

## Study UK: Preparing for Work MOOC FAQs

### Overview

The Study UK campaign, delivered by the British Council in partnership with the UK government's GREAT Britain campaign, is launching its fifth run of the 'Study UK: Preparing for Work' free online course. The MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) for international final-year students, graduates and alumni of a UK university who are preparing to enter the jobs market or wish to develop their careers. It is specifically designed to help participants present their UK education, skills and knowledge to prospective employers and navigate the global employment market.

The fifth run of the course is open for registration and will launch on Monday 14 June. Those interested can register at [www.futurelearn.com/courses/study-uk-preparing-for-work](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/study-uk-preparing-for-work)

### Frequently asked questions

#### What is covered in the course?

The course will cover the following topics:

- Identifying your skills
- Understanding what the right job is for you
- Where and how to look for the right job
- Communicating your skills effectively through cover letters, CVs and interviews
- Starting a new job
- Adaptability and confidence in the workplace
- Real-life case studies of alumni, employers and career experts

#### Who is the course for?

The course is designed for current international students at UK universities who are about to graduate from undergraduate or postgraduate courses, as well as recent graduates and international alumni who already have some work experience. It is suitable for those who are looking to gain employment in their home country or another country outside of the UK.

It offers a great opportunity for participants to:

- join an online community of like-minded jobseekers and early-career professionals
- interact with others and share relevant expertise while learning
- access a range of free resources and guidance to help develop their skills and assist with their career planning.

#### Will participants gain a certificate or qualification?

Participants mark each step of the course complete as they progress. When they have completed more than 90 per cent of the course, they are eligible

for a digital certificate as evidence of their participation. However, this is not a qualification.

### **When will the course be available?**

The next course will start on 14 June 2021. The deadline for registering for this run of the course is 8 August 2021, and as long as you register by this date, you will have unlimited time to complete the course.

### **How long does it take to complete the course?**

- Participants can get started at any time from 14 June 2021.
- The course can be completed in real-time over two weeks with support from the course educators. Participants should plan on spending around three hours per week on the course using this approach.
- Alternatively, participants can complete the course in their own time. They may not benefit from the course educators' support using this approach.
- All course content will be available to registered participants from 14 June 2021.
- The course content will be available so long as it remains on the platform.

### **How much will the course cost?**

The course is entirely free of charge.

### **Is more information available about the course?**

More information about the online course is available on the registration page at [www.futurelearn.com/courses/study-uk-preparing-for-work](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/study-uk-preparing-for-work)

Those interested are also welcome to join a Facebook Live session at 11.00 (BST) on Wednesday 16 June 2021, where they will have the chance to meet the course educators and ask questions. They can register for the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/930216061091724/>

### **Will the course cover information about the new Graduate Route?**

From 1 July 2021, international students who have successfully completed their degree in the UK will be able to apply to the new Graduate Route and work, or look for work in the UK for two years (or three years for PhD graduates).

The course will include a step, new for 2021, that gives an overview of the Graduate Route. However, we know not everyone taking the course will be eligible, given that the route opens on 1 July 2021 and many participants will have already graduated. So the course will simply signpost to the latest information on the policy.

### **What about the impact of Covid-19 on the global jobs market?**

The full global economic impact of Covid-19 is not yet known. Across the world, many countries are adapting and responding to the pandemic by finding new ways of delivering services and managing our

everyday lives. This will inevitably impact on the jobs market, creating opportunities in new industries and reducing the number of available jobs in others.

By gaining a prestigious UK education, international graduates are respected by employers and academics from all over the world. This free online course helps its participants to communicate the skills and benefits they've gained from their UK university experience, so that whatever comes next in their careers, they are as prepared as they can be to enter the global jobs market.