

## Film 1: Transition

In this film I want to tell you about the second year of the course which you will be starting soon. And I will start off by giving you a brief overview of the year, move on to explain each of the modules you will be studying and conclude by making some suggestions of how you can prepare for the second year of the course.

The second year gives you an opportunity to do two things: undertake some research into an aspect of education you are interested in and to look back on your learning and professional development over the course. And you will do this by completing three modules: the Research Methodologies module, the Major study module and the Reflexive Study module.

So let's have a look at each of these modules in turn.

The Research Methodologies module is a 20 credit module that requires you to do two things: develop a research proposal for a piece of work you would like to carry out and then pilot a data collection instrument for that research and evaluate your experience of using it.

The second module is the 40 credit Major Study which gives you an opportunity to develop your research proposal from the Research Methodologies module into a piece of research that you will undertake. Here you will actually carry out some research, write it up and present it to other students on the degree at the Teaching and Learning Festival, thus contributing to our 'Community of Discovery'.

The third module is the 30 credit Reflexive Study and provides you with an opportunity to stand back and review your own learning and professional development over the period of the course, and this will require you to draw on relevant literature on reflection to recount a narrative of your own learning journey.

To help you prepare for the second year we have designed two sets of transition activities. The first of these will introduce you to some of the important concepts you need to be familiar with for your Research Methodologies day school, and these cover topics such as what is educational research, how do you carry out research, what is a literature review and how do you write research questions. The second set will help you review and consider your learning on the course so far and how you might draw on this when you write your Reflexive Study.