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How to balance part-time work and study

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Although it is great to be able to make some extra allowance for yourself during term time, it is important to ensure that your academic progress doesn't get affected by taking on work on or around campus. In this article, I will talk about how to balance part-time work and study, in such a way that you will be able to get some work hours in without compromising your studies.

When applying for part-time work, make sure to evaluate whether you are able to manage the workload. Keep an eye out for expected shift times on a job listing, as well as the duration that you will be in that work role for. Most roles on UniTemps are from campus teams, so they are aware that most applicants are university students, but you should always double-check. If you are applying on external sites, work hours might be heavier, so check whether the role fits with your schedule to ensure you don't overwhelm yourself. Go for the roles that fit with your schedule and aren't too heavy on work hours, so that you can still keep up with

lectures, coursework, readings, and revision.

Personally, I have roles with the Warwick Fusion E-Sports Centre, the Library UX Team, and the Student Funding Team during term time, and I also ensure that my education is prioritised. I would say that my work hours from these roles combined give me roughly a couple of hours per week of work, and it is enough to give me some extra allowance at the end of the month but not get in the way of academics. The workload each person can handle is different, however, so my advice would be to start with one role first, and apply to more in the future if you have found it manageable.

If you only remember one piece of advice from this article, it will be this: DON'T SKIP YOUR LECTURES! I know that it's really tempting to skip some lectures in order to take on more shifts, but University should always be a priority first and foremost compared to part-time work on campus. If there is a shift that overlaps with your lectures, labs or seminars, either ask to reschedule or don't take the shift. Never compromise your degree, and only take on work that you can manage.

I hope that you were able to find the advice in this article helpful! Besides your degree and employment, also allow free time in between everything to breathe - either by going to some society events or just winding down at home. Always give yourself a needed reset to avoid burnout, and as winter blues are incoming, it is more important than ever to keep yourself happy!

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