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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the September newsletter!

This is always a busy month with an influx of new learners starting their studies with us and also the opening of UCAS applications for 2024 entry.

For new learners who are receiving this as their first monthly newsletter, welcome and thank you for choosing to study with us.

As well as posting useful information and news in our newsletter, we also post items of interest on our various social media channels; so if you haven't already done so follow us on Facebook and Instagram. There is also a Facebook Group just for learners called [DistanceLearningCentre.com \(Official\)](#) where you can get help and support from your fellow students.

UCAS applications can now be submitted for September 2024 entry

UCAS

If you are applying as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a buzzword from your tutor, which will identify your application as being linked to DistanceLearningCentre.com.

In order to access the DistanceLearningCentre.com buzzword you must have completed and passed 6 Level 3 credits.

Further information about the UCAS process can be found on our UCAS web page. To find this from your account hub, click on the toolkit tab and from the drop-down menu select 'UCAS Applications'. Remember to read all of our guidance as you will find lots of information and web links answering any queries and helping you with your research.

If you are applying as a DistanceLearningCentre.com student, your tutor will write your UCAS reference, but before they can do this you will need to complete a 'tutor info form'.

Applying to a Medical School?

The deadline for submitting your UCAS application if you want to study most courses in medicine (including veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry) is **16th October 2023 at 18:00**.

This is also the deadline if you are applying to study at Oxford or Cambridge.

However, if you want to apply as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to have



completed your application and paid the application fee by **29th September**.

November Moderation 2023

No sooner does one moderation finish, the countdown for the next begins! The **November moderation** deadline is **Friday 27th October**.

This is when assessment work that has been marked by your tutor is checked by the Awarding Body, Ascentis. During this process, final grades are confirmed and Diplomas are awarded. Certificates are then issued and these should be with successful students in January.

If you are aiming to complete your Diploma studies by this deadline, you need to use your ILP to plan your time over these last few weeks and talk to your tutor if you have any questions or need any advice. Also remember that you can only submit a maximum of one assessment per week.

Introducing a new March Moderation from 2024

There is good news for students who are aiming to take up a university place early in 2024. We are increasing our moderation points to three times in the academic year by introducing a March moderation. If you want to take advantage of this additional moderation cycle your final deadline for submission of assessments will be **1st March 2024**.

Make use of our Library



You can access our online library from the 'toolkit' section in your account. The diagram below provides step by step guidance on how to access the library.

The new library has over 4000 items which includes articles, journals, videos, careers advice, e-books and much more. Just like a physical library, you can browse the contents, or you can search by key words. Each item has a synopsis and a link to the content, which opens in a new window on your device. We hope you find this useful for your studies!

Follow this diagram to access our online library

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Library
Some of the Library resources are links to other websites and online information, other parts provide recommended texts and resources you can access and more general help in areas such as study skills, managing your time and improving your IT skills.

Search

Keyword or phrase

- Student Handbook
- Library
- UCAS Useful information and tips to help you on your way
- Using Turnitin
- About plagiarism
- Get Tatum (NUS) Card

Online Question & Answer Drop-ins



After the success of our online webinars, we are excited to announce that starting from next week we will be rolling out regular 45-minute online drop-ins that you can attend. During these sessions our tutors will be on hand to answer general questions about your course and also questions about your assessments.

Some of the drop-in sessions will be for general guidance and others will be subject specific. A list of the dates for drop-in sessions that are relevant to your course of study can be accessed from your 'My Courses' tab by selecting 'Webinars' and then 'Coming up'.

The first three online drop-ins coming up are:

- [New Student Drop-in](#) - 7:30pm on Wednesday 13th September
- [Study Skills Student Drop-in](#) - 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th September
- [New Student Drop-in](#) - 7:30pm on Wednesday 27th September

Our Recorded Webinars

We have a number of on-demand webinars that you have access to from our YouTube channel. Use the diagram below to help you find where these webinars can be accessed from.



Our top tips for Webinars to watch this month if you are a new student are:

- [The Course Induction](#)
- [Academic Writing](#)
- [Referencing](#)

There are some really helpful on-demand videos that provides guidance on [completing the education section](#) of your UCAS application, [completing your personal statement](#) and [submitting your application](#).

Be sure to watch these videos when you start your UCAS application.



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Webinars

Webinars are provided for key assessments, and processes such as starting the course and UCAS. They are not like traditional lessons you may have experienced. They are not compulsory and are also put up as videos on our Youtube channel afterwards, with easy to follow learning materials, the assessment briefs taught to you according to a timetable. button below.

[Coming up](#) [Webinar videos](#)

There are no Webinars coming up for your Course.

- Materials & Assessments
- Moderation dates
- Webinars**
- my Grades & Mark Sheets
- my Assessments
- my ILP's & SAGs
- my Applications & Enrolments
- my Completion docs

To watch these videos, click on the 'My Course' Tab from your account hub, select 'Webinars' from the drop-down menu and then click 'Webinar Videos'. From the list of webinars, select 'UCAS'. The diagram above also shows you how to access our on-demand YouTube videos.

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