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A Transition Guide for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students



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Part 4 of 8. Managing Your Study

Organising yourself

At university and polytechnic, you are responsible for organising yourself.

This means:

- Getting to class on time
- Not missing classes
- Handing in assignments on time

Most tutors do not follow up if you are late or miss class but if you miss too many classes or hand in your assignments late, you might fail the course.

Understanding your lectures and your coursework

Ask your tutor for advice if you have problems with:

- Understanding the subject or keywords
- Understanding assignments and essay questions

Ask your Disability Co-ordinator for advice if you have problems with:

- English reading and writing
- Understanding NZSL interpreters
- Learning from note-takers' notes

To pass your course you might have to:

- Write homework assignments
- Write essays or reports
- Do practical work (for example: artwork, carpentry, engineering)
- Give presentations or seminars

If you don't understand how to do these things, you can ask for advice from your tutor, from other students, or from the Student Learning Centre. There is more information about the Student Learning Centre on the next page.

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Student Learning Centre

Most universities and polytechnics have a Student Learning Centre. This is a place where students can go for **free** advice about:

- Learning and memory skills, study skills, time management
- Improving English
- Computer skills
- Academic reading and writing
(for example, how to write an essay or a lab report)

If you want an interpreter to come with you to the Student Learning Centre, ask your Disability Co-ordinator to book one for you.