

JONATHAN HUGHES: Hello. My name is Jonathan Hughes. I'm a lecturer here at the Open University. Welcome to Succeed with Learning. This course is based on the belief that we think anybody can improve their skills. And I'm guessing that you think you could improve your skills too. Succeed with Learning is a distance learning course which you can do at your own pace, whenever and wherever suits you. We hope that by the end of this course, you'll have a much greater level of confidence in your own skills as well as having some clear ideas about what you might want to do in the future.

The course starts by thinking about everyday learning. We are all involved in everyday learning. And that means we build up a whole range of qualities, skills, and knowledge. After all, we all learn to become good friends, good parents, good employees. And we think that some of these skills are transferable and could be really useful in academic study. And Succeed with Learning shows you how to do precisely that.

And as part of the course, we also provide a practical toolkit of academic skills, things like note taking, effective reading, how to search effectively for information online as well as how to provide good references. And all those skills will help you be even more confident in your own abilities to study and to learn.

The final two weeks of the course, we ask you to develop an action plan. This is specific to your qualities, your needs, your skills, and resources. Just one more point about this course. It's interactive. That means there are lots of activities and quizzes included in the course.

Now activities are there to help you reflect on your own learning. And the quizzes give you feedback. There are two particularly important quizzes, they're in week four and week eight, because if you do those and get 50% you'll get a badge for this course.