Teaching and Learning

A suite of Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LTA) supports available to GMIT students:

LTA Student Support	Description	Link to the resource
Steps to Success in Online Learning	A short animation explaining the **steps to success in online learning and student engagement in GMIT.** A short guide for students is also available at this link covering steps to success and some practical advice for GMIT students learning online during COVID-19 (published in March 2020).	Learn about online and blended learning in GMIT here
Digital Charter	**GMIT's Digital Learning Charter** outlines our mutual responsibilities and provides a framework for managing our communication and behaviour in a digital world. It should be taken as a statement of our shared values rather than as a rule book. It illustrates the way in which members of GMIT staff and students should work collaboratively so that everyone can benefit. GMIT will aim to support all our learning community to engage in a safe and responsible manner when engaging in digital learning. **GMIT Digital Communication Principles**	GMIT Digital Charter is available at this link GMIT Digital Communication Principles animation video is available here.
Online Assessment with MS Lens Student Guide	**An open book examination** is one which allows you to use resources which are available to you e.g. notes, books, the internet. Following completion of the examination you will normally be expected to upload your exam through the Moodle portal. If you are required to hand write your exam you will need to scan your answers and upload them using an app called MS Lens.	A student guide to MS lens is available here.
Academic Integrity Student Guide	ACADEMIC INTEGRITY MATTERS #myownwork	Student Guide to Academic Integrity in GMIT is available here on the Student Hub and DigitalEd.ie here
Studiosity	The CUA iNOTE Project team set up an evening and weekend service covering online academic and Maths support services for all students in the CUA. Studiosity was selected to run this pilot initiative and became available to all GMIT students in November 2020. Studiosity offers two services for students to choose from: **1. Academic Writing Feedback:** Students can get feedback from an expert to show strengths and areas for improvement. Students can submit drafts up to 5,500 of written work to receive feedback on spelling and grammar, structure, choice of language, and referencing, which is provided in 24 hours or less. The service does not provide proofreading, editing or feedback on subject	Access to the service is promoted via the GMIT Student Hub, Student Services Office, the library, the Maths and Academic Writing Centres and the Student's Union. A link to the Student Hub promoting the Studiosity service in GMIT is here.

	matter/course content; instead, the writing specialist will highlight examples to the student make improvements to their writing. **2. Connect Live for Course Skills:** One-to-one live chat-based study support sessions for core skills subjects including English, Maths, Science, Statistics, Economics and Accounting. Students can type a question, draw on the whiteboard provided, or share a file. Students can also use the service to ask follow-up questions on writing feedback. This service complements GMIT's in-house academic supports (e.g., Library, Academic Writing Centre, Maths Learning Centre). The pilot was promoted to all GMIT students and staff and is accessible from the GMIT Student Hub. Studiosity also delivered webinars for staff to introduce the service which the Teaching & Learning Office has recorded and made available to all staff.	
PASS for 1st years – Peer Assisted Study Sessions with student PASS Leaders	**PASS online study sessions** are offered one hour per week on the student course timetable, on first year programmes in each School (approx. 30-40 programmes annually). Student PASS leaders (from 2nd or 3rd year) facilitate the online learning sessions. GMIT's PASS Study Sessions programme helps first year students: *quickly adjust to third level life; acquire a clear view of the academic requirements of the course; improve learning and study skills; enhances the understanding of the subject matter of the course through collaborative group discussions; prepares students better for assessed course work and examinations.* 	Learn more about the PASS programme supporting first year students here www.gmit.ie/pass **In response to COVID, PASS sessions are running online via MS Teams on a weekly timetabled slot supporting 1000+ students.**
First Year Student Induction Course	GMIT Students completing this course will become familiar with GMIT expectations: **who we are; what we do; and how we can help you throughout your time in college.**	This course can be accessed here.
IT Skills Course for GMIT Students	GMIT students successfully completing this course will have the **IT skills** required to fully engage with distance education in GMIT over the academic year.	The IT Skills course can be accessed here.
Academic Writing Centre and Maths Learning Centre Online	**Academic Writing Centre** The Centre offers focused academic writing tuition to students of the Institute at all levels, in all years, and across all disciplines. All aspects of academic writing are dealt with. The tuition available takes the form of pre-bookable, thirty-minute, live, one-to-one sessions, directed by individual student need. The tutors in the Academic Writing Centre are all GMIT staff, familiar with GMIT academic programmes and academic requirements. Further details, including how to book a session, are available HERE. **Maths Learning Centre** The Maths Learning Centre offers free maths tuition to GMIT students. It operates with pre-bookable, thirty-minute, one-to-one sessions, directed by individual student need. Further details are available HERE.	The Academic Writing Centre is online at this link. The Maths Learning Centre is online at this link.
Academic Success online course	The **Academic Success online course** was designed by a network of higher education institutions in Ireland including GMIT, DCU and IT Sligo and universities in the UK and Australia. The course is designed to help students	This course can be accessed online here.

+ supporting the LIS module (all 1st year students complete) **Library Online Study Resources**	make a successful transition into higher education and to support students throughout their learning journey from first year to senior year. This programme has three sections. As part of the Learning and Innovation Skills (LIS) module in first year, all students engage with each section of the online course. A wealth of resources is available online by the library team to support students learning and studying online.	Further LIS module supports for students are available here. Access the library resources at this link.
Being Well Living Well Online Course	This course was set up in GMIT and the wider CUA as part of the iNOTE project supporting students learning online. Modules in this online course look at **essential wellbeing strategies** to support successful study and a healthy lifestyle at university, touching on the transitions through university, good study behaviours and maintaining physical wellbeing. Students will learn how to recognise problem areas and identify practical strategies and tools for dealing with them. OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS / epigeum **Being Well, Living Well** Published on: Jun 2020 **8+ hours** of Core activities	The online course for students can be assessed here.
Careers Module: **Next Step Employability Online Course**	**The Careers Module** is for senior level (L9/L8/L7) students interested in developing their self-knowledge and realising their career potential. It aims to support students in following a process of self-discovery leading to developing a successful career plan. The material provided offers a relevant structure and support for navigation of the current Recruitment and Selection process, which is vital in terms of future career success. Careers Intro_03 (3) 85 0	The online course is available through the Careers Office in GMIT and is delivered online or blended in partnership with academic departments. Access the course at this link.
Graduate Student Mentors	Supporting the GMIT BOLT initiative, 18 online **Graduate Student Mentors** were recruited in August 2020 to support all GMIT students learning online. A mentor is assigned to each academic department in GMIT and is working with the HoD's and academic teams in supporting students during the COVID teaching and learning remotely experience. All mentors have been trained with the T&L Office, the Careers Office and specialist sessions on coaching facilitated by an external trainer. Each mentor also undertook a PASS Leadership/online learning facilitation skills course covering MS Teams, enabling mentors to run online sessions with small student groups.	The Graduate Mentors are co-ordinated by the HoD's and the Covid Officer/BOLT Chair (Dr Seamus Lennon).
Silver Cloud Online Counselling Service	As part of the iNOTE project, an online counselling service was set up in GMIT and across the CUA from Sept. 2020. **SilverCloud is an online mental health intervention platform** that offers several programmes for students who are experiencing various mental health and wellbeing issues. Along with programmes for mental health, there are programmes specific to higher education, on depression, anxiety, stress, resilience, and body positivity. SilverCloud **On-demand Digital Mental Health Platform** Our Experience. Our Research. Your Outcomes.	Students can access SilverCloud here and through the GMIT Student Hub.
GMIT Design Thinking – Online Workshops for Students	**Design Thinking online workshops** are available for students to access as an alternative to work placement. An online introductory workshop has been funded by the National Forum for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning and iNOTE DigitalEd Project with the Teaching and Learning Office in GMIT.	The GMIT online resource can be accessed here. Also available through the Moodle library service home page at this link (top right corner).

The range of LTA offerings available to GMIT students is associated with the student success model for the CUA (Figure 1).

Figure 1: CUA Student Success Model