

UCAS applications, student drop-ins and November moderation



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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 \(Official\)](https://www.facebook.com/DistanceLearningCentre.com-Official) where you can get help and support from your fellow students.

March 2026 Moderation

No sooner has the countdown to November moderation expired, the countdown to our next moderation period starts. If you are aiming to finish your Diploma in time for March 2026 moderation, you will need to have completed **45 credits** by **16th January**, and the deadline for submitting your final unit assessment is **27th 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 2026 entry



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 credits at Level 3.

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.

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 information form'.

Deadlines:

If you are applying to UCAS through DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to have submitted and paid the UCAS application fee before our internal deadline of **Monday 5th January 2026**. This will give your tutor time to check your application and write your UCAS reference before the official UCAS deadline which is **Wednesday 14th January 2026**.

Upcoming Online Sessions



Below is a list of the upcoming webinars in November. 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 online sessions running this month are listed below:

Advice and Q&A for new students:

- [New Student Drop In - 12th November @ 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student Drop In - 20th November @ 7:30pm](#)

- [New Student Drop In - 27th November @ 7:30pm](#)

Advice on Assessments:

- [Contemporary Issues in Language - 13th November @ 7:30pm](#)
- [Introduction to Business - 25th November @ 7:30pm](#)
- [Introduction to Sports Science - 26th November @ 7:30pm](#)

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 for 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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