

Effective Learning in New Zealand:

Study skills for international students

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What is eLiNZ?

- An interactive, self-paced online course on Ara Moodle site.
- For newly arrived international students



Why?

- Increasing numbers of international students
- Often coming into post-graduate diplomas from degrees based on book learning and tests
- Culture shock when faced with applied nature of study eg. Being asked to do assignments based on case studies, scenarios and real-life contexts
- Increased requests for support from students, tutors, international advisors



Objectives

- to inform international students about the New Zealand teaching and learning culture and provide practical strategies for successful study
- to address the learning and study needs of new international students, ease their transition to NZ study and reduce their anxiety



Student voices



Staff voices

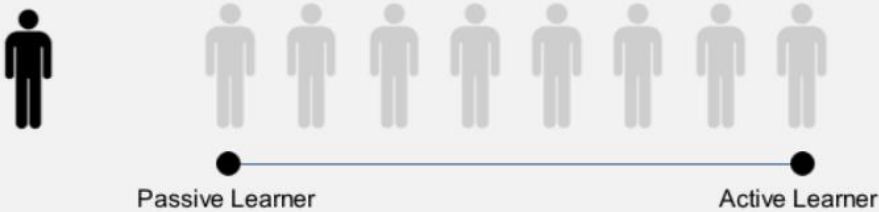


How? Interactive activities

Active Learning


The active passive scale

Where do you fit on the Active to Passive learning scale? Drag the person to the appropriate position.



The diagram shows a horizontal scale from 'Passive Learner' to 'Active Learner'. Above the scale are eight human icons. The first icon on the left is black, while the other seven are grey. A black dot is positioned on the scale line, approximately one-fifth of the way from the 'Passive Learner' end.

Passive Learner Active Learner



A photograph of six diverse students standing behind a stone wall, all giving thumbs up. They are outdoors, with a modern building and trees in the background.

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Where are we at?

Phase 1: Live 2016

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activities

Teaching & learning in NZ

Teaching &
learning
environment

Applied
learning

Critical
thinking

Independent
learning

Tips for successful learning

Time
management

Strategies for
improving
English
language

Active learning
strategies

Understand
how you think
& learn

Conclusion

Tips from
students &
staff

What next:
links to
additional
resources

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Writing and assessments

Intro to academic
writing:
- purposes
- features

Academic reading
strategies

Approaching
assignments

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Student feedback – what was useful?

- Different experiences shared by students
- The information and activities about the Maori culture
- Drag and drop activities within Active learning and the three-stage process
- Introduction and understanding how you think and learn
- All videos
- Everything is useful!



Student comments

- I think it covered everything a new student needs to know. If there's anything else missing, I'm sure the tips and information given here should be enough for them to find out on their own.
- You should promote this programme to student more cause it really helpful for new students.



Latest developments

- eLiNZ Moodle access prior to arrival in New Zealand
- Used in blended learning Business workshops
- Resources modified for generic online use
- Used in flipped classroom teaching approach

Questions or comments?

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