

## WHAT IS A MOOC? >>

MOOC stands for 'Massive Open Online Course'. MOOCs are free, online courses from leading UK Universities which are open to an unlimited number of participants. There are usually no entry requirements to complete a MOOC and you are able to learn at your own pace in the comfort of your own home.

### HOW DOES A MOOC WORK?

MOOCs usually have a specific start and end date and can last between 2-10 weeks. If you have missed the start date of a course you wanted to join, you can decide to join part way through and catch-up, or wait until the course is repeated later on in the year. Learners have 24/7 access to course material including video lecturers, articles, discussions, assignments and social networking.

### WHY STUDY A MOOC?

There are many reasons to consider completing a MOOC, such as:

- Developing your skills as an independent learner.
- Learning more about a subject you are interested in.

- The opportunity to access a range of high quality resources from top Universities.
- Great for your CV and personal development to prove your commitment to your studies and your interests.
- Learn alongside a diverse group of people.
- Online courses to suit everyone, from climate change to gender inequality.

### WHERE CAN I JOIN A MOOC?

Academics from the University of Exeter have created a wide range of MOOCs for you to take part in on Future Learn, follow the link for more information:  
[futurelearn.com/partners/university-of-exeter](https://futurelearn.com/partners/university-of-exeter)



## TRANSITION TIPS >>



One skill I wish I had developed prior to starting university is note taking and summarising large quantities of information, as there can be a lot of set reading in addition to course content and the majority of lecturers don't supply course notes. Building on this, understanding how you learn best saves precious time when trying to revise and prepare for exams. Time can go by very quickly during deadline and exam season, so if you can go into that period already prepared, you will thank yourself.

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I would say the best way to develop independent research skills is simply to practise. Make sure when given any homework/course work in school that you are researching the topics thoroughly, using the most useful websites and staying up to date. You could even test yourself and research a topic of interest to you, finding out as much as you can from a variety of sources.

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