

2.4 Independent learning

As a student at The University of Adelaide, you are expected to develop independent learning skills. While lecturers and tutors are available to help you, their time is limited and they will not be able to give you all the help you might want. Here are some strategies for becoming self-reliant:

1. Form small study groups to check your note-taking in lectures and to ensure you pick up the most important points.
2. Use the key points in lectures and tutorials as a guide to what you need to learn and to follow up in your text books.
3. Work through any problems with your group first before you make a time to see your tutor.
4. When you are having problems understanding content, be specific: tell your tutor what you do understand, as well as what you don't.
5. If you are having problems understanding concepts, ask your lecturer or tutor to recommend a senior student who might be willing to tutor you. Ask the senior student if two or three of you can share the hourly cost.
6. Attend LTDU workshops on academic skills or make an appointment for individual assistance. LTDU services are free. LTDU staff cannot proofread your work, but they can help you to write academically, reference, read efficiently, etc. Visit the website at www.adelaide.edu.au/ltdu/

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