

Hello academia! Off to a great start

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You recently started your PhD full of enthusiasm. However, an uneasy feeling creeps up whenever you walk past one of the senior PhD students, who are just writing up. Do you hear them say, “If I knew that before” or “I wish I would have thought of” and think for yourself, “I hope this doesn’t happen to me, I hope I can get around their mistakes myself”.

A PhD is too complex to ever be without complications. However, in this course we’ll try to work on our “starter package” to survive in this new environment and to get a broad set of experiences and networks from your PhD.

Communication

- With your boss: lead the leader
- With your colleagues: be a “good” colleague without being taken for a ride
- With students: you as a leader
- Don’t burn bridges

Career planning

- Which qualifications to seek during your PhD?
- Can I determine my development?
- How to get in touch with future employers

Good scientific practice - basics

- Documentation standards for publications and patents

Your PhD: more than just lab

- Conferences
- Outreach
- Networking

Present your results

- Basics of presentation skills
- Self-marketing