

Reading Tips

Daunted by your module reading list? Here are some tips to help you focus your time:

Locate Your Resources



- Use the QUB library catalogue, QDiscover, to look up library catalogue numbers and locations for resources: www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/TheLibrary/.
- Note which library (or electronic database) houses the text.
- Plan reading around resource availability/loan types.

Narrow Your Search



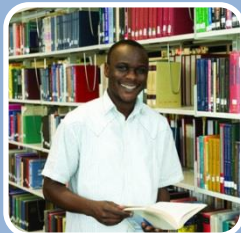
- Identify and prioritise **essential** reading titles.
- Use **suggested/further reading** to focus on more specific areas.
- Read abstracts and introductions to unpack key arguments.

Plan Your Reading



- Plan your reading sessions in light of tutorial/lecture schedules.
- Avoid reading when tired.
- Be realistic with reading ambitions.
- Create a schedule.

Reading Strategies



- 'Skim' the material to get a general view.
- **Identify** the central argument(s) of the piece.
- **Revise**, concentrating on sections most relevant to your study.
- **Make notes** on these areas.

Organise Your Notes



- Always note source bibliographic information and page numbers when taking notes.
- Catalogue your notes alongside relevant lecture/tutorial notes.
- Highlight and annotate to aid revision

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