

# Earn as You Learn



## The benefits of earn as you learn

Aside from the obvious benefit of earning money, taking on part-time work while you study can significantly boost your employability after graduation.

Employers tell us that, while qualifications are necessary, they value work experience very highly. In some sectors, it is vital to demonstrate that you have experience of working in that field to secure a full-time job. Employers look for part-time work on CVs as it helps to show that you are self-motivated, reliable and have experience of the world of work.

Working part time can be a useful 'taster' of a particular profession or sector and provides you with a useful referee outside of the University. It also puts you in a strong position if applying for a full time job within that organisation as staff there will know what you are capable of.

It can also give you the opportunity to develop a network of contacts who might look favourably upon any future applications you make.

CVs and applications are all about demonstrating the skills, knowledge, and experience you have gained. Part-time work can provide you with the perfect opportunity to gather the evidence for this. These areas include:

Working part-time has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people, to extend my network and make new friends  
Roxanna - 3rd year student

- Positive attitude
- Self management
- Team working
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Application of numeracy
- Application of IT
- Understanding of business and customer needs

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Part-time or holiday work has become an integral part of university life for many students. At the University of Worcester we actively promote earn as you learn prospects for our students, particularly through our successful Student Ambassador Scheme.

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# Don't take on too much!

Remember that the aim of part-time work is to supplement your studies and act as a stepping stone towards more permanent employment. Don't let the work conflict with your course timetable and think carefully about how many hours you can sensibly work. The University of Worcester recommends a maximum of 16 hours employment per week.

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