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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the November newsletter!

In this month's edition we have some information relating to March moderation and the different options for contacting your tutor if you experience technical difficulties. There are links to November's student drop in sessions and on-demand webinars, and also some UCAS advice and a related deadline reminder.

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.

March Moderation 2025

No sooner has the countdown to November moderation just expired, the countdown to our next moderation period starts. 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.

UCAS applications for September 2025 entry



If you want to applying to UCAS through the DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a **buzzword** from your tutor, which will link your application to us.

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

If you are applying through DistanceLearningCentre.com, your tutor will write your UCAS reference, but before they can do this you will need to complete a 'tutor information form' and send this to them via email.

Further information about the UCAS application process can be accessed from our UCAS web page. To find this, go to 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. You will also find a link to the 'tutor information form' referred to above.



A key date for your diary

If you are applying to UCAS through DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to have submitted and paid the UCAS application fee at least 2 weeks before the official UCAS deadline.

Therefore, our internal deadline is the **15th January 2025**. This will give your tutor enough time to check your application and write your UCAS reference.

Options for contacting your tutor



From time to time you might be faced with the frustration of having to deal with some of the technical difficulties that come with using a PC, laptop or tablet to access your course materials and complete assessments.



If at any point, you fall victim to such difficulties just when you have an assessment that is due for submission, remember that you can get in touch with your tutor via **telephone** or **WhatsApp** to make them aware, and to request an extension for your assessment.

Online Sessions



The online Q&A sessions and webinars running in November and early December are:

- [New Student drop in - 6th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [Maths \(Access to HE assessment\) - 7th November 2024 at 2pm](#)

- [New Student drop in - 13th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
 - [New Student drop in - 20th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
 - [Introduction to Counselling \(assessment\) - 27th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
 - [Anatomy and Physiology \(assessment\) - 4th December 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
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Our Recorded Webinars

We have a number of on-demand webinars that you have access to from our YouTube channel.



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

- [Academic Writing](#)
- [Referencing](#)
- [AI use and misuse](#)

Your questions answered



This month's question is:

Why do we ask you to complete 6 credits of work and the tutor reference form before we issue the Buzzword for UCAS?

Our answer:

By giving you the UCAS Buzzword we are agreeing for you to link your application to us – and that we will provide a reference for you. Unless you have completed 6 credits of work it would be very difficult for us to provide any information to the universities about how you are doing academically – this is the minimum amount of work (usually the first two units) we need to be able to do this.

We ask you to complete the tutor reference form to give us any other information which we may not know about you (such as your work experience) so that we are also able to comment on this in your reference.

Whilst you can apply for UCAS independently it is worthwhile linking your application to us as we check your application and write your reference (and share this with you) before it is sent to the universities.

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