

Tutorials

Things tutees will expect you to know:

- How to find out their timetable;
- Key deadlines;
- Exam time tables;
- Assignment information;
- Credits for modules;
- Who are module managers/contributors; and
- How to get extensions.

Additional things it would be useful to know about:

- University Counselling Service;
- Careers centre;
- Accommodation office;
- Library information;
- University Medical centre;
- The Student Union; and
- Disability services.

Useful generic topics for discussion/work:

- What is plagiarism?
- How to write an essay;
- How to assess a website;
- How to evaluate a journal article;
- How to search for literature e.g. Web of Knowledge, Intute;
- Relevant news items; and
- Bioethics e.g. xenotransplantation, stem cells, genetically modified crops.

Further information

Small Group Teaching (2011). Short Guide produced by the UK Centre for Bioscience. www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/ftp/resources/shortguides/smallgroup.pdf

King, N. (2010) **Support for Essay Writing in Biosciences**. *Bioscience Bulletin* 31, p5

Van Damme, M-P. (2004) **Tutorless Tutorials**. *Bioscience Bulletin* 12, p12 www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/ftp/newsletters/ltsn12.pdf

Bioethics Briefings, a series of short briefings intended to help teachers in higher education deal with various ethical topics. The briefings contain a balance of scientific and ethical input, case studies and examples of ethics news items. www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/ethicsbrief.aspx

Leadbeater, W.E. (2010) **Supporting Final Year Undergraduates when Critically Reviewing Scientific Literature**. Case study describing tutorials in which final year students learn how to critically review different types of scientific literature. The case study is available at www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/ftp/casestudies/linktr_WEL.pdf and the tutorial handout at www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/ftp/casestudies/WELHandout.pdf

Teaching matters and resources, for use in small group teaching and tutorials, from the University of Otago, New Zealand. <http://hedc.otago.ac.nz/magnolia/td/for-tutors-demonstrators/teaching-matters-and-resources.html>

Resources for your students

Short Guides for Students, from the Centre including 'Advice for Students Starting Their Bioscience Course' and 'A Bioscience Degree - Why and What Next?' www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/shortguides.aspx#students

Bittante et al. (2010) **Essay Writing Guide by Students, for Students**. University of Exeter. Available from www.bioscience.heacademy.ac.uk/ftp/resources/essayguide.pdf

