# **Post Semester One – Student Guidance**

This document has been developed to help you think about your first semester studies and how you might be able to get support if you need a bit of help. Access to the majority of student information can be found on [My Hallam pages](https://www.shu.ac.uk/myhallam).

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| **Area to Consider** | **Places You Can Get support** |
| **What has your Engagement with your studies been like during Semester One?**   * Do you feel like you have engaged with online and face to face sessions, learning materials, tutors, and your cohort as well as you would have liked? * If not, what factors have affected your engagement?   + Lack of motivation   + COVID-19/illness   + Personal circumstances   + Mode of delivery not suiting you   + Lack of equipment   + Accommodation issues | * If you are lacking motivation have a look at the [Staying Well and Motivated presentation](https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/academicadvising/files/2021/01/Staying-well-and-motivated-V2.pptx) for ideas of how to increase your motivation. * If you have been ill or personal circumstances have affected you then you can get support from your Student Support Adviser, you can book an appointment using this link: **[Unihub](https://unihub.shu.ac.uk/students)** * If you do not have the equipment you need you might be eligible for financial support to buy it. You will find the [Hardship Fund](https://students.shu.ac.uk/shuspacecontent/finance/access-remote-learning) to access remote learning equipment * If you have general funding enquiries you can find information on a range of support options [Finance – Get Help and Support](https://students.shu.ac.uk/shuspacecontent/finance/get-help-finance-0) * If you think you would benefit from some support with your wellbeing or mental health, there is a range of support available from the [Student Wellbeing Service](https://www.shu.ac.uk/wellbeing) * If you are struggling to access some of the taught content or are struggling with online delivery contact your **Course Leader or Module Teaching Teams** using the contact details on Blackboard * If you have got questions about your accommodation you can speak to the accommodation team at [accommodation@shu.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@shu.ac.uk) * There is updated information and guidance for what to do if circumstances related to Covid-19 affect your [Assessment Support 2020/21 guidance](https://www.shu.ac.uk/current-students/assessment-support). |
| **What were your Marks like for your assignments?**   * How do you feel about the marks you got in your Semester One modules?   + Were they as you expected?   + A bit lower than you wanted?   + Were you really pleased with them? * Do you understand the concept of marking criteria/mark schemes? Are you using it to plan your work? * Are there any things you can identify that would help you improve your marks in future assignments? | * If you have not already done so you need to read and understand your feedback. Whether you have done better than you hoped or worse, reading and understanding your feedback is important because it will help you plan how to approach future assignments. * Make a note of any comments that suggest how you could improve your work. * See if there are any [Skills Centre](https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/skillscentre/?doing_wp_cron=1579169282.9682240486145019531250) sessions that would help your future assignments. * If you feel like you could do with **help understanding the** **full assignment writing process** one of the [Skills Centre Assignment Bootcamps](https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/skillscentre/2021/01/06/attention-pens-at-the-ready-the-assignment-bootcamp-launches-february-2021/) might be of use. * It is useful to revisit teaching material if you have not quite understood things correctly in your assignment. * You can find more information about assessments and re-assessment information on the [Assessment 4 Students resource website](https://academic.shu.ac.uk/assessment4students/marks-and-feedback/reassessment/). * If you are an international student would you benefit from some support from the [University English Scheme](https://www.shu.ac.uk/international/academic-support-for-international-students/university-english-scheme)? |
| **Are there gaps in your module content knowledge that might cause you an issue for modules in the future?**   * Quite often the content from one module will be built on in another. If you did not engage with the taught material very well for whatever reason, it is worth trying to make sure you revisit the material to fill in any gaps in your knowledge. This will also help if you have a re-assessment in the original module. | * Revisit/review module content on Blackboard. * Use the module Reading List Online (RLO) to guide you to relevant material. |
| **Are there any gaps in your academic or study skills for example referencing, academic writing?**   * Does your feedback identifying any areas, like referencing, formatting of assignments or writing style that you could improve? * The Skills Centre runs a range of really useful webinars and 1-1 sessions to help you develop key skills vital for academic success. They also have a range of online support material and tools to support your development. | * [Skills Centre sessions](https://libguides.shu.ac.uk/skillscentre/events/) * [Studiosity](https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/skillscentre/studiosity/) provides feedback on draft pieces of work (up to 2,500 words). You can submit to Studiosity up to 8 times during this academic year. * Look out for information about a new scheme called **Student Connect** that will be offering a Peer Mentoring from trained final year students who might be able to offer support with future assessments. * If you would benefit from some support with your digital skills, you will find information on [Hallam Digital Skills](https://www.shu.ac.uk/digital-skills) |
| **Have you got involved with additional activities during the first semester?**   * Have you got involved with any additional activities during the first semester? That might include an academic society, a sports club or a society. Getting involved in additional activities or groups can really enhance your university experience. | * [Student Union – get involved](https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/get_involved/) * [Culture Connect](https://www.shu.ac.uk/current-students/goglobal/going-global-on-campus/culture-connect) |