



6 things you should know when starting university

Our expectations of you

- We have expectations for you. **We expect you to expect a lot from yourself.** It can be hard to get used to the new expectations and it can feel challenging. But you will be surrounded by people who want the best for you and are ready to help you along the way. But you must seek out the help you need yourself.
- **Be patient** and give yourself time to get to know the new setting. Don't be too harsh on yourself. Give yourself the best conditions to get off to a good start. You owe it to yourself.
- Starting university is an invitation to you to make the most of your study time. **Seek out the opportunities that arise.** No one can do the work for you. It's up to you - but we will do our best to support you in experiencing success as a student. **We believe in you.**



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Your time at SDU is a new beginning - no matter what background you come from. Be ambitious on your own behalf, learn from your past experiences, but start on a fresh. Prepare to work hard and make an effort in your studies.

Take charge

Make sure to show up well-prepared for classes and meet your deadlines. We expect you to be able to keep track of your time outside of class. There are many opportunities to seek help and support, but you need to take the first step and take responsibility for your own learning.

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Use SDU's IT-systems

Your student email (@ student.sdu.dk) is where we send you important information. Therefore, remember to check it regularly. You should also keep up to date on your teaching on itslearning, where you will also find materials from the lectures. However, you cannot settle for the materials in itslearning, as a source for your notes and preparation. It is necessary to attend classes to get the right meaning.

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Your lecturers can cover large amounts of material in a lecture or in a week. It is up to you to keep track of it and follow up on the study outside of the classes. You must learn effective methods of taking notes and reading large amounts of materials. (Read more on MitSDU).

Make use of the gaps in your timetable. They are intended for preparation and work in study groups.

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It can take a few weeks to get into the new life at the university. Before you know it, you may see the end of the first semester. It is only 15 weeks. Learn to plan your time. You are a full-time student and should devote about 40 hours per week to your studies. Student jobs and socialization are important but should not interfere with your studies. Be careful not to take on too many tasks and plan your time carefully.

Get involved in student life

There are plenty of student associations and opportunities to get involved in the study environment and participate in additional teaching activities. Your study time is also about your personal development alongside the academic. Start filling your CV now with the activities and competencies you have, so that in the future you will stand out from other graduates.

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Do you have any questions or concerns?

Talk to someone. There are many who would like to help. If they do not know the answer, they can tell you who to contact:

- Your lecturers / instructor
- Student services
- Your academic student advisor

We hope you will enjoy your time at the University.

