

Question 3: How Does The University Calendar Work?

Mo asks: *Do I really have to read the university undergraduate calendar? That's a lot of information and I'm not sure that it applies to me.*

For Mo, and every student going to university, the answer is, “Yes, this information is important.” At some point in your time at university it will be necessary to know a lot of this information. And some of this information you need immediately. If the university undergraduate calendar is such an important source of information, why do so few students bother to read it?

Mo's reaction is: *The university undergraduate calendars I've seen are very unfriendly. They are produced on newsprint and the information is crammed onto every page. There are several hundred pages of fine print. The cover looks nice but once you start reading it's not fun. There are no graphics, the words are tightly spaced and there are no frills.*



Jill says: *You can't let this discourage you. If you investigate your undergraduate calendar, you find a lot of information which can help you at university and make your stay less stressful and more enjoyable. If it is available, I order a hard copy.*



I know that not all universities are printing undergraduate calendars. In order to save money some have gone on-line only. But the university website tells you what is available.

Mo and Jill also need to know that *The Viewbook* is an advertising publication that is designed for first-year university students only. It is usually:

- slick and attractive
- printed on glossy paper with pictures and graphics
- very brief compared to the undergraduate calendar.

When a university representative visits your high school, students may be given a *Viewbook*. This is designed to recruit you for that university.

The *Viewbook* does have useful information but it covers only the main points that might attract you to that particular university. It is not a substitute for an undergraduate calendar. It is only a good first look, designed to catch your interest.

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University?

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University?

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How Will I Pay For University?

Question #9:
How and When Do I Apply?

Question #10:
What Else Do I Need To Know
and Do?