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 this academic year.

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, the Latin and English BA, and Greek and Latin BA programmes.

There are 28 full-time members of the academic staff in the Department and about 250 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, and Issues in Modern Culture. 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english).

2. **THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

The academic year is divided into three terms. The dates for the academic session 2016-2017 are:

- First (Autumn) Term: Monday 26 September 2016 - Friday 16 December 2016
- Second (Spring) Term: Monday 09 January 2017 - Friday 24 March 2017
- Third (Summer) Term: Monday 24 April 2017 - Friday 09 June 2017

In addition, the English Department has ‘reading weeks’ in the middle of the autumn and spring terms during which there is no teaching. For the first term, this will be the week commencing Monday 7 November 2016, and for the second term, the week commencing Monday 13 February 2017.

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. **INDUCTION**

Please note that the UCL International Student Orientation Programme will take place in the week before the beginning of the autumn term, i.e. the week beginning on 19 September (the UCL Registry will send further details; you can also find information on the Orientation Programme at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/iss/orientationaffiliate-students1. This will include an important induction session (day and time not yet confirmed) in the English Department, where you will find out how to select your English courses and be given 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. Should you not be able to attend this meeting, please send an email message to Prof Bas Aarts (b.aarts@ucl.ac.uk).

There are maps of UCL here: www.ucl.ac.uk/maps. The English Department is located on the second floor of Foster Court.

4. **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 2016-17 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

(a) Chaucer and his Literary Background (ENGL2001A/W)*
(b) Shakespeare (ENGL3002A/W)*
(c) Renaissance Literature (ENGL3003A/W)*
(d) The Victorian Period (ENGL3007A/W)*
(e) Old English Literature I (ENGL3009A/W)*
   *(Suitable for students with previous Old English experience)*
(f) London in Literature (ENGL3013A/W)*
(g) Middle English Literature I (ENGL3022A/W)*
   *(Suitable for students with previous Middle English experience)*
(h) Modern Literature I (ENGL3025A/W)*
(i) Literary Linguistics (ENGL3027A/W)*

* A = September-December 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 Carol Bowen, c.bowen@ucl.ac.uk, to request these). You will select your courses at the induction meeting, and do not need to enter them
on the UCL student system, ‘Portico’, before that meeting (when the course choice process will be fully explained).

5. **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. Assessment is based for two thirds on term essays, and for one third on the exam result.

**September-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. Students hand in all their essays (tutorial essays, as well as new essays) in a portfolio.

Full details about assessment will be given during the introductory meeting mentioned above.

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,

Prof Bas Aarts
Tutor for Affiliate Students