

# Four Learning Benefits of Alternative Formats

Learning Content that Works for You

Having access to course content that fits your learning needs, your busy schedule, and your multiple devices can impact on your academic success. **Alternative Formats** give you choice, allowing you to download your course materials in different file types. Next to your course files, click on the 'A download' icon to see your options. The file may take a few minutes to download, so continue with your work while you wait. Remember, the quality of the alternative formats can depend on the original file, so check the original file if something doesn't look right.



## Find a Higher Quality Alternative

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## Enhance your Understanding

Did you know when you engage different senses- like reading a text and listening to a text- that you activate different parts of the brain, which can enhance your understanding? Try reading the **Tagged PDF** first and then listening to the **Audio MP3** for review. Or, if you are struggling with the text, you might try listening and reading at the same time.



## Improve your Time Management

With your busy schedule, maximizing your time on task and study opportunities can have an impact on your success. If you're reading on your mobile phone, try the **HTML** format for a file that's responsive to your screen size so that you can read faster and with less distractions. Or listen to the **Audio MP3** when you're on the go for extra time reviewing your materials.



## Become a Better Learner

Think about the best format for your learning context and objective, and include multiple formats in your study process. Keep a journal of the formats you use leading up to an exam or paper to discover how you learn best. For more information on the alternative formats, check out:

<https://tinyurl.com/AltFormatsStudents>