



A Guide to Competence Development for First Year Students

Orientation and Introduction

- ▶ Establish a mentor system for all first year students - Train the mentor
- ▶ Senior students create a video introducing key course activities
- ▶ Establish self-help groups

Competence development through work experience

- ▶ Work experiences essential for competence development in all subjects;
 - I. Visits to private and public sector employers
 - II. Volunteering
 - III. Identifying an employer as a mentor
- ▶ A formal accredited and integrated work placement preferably each year

The learning journey

- ▶ Learning and competence development is not confined to formal activities
- ▶ Identifying external resources – people and virtual to enhance knowledge and competence
- ▶ All forms of media;
 - ▶ YouTube
 - ▶ Newspaper – daily-weekly (Economist)
 - ▶ Professional Apps
 - ▶ Google !!
- ▶ Use critically

The learning journey

- ▶ Develop ICT competence
- ▶ Establish closed social media groups – include all students in the subject by year

Be Entrepreneurial

- ▶ Applies to all subjects – is an attitude / approach to learning – doing – seeking – exploiting opportunities
- ▶ May include;
 - ▶ Being proactive in developing presentation skills
 - ▶ Developing techniques for effective interaction with professors
 - ▶ Proposing learning outcomes
 - ▶ Keeping your CV up-to-date regularly