

## MA Education – Student Questions Welcome Week

Thanks for your post-it note questions at the end of today's session. I've combined some of the questions which were similar, and have shared my responses below. I hope these are helpful!

### Academic Questions and Module Choices

#### ***Will the course be hard?***

You're enrolled in a Masters level programme so you may find that this is a 'step up' academically from your undergraduate studies. Despite this, we are certain that with consistent hard work and commitment you can manage any challenges that you encounter. You will receive a lot of support from colleagues across the department, including your module tutors, course leader (me), your personal tutor and our professional services team. We all want you to succeed, and will do our very best to guide you through the course and to help you to tackle anything that you might find challenging.

As we discussed today, start to think about and plan how you will manage your time and how you prefer to study. Will you set aside regular hours each day? Will you work in the Library, at home, in the department common room, or somewhere else? Consider what works best for you, and how your study routine and habits will support you to succeed.

#### ***How do I choose which modules to do?***

First, ensure that you have had a look at the full list of modules available to you. Details of these can be found on this website:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ces/postgrads/education/modulechoice>

Then, as we discussed in the session today, think about your interests and the kinds of issues you are keen to explore further through your course. These might be linked to your current or previous professional roles, personal interests, plans for future careers, or simply just curiosity to learn something new or different.

Consider when the modules are running (Term 1 or Term 2) and what would work best for you around the compulsory modules that you will be taking. You might also wish to look at the assessments for each module.

Visit this website for further information, and to view the department's module registration guidance: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ces/postgrads/education/modulechoice>

#### ***Do we need to choose two modules this term or just chosen one this term and one next term?***

The timing of your modules will partly depend on which optional choices you make. You can select one this term and one next term. You may also wish to choose two optional modules in the Spring Term (Term 2). We would advise against selecting two optional modules in Term 1 as you will also be studying Education & Society plus Research Methods in Education. It will already be quite a busy term!

### ***Dissertation ideas – who can I discuss these with?***

If you already have some ideas for your dissertation, that's great. You could talk to your personal tutor about these when you meet them this term. You might also want to discuss them with your classmates and your module tutors. As Dissertation Module lead, I am also always happy to hear about students' ideas for their dissertations.

In early 2026 (January/February), you will be asked to share your dissertation ideas so that we can allocate you a dissertation supervisor in March?

### ***I'm interested in studying for a PhD. How do I go about doing this?***

It's great you're thinking about the next steps for your academic career. Applications for PhDs usually open the Autumn before the academic year that you plan to start your course – so applications at Warwick open this month (October) for students wishing to start PhDs next academic year.

To apply for a PhD, you will usually need to have a well-formed idea for a research project and be able to locate a supervisor who would be available to support your application. Details of this process at Warwick can be found here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ces/prospective/postgraduate/research/> Similar approaches will run in other UK universities too, but do visit the websites for the departments/universities that you wish to consider.

Your personal tutor and course leader will be able to provide further advice and information so do let them know about your future plans.

## ***Attendance, Wellbeing and Social***

### ***If I am ill, how do I ask for leave?***

If you are going to be absent from a teaching session, you must use this form to report your absence: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ces/postgrads/absence> Please complete this fully and as soon as you know that you will be missing a session.

### ***How long is every term?***

Each term lasts for 10 teaching weeks.

Term dates for this academic year can be found here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/termdates/>

### ***How do I find out what is happening in the Sports Centre?***

Check out the Warwick Sport website here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/>

Details of their Welcome Week activities and offers can be found here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/welcome/>

### ***How can I find out about social things happening?***

There are lots of ways to find out about the many social activities happening on campus:

- Look out for details of events and activities in the student newsletters and emails that you will receive. The Student Union will also share details of upcoming events too: <https://www.warwicksu.com/venues-events/events/>

- Consider joining one of Warwick's many student societies: <https://www.warwicksu.com/societies-sports/societies/> There is something for everyone – gardening, yoga, sports, languages, travel, music, Spanish studies, Chinese society, crafts...
- Interested in volunteering? Then check out Warwick Volunteers for details of opportunities and projects that you could contribute to.
- Warwick Arts Centre is a fantastic venue – find cinema, theatre, music, comedy, dance and more here: <https://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/>

## **The Campus and Travels**

### **How can I remember the way to campus?**

Consider using an app such as Google Maps or Apple Maps. In addition, you could make a note of the route that you take or the buses that you need to catch. Practice taking the journey a few times and I'm sure you will be able to remember it soon.

Make sure you leave enough time for your journey as sometimes the traffic can be slow around campus.

### **Will we get to go to the Oculus?**

You might have teaching sessions scheduled in the Oculus. But if not, all students are welcome to visit the building. <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/idg/services-support/av/theoculus/> There is a nice café on the ground floor and lots of space on the first floor for socialising or working.

### **What is your favourite restaurant nearby? Where can I find great food on campus?**

On campus, there are lots of nice places to get food and drink. For a full list, visit this website: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/foodgroup/eat-drink/>

We have a good café in the Social Sciences building for things like coffee, tea and cakes. For lunches, I like the **Nexus Café in the Lord Bhattacharya Building** and the **Eatwise Test Kitchen in University House. District in the Business School** (WBS, Ground Floor) is also good for Asian-inspired lunches.

On Wednesdays we have a food market in the plaza by the Students Union. There are a brilliant range of food options available! <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/foodgroup/eat-drink/foodmarket/>

Beyond the campus, Coventry has lots of great restaurants. You'll find some of them here: <https://www.coventrycitycentre.co.uk/directory/dine/> I'm sure your fellow students will have lots of other good recommendations too. Leamington Spa is also a really good option for eating and drinking, with plenty of fab options: <https://royal-leamington-spa.co.uk/directory/eat-drink/> - I really like Beba's for lovely Greek food and Kayal for delicious Indian cuisine 😊

