one's personal learning style in order to make sure the elearning course you choose will meet your expectations. My personal style with law is to absorb as much as I can until I can't take any more. How much depends on the topic. The three areas I found particularly tricky were Criminal law; all those definitions are so important and yet hard to commit to memory. Civil procedure is quite a labyrinth too and defamation sounds reasonably straight forward but is not that easy to grasp beyond the basic concepts.

AND FINALLY...

I took the Legal Foundations Course as a refresher and as a personal challenge to see if I could e-learn effectively.

Unfortunately I fell into the same trap as the first time and went on holiday while the first lectures were released on the system. Will I ever learn?! Or should I say elearn?! Well one of the beauties of e-learning, is that unlike conventional lectures, the material was waiting for me upon my return. It took extra time to catch up but once I had, I tackled each new topic with gusto as soon as it became available.

Personally I think I could get quite addicted to e-learning. For the most part it's just you the learner and the subject matter itself, which is the way I like it. No travel, no Tuesday evenings taken up for months, and I can organise my own tea and biscuits! So yes it's a bit of a revolution! Why don't you give it a whirl yourself...

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