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Dear Student,

The following information is intended to give prospective applicants, and those who have been offered a place to study English at UCL as an Affiliate Student, some idea of how our Department works, and to outline the courses which will be available in the session of September 2014 – June 2015.

1. OUTLINE DESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENT

The Department of English belongs to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University College London (UCL). It runs a full-time three-year course in English Language and Literature, leading to the degree of B.A. (Hons); this is known as a single-honours degree, meaning a degree taken in only one subject. The Department also takes part in the Modern Languages Plus B.A. degree programme, where students take English combined with another language.

There are 28 full-time members of the academic staff in the Department and about 300 undergraduates of whom approximately 8-10 are combined-studies students, and some 50 are Affiliate Students from other European universities or on Junior Year Abroad Schemes from the USA. There are one-year M.A. courses in English Linguistics, Issues in Modern Culture, and Shakespeare in History. The Department also supervises postgraduate research leading to the further degrees of MPhil and PhD. For further information on the English Department, including its staff, please visit www.ucl.ac.uk/english.

2. THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year is divided into three terms. The dates for the academic session 2014-15 are:

Term	Date
First Term	Monday 22 September 2014 - Friday 12 December 2014
Second Term	Monday 12 January 2015 - Friday 27 March 2015
Third Term	Monday 27 April 2015 - Friday 12 June 2015

Note that the UCL International Student Orientation Programme will take place in the week *before* the beginning of the autumn and spring terms (the UCL Registry will send further details; you can also find information on the Orientation Programme at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international-students>). This will include an important induction session in the English Department, where I will explain how to select your English courses and give other vital information about studying in the Department. It is essential that you attend this session so you'll need to be in London during that week.

In addition, the English Department has 'reading weeks' in the middle of the autumn and spring terms during which there is no teaching. Dates for these are:

Term 1: week commencing Monday 3 November 2014

Term 2: week commencing Monday 16 February 2015

Because of examinations taking place in the third term, teaching (in the form of lectures and seminars) only takes place during the first two terms.

3. CHOICE OF COURSES FOR AFFILIATE STUDENTS

If you are registered with the English Department only, you are expected to follow a selection of four courses from the list that can be viewed via the link shown below.

If you have combined registration as a Joint student (e.g. English and German) you should take two courses in English.

The combination 3+1 is not permitted.

THE COURSES FOR 2014-15 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| (a) | Chaucer and his Literary Background | (ENGL2001 A/B/W*) |
| (b) | Shakespeare | (ENGL3002 A/B/W*) |
| (c) | Modern English Language | (ENGL3012 A/W*) |
| | (NB: This option is not available to January-June Affiliates) | |
| (d) | Renaissance Literature | (ENGL3003 A/B/W*) |
| (e) | The Victorian Period | (ENGL3007 A/B/W*) |
| (f) | Old English Literature I | (ENGL3009 A/B/W*) |
| (g) | London in Literature | (ENGL3013 A/B/W*) |
| (h) | Middle English Literature I | (ENGL3022 A/B/W*) |
| (i) | The Modern Period I | (ENGL3025 A/B/W*) |
| (j) | Literary Linguistics | (ENGL3027 A/W*) |
| | (NB: This option is not available to January-June Affiliates) | |

* A = September-December Affiliates, B = January-June Affiliates, W = full-year Affiliates. The relevant letter is added to the end of the course code.

Course descriptions are available at

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/silva/english/current/undergraduate>.

These descriptions are intended to provide a brief guide to the scope and content of all the English courses available to students and to be of some help when making choices. Wherever fuller information is needed it can be obtained from the course convenor.

Reading lists for each course are available from the English Department Office (email Anita Garfoot, a.garfoot@ucl.ac.uk, to request these).

4. ASSESSMENT OF AFFILIATE STUDENTS

There are different assessment methods for Affiliate Students depending on length of stay.

Full Year English Only Students take *four* courses and write a total of two essays of 2,000-4,000 words per course over the year, i.e. one per course, per term. They take the same examinations as students studying for the full BA degree course. Assessment is based for two thirds on term essays, and for one third on the exam result.

Full Year Joint Students take two courses in the Department and two outside the Department. They write one essay of 2,000-4,000 words per course, per term for each course taken in **the English Department**, so two essays per term. They take the same examinations as students studying for the full BA degree course. Assessment is based for two thirds on term essays, and for one third on the exam result.

October-December Students take two or four courses in this Department, depending on whether they are Joint or English-only students. For each of these courses they write one essay of 2,000-4,000 words, so a total of two or four essays. Students will be assessed on the basis of these tutorial essays, as well as a set of new essays which are to be submitted by early December. Students hand in *all* their essays (tutorial essays, as well as new essays) in a portfolio.

January-June Students take two or four courses in this Department, depending on whether they are Joint or English-only students. For each of these courses they write one essay of 2,000-4,000 words, so a total of two or four essays. Students will be assessed on the basis of these tutorial essays, as well as a set of new essays. The new essays are written during the Easter vacation and are to be submitted in early May. Students hand in *all* their essays (tutorial essays, as well as new essays) in a portfolio.

A transcript listing all the courses taken in the Department together with the marks obtained will be sent out to students' home institutions by the UCL Registry.

Yours sincerely,

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