

ANNA CALVI: My name is Anna Calvi. I'm an Open University tutor and the author of this course. This course is called English- Skills for Learning. And it focuses on the English language skills that will be needed to do well at university. So if you've been thinking of studying at university in the future and you've been wondering what kind of language skills will be needed, this course is for you.

Whether English is your first or second language, you'll be able to extend your reading and writing skills. You will learn how to approach university readings, make useful notes, plan, and organise assignments. You will also improve your ability to understand and use academic and technical vocabulary and to write accurately. You will actively learn by engaging with activities that will extend your existing language skills. You will listen to university students' experiences and tutors' advice. You will practise reading and writing by completing a range of exercises.

When you complete this course, you will have the opportunity to earn a digital badge, giving you recognition for your achievements. Taking this course may well be the first step of a journey from everyday, informal learning to formal learning at university, perhaps even here at the Open University.