

Getting ready for the MA Education

I hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the **MA Education** programme. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. I look forward to meeting you but in the meantime please do get in touch if there is anything that you need.

Fay Lewis

Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 22 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practice the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block website](#) with more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing for your studies

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Start to think about possible areas of focus for your work. Which aspects of your practice would you like to explore in more depth? Are there factors associated with your setting that would be interesting to investigate more thoroughly? Which areas may your eventual research lie in and how might your work on your initial modules lead into this?

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within the MA Education is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read: Please select those which are most relevant to the module that you will be doing.

- British Educational Research Association (2011) *Ethical guidelines for educational research*. London: BERA.
- Hayes, D. (2004) *The Routledge Guide to Key Debates in Education*. London: Routledge.
- Moon, J (2004) *A Handbook of Reflective and Experiential Learning: Theory and Practice* Abingdon: Routledge Falmer
- Thomas, G. (2013) *How to do your research project: a guide for students in education and applied social sciences* (2nd edition). London: Sage

Make your module choices

To get started on the programme you will need to select which module you would like to do first. If you have not already done so, please [contact me](#) about your initial module choices.

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Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact [the Student Money Service](#) team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

These packages will run on Windows and Mac devices, but you will not get the full functionality or may not work at all on Chromebooks/tablets. We recommend that you have access to a device with the following minimum specifications: Core Specification.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Fay Lewis** via email at fay.lewis@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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