



New study patterns

Secondary School Study

The timetable accounts for every hour of the school day.

Two hours of school work require about one hour of homework.

Teachers set and correct your homework frequently (daily, weekly).

You have daily interaction with teachers.

Teachers guide your reading. Set texts are prescribed for each subject.

Reading only the set texts is often enough for essay preparation.

Teachers may provide outline notes and will indicate the most important ideas and information.

In essays, you refer to the set texts, but need not acknowledge all the sources of your ideas and information.

You learn a core of knowledge and reproduce it in your reports, essays and examinations.

Tertiary Study

Lectures and tutorials take up part of the day. You must plan your own long and short term timetables.

For every one-hour lecture or tutorial about two hours of private study will be necessary.

Assignments are longer but less frequent. They may be set many weeks ahead.

Lecture groups may be large. It is up to you to approach your lecturer or tutor if you are having difficulties.

You may be given a reading list from which you select, or you may have to search for relevant material in the library.

Wide reading is essential.

You will have to identify and make notes on the main points in lectures and texts.

You must acknowledge all your sources. To avoid plagiarism, you will need to learn referencing skills (footnotes included references, bibliographies).

You need to:

- *memorise information*
- *ask questions*
- *examine evidence*
- *think critically*

In other words you are expected to develop your powers of independent thinking.