



Introduction

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Welcome

A few words from our Head of School

You are joining a community of over 1800 UG students with students from more than 40 countries. We are a diverse community covering a broad range of subjects



- As a Dignity and Rights respecting University community, **all forms of harassment, assault or abuse are not acceptable and taken seriously.**
- If someone **harms, hurts, or threatens to hurt you**, there is a **community behind you** and **with you!**
- ***It is never your fault.*** The person causing the harm or hurt is solely responsible.
- It can sometimes be difficult to reach out for support; **the Equally Safe team** and **Advice Place** work confidentially, except when we need to make sure someone is safe.



Got It? FRIES! A simple way to remember if you have consent for any kind of activity.

- FREELY GIVEN** ✓ No pressure, guilt, manipulation, control, abuse of power, nor while drunk or high
- REVERSIBLE** ✓ Can they change their mind? Yes! When? Anytime!
What to do? Always Check
- INFORMED** ✓ No tricks. Everyone knows what they are agreeing to
- ENTHUSIASTIC** ✓ It must be a yes! Not a 'maybe' or 'I guess so'
- SPECIFIC** ✓ Consenting to one thing doesn't mean yes to other things



Consent, Resources

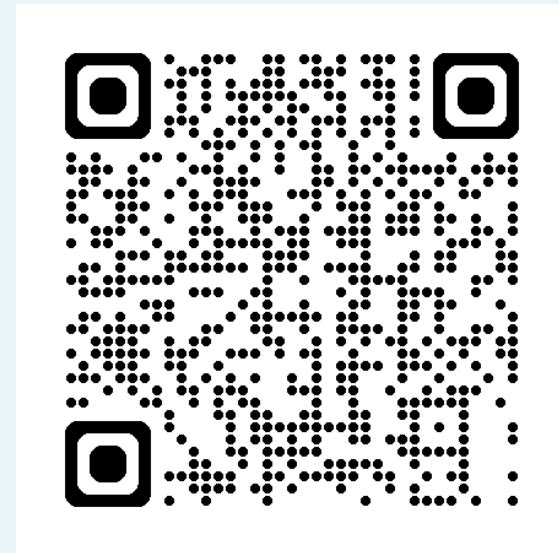
Looking for Help?

Scan the QR codes to bookmark key contacts, including:

- **Report + Support:** confidential reporting and support platform
- **Equally Safe:** dedicated support for students
- **The Advice Place:** Student Association's support service



Whether you have previously done a course on consent or not, check out the new 'Consent On Campus' module



Supporting your Studies in SPS

- **Cohort Lead** –
 - Helps you feel part of your academic community
- **Student Adviser** –
 - Your first point of contact for support



Their details are available in EUCLID (via [MyEd](#)).



QR Code and link to SPS Support and Advice

<https://edin.ac/3SXNTnE>

More ways we support you in SPS

- **Teaching Teams**
 - Course organisers, lecturers, tutors, administrators
- **Peer Learning and Support (Societies)**
 - Deepen understanding of course content
 - Improve study and critical thinking skills
 - Make friends and meet people studying your subject
- **Student Development Office**
 - Skills, employability & opportunities (you'll hear more in the coming weeks)



QR Code and link to SPS Peer Support and Learning

<https://edin.ac/3cSC3dv>

Disability and Learning Support

Helps you get the right adjustments and resources to support your learning.

Contact early

<https://edin.ac/486tJRr>

And provide documentation

<https://edin.ac/46e65QJ>



QR Code and link to Disability and Learning Service

<https://edin.ac/47jrhoc>

University Health and Wellbeing services

There are range of other services available to support your physical and mental wellbeing:

- Wellbeing advisers
- Wellbeing services
- Health Services
- Student Counselling
- Chaplaincy
- The Advice Place



QR Code and link to Wellbeing Services
<https://edin.ac/30cLFnb>

A few words from your student representative

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What you need to do this week

- **Check your enrolment** – you should be enrolled in 120 **credits of courses**
- **Complete Matriculation** – Visit the Chrystal MacMillan Building to confirm your attendance.
- **Attend your Subject Area talk** - check the app and your email. (*some but not all are running this week*)

Missing Credits or Course Changes

If you need to fix missing credits or change your courses, come see us at the **Course Change Help Desk**

Location:

Basement Chrystal MacMillan Building

Times :

- **Wed 10th** – 14:00–16:00
- **Thu 11th** – 10:00–12:00
- **Fri 12th** – 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00

From next week – use our form (form is closed this week)



<https://edin.ac/3tqpF8q>

Other important things

Complete ALL your six tasks

<https://edin.ac/33uefE6>



Look after yourself

<https://edin.ac/3JYESd2>



Beyond the Essentials

- Breakfast pastries & hot drinks – CMB Ground Floor Foyer, Tue–Fri, from 8:30 until supplies last
- Pick up your SPS goodie bag
 - Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00 Seminar Room 1
 - Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 Seminar Room 1
 - Friday 10:00 – 16:00 Practice Suite
- Explore campus – use maps (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/maps>)
 - *Or sign up for a Campus tour via events app*
- Students' Association
 - Sports Fair Monday (TODAY) 10:00 – 17:00
 - Activities Fair Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 – 16:00
 - Visit eusa.ed.ac.uk for more events and opportunities

- **Read your University email regularly** – it's our main way of keeping in touch
- **Know your Student Adviser** – your first point of contact for support
- **Next steps** – attend your Subject Area Welcome Talk (*check the UoE Events app*)
- **Questions? - Pop along to reception in the Chrystal Macmillan Building.**

We wish you the very best of luck with your degree!