

# Factors that Influence Learning

# Internal Factors

- \* Encouraged to be self-directed and resourceful
- \* In the city centre, allowing for access to an array of things to aid learning opportunities
- \* Links across courses enabling a breadth of knowledge
- \* Good support network
- \* Good group/course ratios
- \* Nurture
- \* Separate campus for higher education students
- \* Some good resources
- \* Accredited university course
- \* Access to university campus and resources

**Strengths**

- \* Self-directed study can be difficult
- \* Lack of computers
- \* Lack of interpersonal skills- group work may be difficult or making friends etc.

\* Weaknesses

# External Factors

- \* Previous studies
- \* Student discounts
- \* Having contact with tutor/ lecturers
- \* Previous life experience
- \* Provides better job opportunities
- \* Positive support from family and friends

\* Strengths

- \* Financial difficulties
- \* Sometimes a lack of understanding
- \* Language barrier
- \* Commuting and transport

\* Weaknesses

- \* Motivation
- \* Time management
- \* Age
- \* Gender
- \* Ethnicity
- \* Programme length
- \* Home environment
- \* Health
- \* Commitments

\* Strengths and  
weaknesses across the  
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