

# 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:

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

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

## Don't take on too much!

Be realistic about the amount of hours you can work. Your study work load and contact hours at the university may well vary throughout the year, as may your employer's requirements. Be careful not to let your studies suffer as the result of too much paid work. International students should check their visa to see if there are any limits on hours worked during semester time. Please note that when applying for jobs at the University of Worcester, full time students completing an undergraduate degree will only be considered for roles of less than 20 hours a week during semester time.

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## Earn as you Learn

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

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