The role of the lecturer

It is important that you understand the role of the lecturer:

The lecturer is a facilitator for your learning.

Unlike at school, lecturers are not there to tell you what to do. They do not monitor your progress on a weekly basis.

Listen carefully at the beginning of the lecture to see what the format of that lecture will be. Remember, each lecturer may have a different style and the format of teaching may also be different. This means that you need to be flexible in the way you learn from lectures.

Lecturers will only cover about 30%-50% of the information that you are expected to know on any specific topic. Do not assume that the given lecture notes are all that you need. It's important to take notes during the lecture.

You will also need to read your texts after the lecture and write any additional notes to assist in your understanding of that topic.

Students need to become 'active listeners' during the lecture. This includes recording information, writing questions that you need to find answers for, and following up those questions with the lecturer at a suitable time.

Emails are a good way of doing this. Your lecturer cannot help you if you don’t speak up.