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# **A MYTH-BUSTING GUIDE TO POSTGRADUATE STUDY**

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# DISCOVER

**Broaden your expertise, build specialist skills, and unlock new career opportunities with postgraduate study. Full-time or part-time? Online or on campus? PGCert or MSc? There are many options to explore and it can be difficult to know where to start. This short guide will help demystify postgraduate study and help you carefully consider your next steps.**

## **IS STUDYING A MASTERS DEGREE HARDER THAN AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE?**

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It's natural to be worried about the transition from undergraduate study to postgraduate or masters study, but while they are different, a commitment to further study and willingness to work hard will enable you to achieve your goals.

## **DO YOU HAVE TO STUDY EXACTLY THE SAME SUBJECT AS YOU STUDIED FOR YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE?**

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Absolutely not! Postgraduate study is an opportunity to pursue an area of interest. While your undergraduate degree must relate to your masters degree in some way, it does not need to be exactly the same. Check the entry requirements of the degree you are interested in to ensure you meet any specific requirements.

## **DO YOU NEED A FIRST-CLASS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE TO DO A MASTERS?**

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No! Once you have decided which masters degree you are interested in, you can check the entry requirements including degree classification, english language qualifications, and any other stipulations. If you are not sure, then contact the admissions team or programme director who will advise.

## **WILL I BE ABLE TO MANAGE WORK AND STUDY?**

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As with undergraduate study you'll receive your timetable in advance and can plan work and home commitments around this. Some postgraduate programmes at Hull York Medical School offer part-time study options over two or three years, which many students find helpful. Our tutors and student wellbeing services are also committed to supporting you through your postgraduate study.

## WILL I BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO A MASTERS DEGREE?

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There are a number of funding options available to help with costs and support your postgraduate study. You may be entitled to a government-backed loan, or there may be bursaries and scholarships available for your particular programme, including alumni discounts if you choose to study at the same institution as your undergraduate degree. At Hull York Medical School we have a range **of bursaries, scholarships and discounts for masters students.**

## WILL DOING A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE HELP MAKE ME MORE EMPLOYABLE?

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A masters degree can help boost your career prospects or help you change career. Some job roles specifically require a postgraduate qualification in a particular subject, while for others it is desirable. A postgraduate degree can also give you the chance to specialise in a field which interests you, developing knowledge, skills and expertise which may give you a competitive advantage when applying for jobs or progressing into academia.



Topic DESIGNING

Venue: PG seminar room

Date: 19/10/2022

Aim: To design a poster

Learning Objectives:

- Define a poster
- Qualities of a good poster
- Errors to avoid in poster design

Approach: In-person

Resources: Youtube

Evaluation: Feedback



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## FURTHER INFORMATION

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