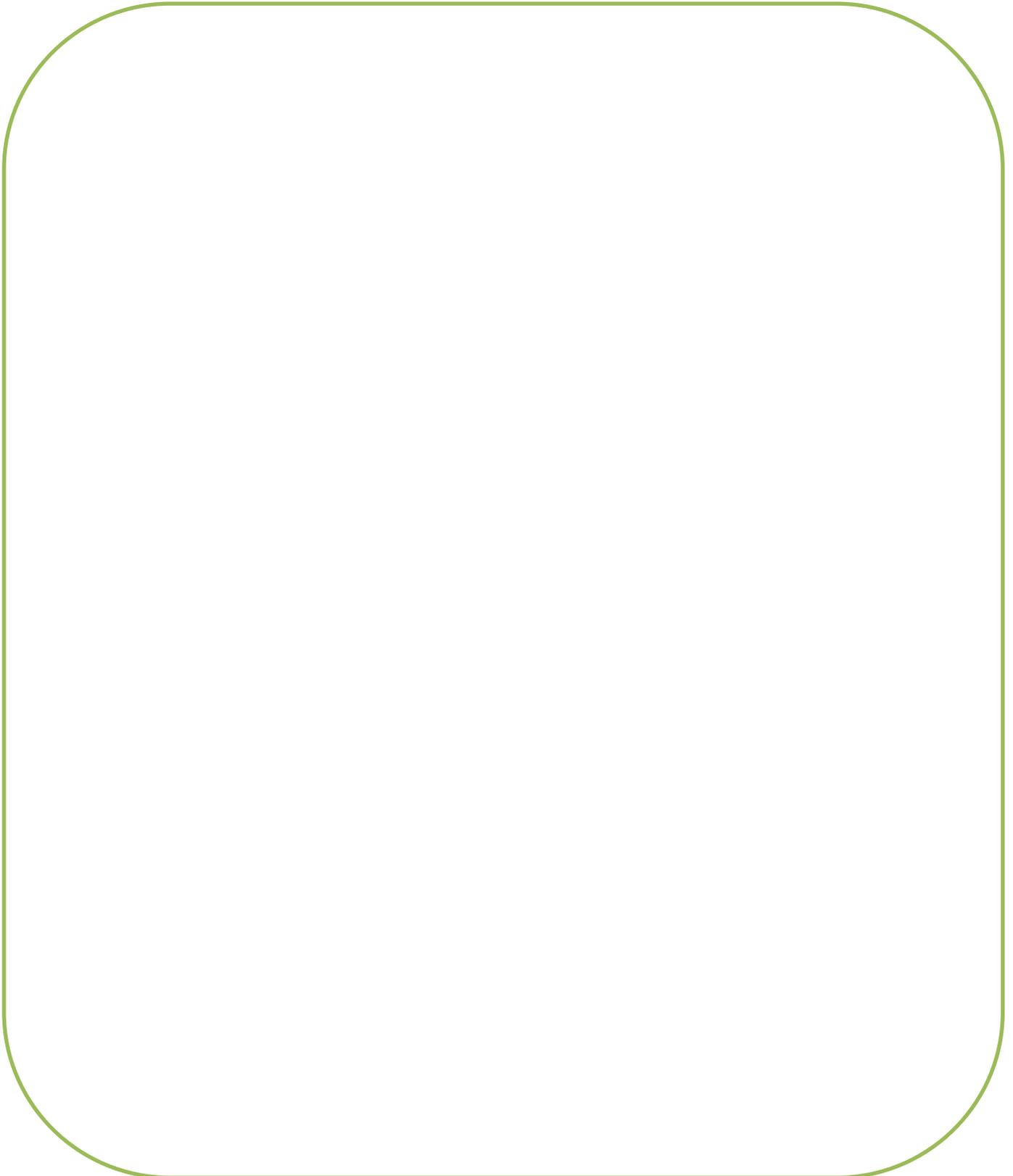


Top tips for effective learning

Task 1: What are the main differences between studying at school/college and studying at university?

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Task 2: In your groups, please discuss and answer the following questions as fully as possible. Remember to include everybody in your discussion. Be prepared to present your ideas to the larger group.

1. What are the benefits of organising your time at university? How best can you plan for your study?

2. Details are important. What small and seemingly trivial matters would it benefit you to know about your course, your lecturers, your building etc.?

3. You cannot possibly learn *everything* there is to know about your subject. In what ways can you ensure that you don't spread yourself too thinly?

4. You're bound to make notes as you research and attend lectures. In what ways can you make sure these notes are useful for your future understanding?

5. Your point of view counts. Why is it important to follow your own logic to reach conclusions?

6. It's not always enough to understand a topic, you must also be able to communicate your understanding to others. Can you think of some ways in which you can become more proficient at this?

7. Why is it important to question things you read or hear? What are the merits of thinking critically?

8. When producing academic work, you must always reference your sources. Why is it important to do this?

9. You're bound to feel lost or stuck sometimes – everybody does. It's very important that you realise when you need help. Can you think of some situations where this might be necessary, and to whom you might turn for assistance?

10. Your university career is a unique chance for you to discover new things about yourself and what drives you. What plans for extra-curricular activities do you have?
