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Dear Student

As Departmental Tutor I would like to welcome you to the UCL History Department. My colleagues and I are looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

The History Undergraduate Handbook is now on the web at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/undergraduate/current-undergraduates>. Please read it carefully as it contains information that will be important and useful to you throughout the year.

You will also find the schedule for induction and registration online at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/undergraduate/new-undergraduates/induction-week>. When you arrive, you will receive this information in hard copy, as well as the names of your Student Mentor and Personal Tutor, and your seminar group allocation for the introductory course HIST1002: Concepts, Categories, and the Practice of History. I would like to draw your attention to one of the most important things you will be doing in your first days at UCL: choosing your courses. You will find instructions on how to choose and register for your courses online at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/undergraduate/new-undergraduates/course-choices>; please use these to help you fill in the course choice preference form. Since you will be asked to submit your course choice preference form on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September by 12pm, I would encourage you to try to decide which courses you would like to take before you arrive at UCL. If you have any queries, have a look at section on web for first year courses and, once you have enrolled and have a UCL login ID following, look at the Moodle pages for past courses to get a better impression of what is on offer (<https://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/>). You can log in as a guest with the password 'pizza'.

If you are interested in doing some summer reading, please see the course page for the Lecture Core Course, HIST1001 ([http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/undergraduate/current-undergraduates/core\\_courses/hist1001](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/history/undergraduate/current-undergraduates/core_courses/hist1001)). Please note that this is not required, merely recommended, and you are not required to purchase any books for this purpose.

Although the New Student webpages explain in detail the arrangements for the beginning of term, they may not answer all your questions. So, it is important to remember that, if you have any problem or query, or if you simply need advice, there will always be someone in the Department who can help you. You have been assigned a Mentor from the existing student body as well as a Personal Tutor, who is a member of the academic staff and is usually able to deal with most issues, academic or personal. Also, as Departmental Tutor, I am always available to advise you. It is my responsibility to try to make sure that all undergraduates in the Department have a successful time here and you are welcome to come and see me during my weekly office hours (Monday 10-11 and Wednesday 12-1 in room B.20, 23 Gordon Square) or to make an appointment for a different time by emailing me at [r.salway@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.salway@ucl.ac.uk). If you need to see me urgently for any reason, my colleagues in Reception or the administrative office next door (G.04) will usually know where I am.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting for new students at 9.00 am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the [Christopher Ingold Chemistry XLG2](#) Lecture Theatre. A campus route finder which you may find useful during your first few weeks at UCL is available at <http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/>.

With best wishes for the coming academic year,

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