

6 Top Tips for Active Engagement

1. Assignment note taking:

From the very start of a new module, when you are doing your weekly reading, highlight or take notes of things that may be relevant to your assignment even if you aren't ready to start working on it yet.

2. Learning outcomes:

Become familiar with your learning outcomes- these aren't just academic jargon. Your tutor will use these and keep them in mind when marking your work. Reflect on how well you have achieved the learning outcomes, and if your work clearly shows this.

3. Glossary:

Don't skip over terms you don't understand. Instead, keep a glossary of new words that you have learned throughout your module.

4. Ask questions:

Continuously ask yourself questions about the material you are learning. How does it link up? Which arguments or theories are complimentary and which aren't? What is your opinion and why?

5. Further reading:

When a topic is particularly confusing, don't just gloss over it. Instead take the time to do some further reading into it, and build your understanding.

6. Speak to others:

Tell someone else about what you're learning. Doing so will cement your understanding of a topic.