RESOURCE LISTS: ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING

The University's Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy has been in place since 1 August, 2013. The full policy is available to download: Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy (PDF)

How can Resource Lists help you to comply with the Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy?

The policy requires that:

a) Course outlines and reading lists shall be made available at least 4 weeks before the start of the course.

Resource Lists can be created quickly, published at any point and edited at any time throughout the semester.

This means no waiting around for handbooks to be published or for a reading list to be complete.

Resource Lists can be published with only core ('Essential') resources and then updated at a later time.

b) Reading lists shall indicate priority and/or relevance.

Resource Lists provide three indications of priority/relevance:

1. Essential
2. Recommended
3. Further reading

These are easily set by selecting from a drop-down list.

It is not necessary for the entire Resource List to be prioritised, but the list should indicate which resources are considered to be key to understand themes within the course (using 'Essential' or 'Recommended') and those which are supplementary ('Further readng').

c) The policy allows that in some subjects it may be necessary for students to prioritise reading lists for themselves.

In such cases, this should be reflected and clearly stated in the learning outcomes of the course, and this should be assessed; otherwise it is not justified.

If this is the case, a note can be added to the Resource List in order to communicate this to the students.

Further help and information

- A series of short user guides is available at: http://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/research-teaching-staff/resource-lists/user-guides
- Follow the Resource Lists @ Edinburgh blog: http://libraryblogs.is.ed.ac.uk/resourcelists/
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