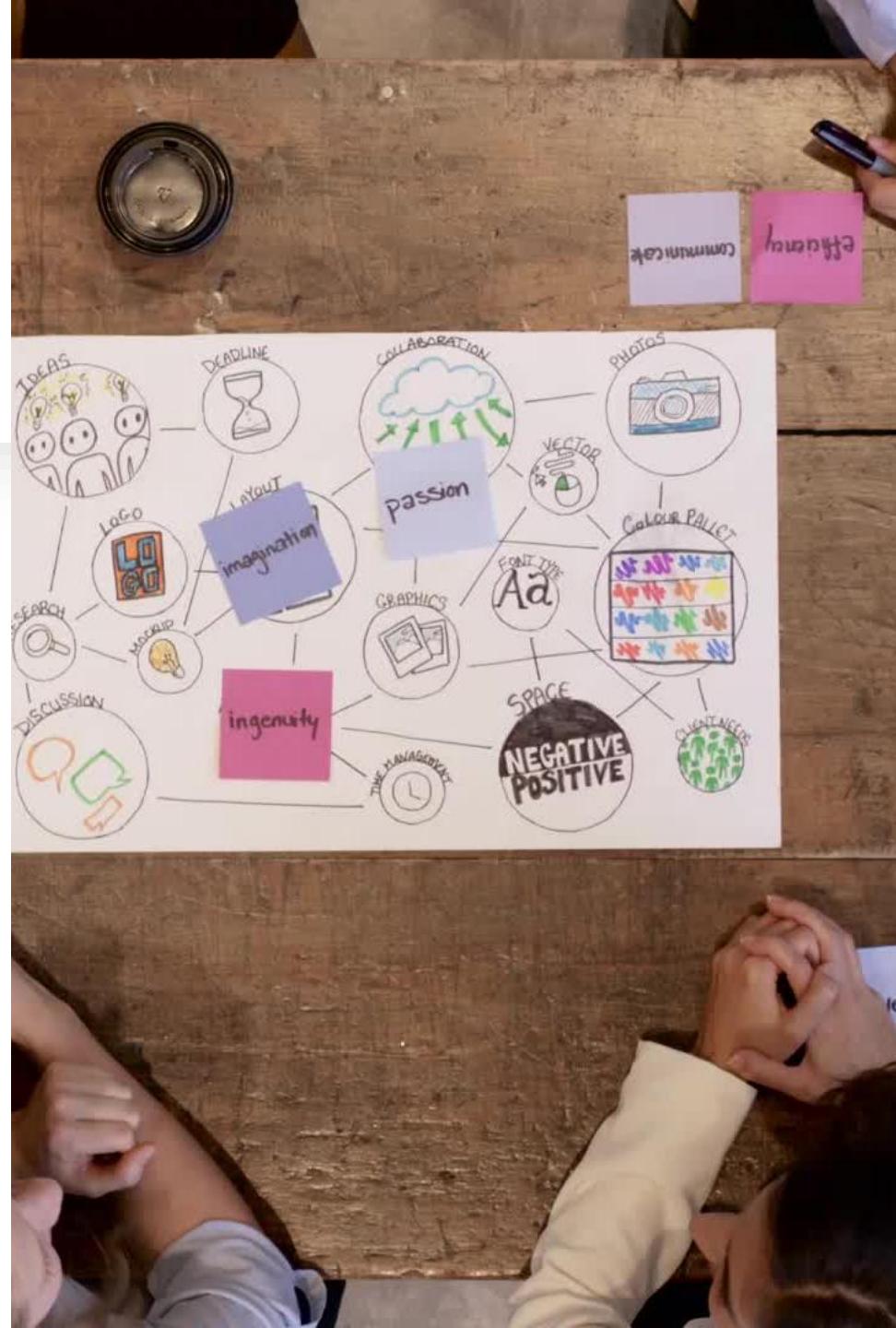
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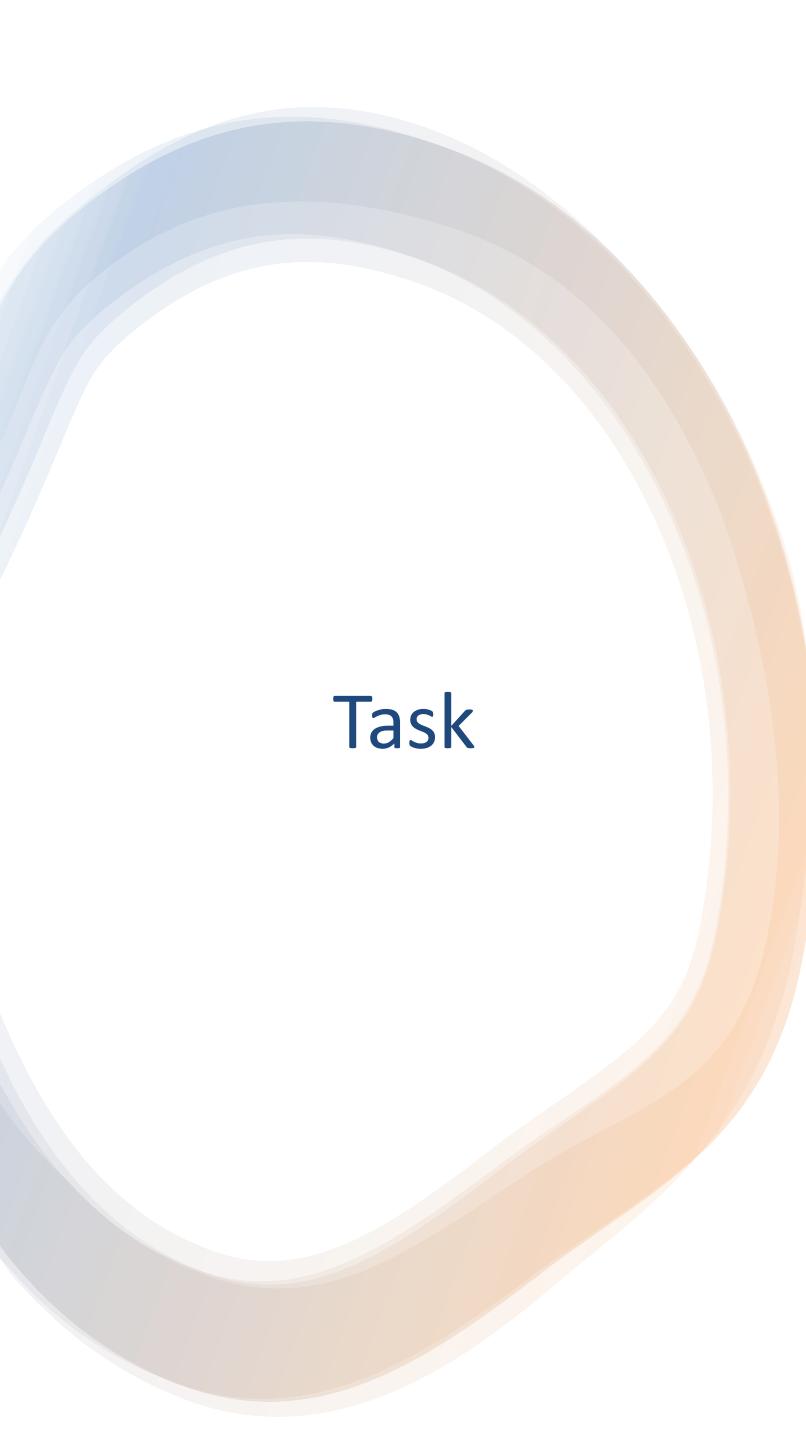
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Comprehension Check

- 1. Difference between required, required optional, and optional courses?
- 2. Difference between a lecture and a seminar?
- 3. Difference between e-learning and blended learning?





Task

Visit your IS website and check:

- Required first-year courses.
- Required optional courses on offer.
- Availability of optional courses.