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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to the December newsletter and our last of 2024!

This month we have information on the Christmas holidays and key dates for both UCAS 2025 and March moderation.

Christmas dates

Your tutor's Christmas break will run from **Friday 20th December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025**. During this time, they will be unavailable for tutorials and will not be answering any phone calls or emails. You will be able to have access to a maximum of 2 assessment codes: please review your ILP and think about your plans for Christmas.

Remember that materials codes now open up all of the materials for a subject set so you should have enough work to keep you busy over the closure period.

Please note - apart from the bank holidays over the break, Student Services, Exams and Finance will all still be available if you need them. However, they are unable to provide you with any passwords so you will need to ensure you have requested and received passwords from your tutor before we close.

We wish you all a lovely Christmas break and all the best for 2025.

UCAS applications for September 2025 entry



The application deadline for 2025 entry for Undergraduate courses is **18:00 (UK time) on 29 January 2025**. This is the 'equal consideration' deadline, which means course providers must consider all applications received by this time equally.

The deadline for applying through the DistanceLearningCentre.com is **15th January 2025** to guarantee your application is not late.

If you apply through DistanceLearningCentre.com:

- Your tutor will check your personal statement and form for content, spelling and grammatical errors and advise accordingly
- Your tutor will also provide a reference.

If you apply as an independent student:

- You can apply at any time and do not need to adhere to our deadlines.
- Your form will not be checked.
- You will not receive a reference from your DistanceLearningCentre.com tutors.

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 Application'. 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.

March Moderation 2025

If you are aiming to finish your Diploma in time for March 2025 moderation, you will need to have completed **45 credits** by **17th January**, and the deadline for submitting your final unit assessment is **28th February**.

Remember to update your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and keep in touch with your tutor to update them on your progress as you work towards this deadline.

Online Sessions



We are busy putting together the schedule for next year's webinars, but in the meantime you can access a bank of previous webinars that can be watched on-demand from the YouTube channel or from the webinars page on your learner account.

Your questions answered



This month's questions are:

Why is the Ready for marking process important?

The ready for marking process is a checklist we have developed to help make sure that your assessment submission meets our required standards and those of the awarding body. If your submission isn't ready for marking, your tutor will ask you to meet all things on the checklist before they are able to mark it.

Why do we ask you for word counts on your assessments?

For instance, all 3 credit assessments must be between 1000 and 1500 words and 6 credit assessments between 2000 and 2500 words. This is so that assessments fit with awarding body requirements and also allows all students to have the same opportunity to write a similar amount. It wouldn't be fair if some students were allowed to write much more than others and so achieved higher grades.

If you have any questions that you think we could feature in future newsletters please email them to editor@distancelearningcentre.com

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