

TOP TIPS



To help you make the most of your studies our students and staff have developed some top tips for combined honours:



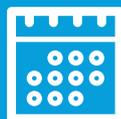
Maximise opportunities to make connections between your subjects – that is how you can develop your critical thinking and benefit your learning. Discuss your questions and ideas with your Personal Academic Tutor.



Become familiar with your programme guidance. Your different programmes and schools may not do things the same.



Similar subjects may have different ways of conducting research and evidencing results. Make sure you learn the differences between each of your subjects.



Plan for your assessment deadlines between the two subjects. Some assessments may be very close together, so give yourself enough time to prepare for deadlines, especially the ones toward the end of each semester. If you are unsure how to approach some of them talk to your Personal Academic Tutor.



Learn the referencing system for each of your subjects. They may not be the same! The Library has produced quick guides for all the referencing styles used at the University www.canterbury.ac.uk/library/citing-references.



Programmes communicate to students via Blackboard. Check the information from both programmes. Don't make assumptions the message is the same.



Get to know the people who support your academic development across both of your subjects. Your relationship with your Personal Academic Tutor is an important one. Take time to talk to them. Combined Honours Academic Contacts, peer mentors, learning developers and others can also help you to reflect on and develop your learning.



Be confident. You have important contributions to make in your modules, especially with your perspective from two subjects. Don't be afraid to join in the discussion or ask questions. Other students will benefit from your input and may have similar questions.



The Library provides access to a range of resources for both of your subjects and much of this content is available online. You have access to a wide range of resources across your subjects. Your Learning & Research Librarian can help you to improve your research skills and find the information you need.



DON'T PANIC.

The first year is an opportunity to make mistakes and learn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Your Personal Academic Tutors (you will find them via your programmes)
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