



September 2013

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
INDUCTION WEEK

Dear Student,

Congratulations on achieving a place to study English at UCL. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the Department at the end of September.

You should have received information about formal enrolment and about events that UCL has organised for Induction Week already. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the arrangements that have been made to welcome new students to the English Department, and to introduce you all to us and to each other.

Tuesday 24 September

10.30 am - Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street
12.00 am

Transition Information Session: This session, organised by the UCL Transition Programme, introduces all new first-year students to the support services available at UCL and includes presentations from the Student Union, Voluntary Services Unit, Dean of Students, Library, Health Centre, Disability Services and Student Psychological Services.

1.00 pm - Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, Wilkins Building
2.00 pm

Meet Your Mentor: Mentors are second- and third-year English students who have each been assigned a group of first-year students with whom they will meet regularly during the first term.

Wednesday 25 September

11.30am - 1.00pm **Room 216, 2nd floor, Foster Court**

Registration with the English Department, when you will be given a departmental handbook for new students, Criticism course study pack, timetable and lecture lists for your courses.

2.00pm - 4.00pm
(approx.) **Archaeology Lecture Theatre (G6), Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square**

Welcome from the Head of Department, Prof John Mullan, from Dr Marilyn Corrie, Department Tutor, and from Dr Juliette Atkinson, First-Year Course Convenor, with an introduction to the UCL Careers Service (2.30pm) and the UCL Union's Volunteering Services Unit (2.45pm).

5.30pm **Drinks party in the English Department Student Common Room**
(Room 229, 2nd floor, Foster Court).

This is followed by the English Department Cocktail Evening organised by the student mentors. Please see the enclosed letter about the English Department Mentoring Scheme for further details.

Thursday 26 September

Central IT Services Induction: J Z Young Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Building

A short presentation about the IT services available to you at UCL. For further information about the services and resources covered, please see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/isd/students/new-students>.

Sessions are held on a rolling basis in the same lecture theatre at half-hourly intervals from 11.00am to the last session at 2.30pm on 24th, 25th and 26th September. Places are available on a first come, first served basis so you may be asked to come along to a later session if it is already full.

You will also meet your tutor for the first time on Thursday or Friday. Please check the Tutorial Noticeboard in the second-floor corridor of the English Department for details of your tutor and meeting time and place.

Subject-specific tours of the UCL Library will be led by the English Subject Librarian, Sarah Burn, on Tuesday 24th September at 3pm and Thursday 26th September at 10 am. You can come along at whichever time you prefer; please meet Sarah inside the Main Library, by the statue.

Full lectures and seminars will start on Monday 30 September. The timetable for the autumn term, along with other useful information, is to be found in the English Department web pages, at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english/current>.

Pre-enrolment and Enrolment

You should have received instructions on UCL's pre-enrolment service already, and it is essential that you complete pre-enrolment before arriving at UCL. If you fail to complete pre-enrolment or do not receive any communication before you are due to start, you must contact the Student Centre Team at newstudents@ucl.ac.uk.

On completing pre-enrolment you will receive details via email about your enrolment appointment. For vital information on pre-enrolment and enrolment, as well as the steps you need to take, please see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/new-students/>. This web page also provides links containing maps of the UCL site, term dates, registering with a doctor, and other useful facilities and services that will help make your transition to student life a smooth and straightforward one.

The **UCLU Welcome Fair** will take place on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September in the Wilkins (Main) Building and the Quad between 10.30am and 4.00pm, and will include student clubs and societies, representatives of local and national organisations as well as entertainment. See <https://uclu.org/whats-on> for further details.

Additional useful information and advice about settling in at UCL can be found at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/transition/>.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Department on Wednesday, 25th September.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Marilyn Corrie
Department Tutor

P.S. Please see the messages from the UCL English Society and from the English Department Senior Student Mentor, below.

A message from the UCL English Society

On behalf of the UCL English Society, welcome to your time at University College London! The Society is here to cater to the needs of all UCL English Students (and all those interested in the study of English), ranging from social events, theatre trips, talks by playwrights and authors and more. Becoming a member of the society is easy: send a cheque for £8 payable to the UCL English Society to the English Department, or sign up and pay on Tuesday 24th September at the 'Meet your Mentor' event. The fun begins in Freshers for which we have organised a guided Literary London Walk on Sunday 29th September. As a new member of the UCL English Society, the cost will be subsidised to only £3.50 per person.

Like our Facebook page to keep updated of many more events throughout Freshers and the rest of your time here at UCL!

Jenny Power and Jonathan Williams

English Department Mentoring Scheme

Dear First Years,

Welcome to the English Department at UCL. I am writing to inform you of the Mentoring Scheme, a service that each UCL department provides. The purpose of this scheme is to help you in your transition to university life and to provide help and support for any problems you may have, be they academic, social or personal.

The members of the English Department Transition Team are here to act as a port of call for any problems you may have. We are the people to approach with any problems you feel may not be appropriately or easily directed at your personal tutor or other academic staff. The team is made up of second- and third-year students, so our first terms at UCL are still fresh in our minds!

In the first week of term you will be able to attend the 'Meet Your Mentor' session and assigned, with a few other students, to a mentor. This session will take place in the **Gustave Tuck LT on Tuesday 24th September at 1pm**. UCL's online route-finder (<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/>) provides a map and directions to the lecture theatre. You will be expected to meet with your mentor regularly (once a week) throughout the term; these meetings will be organised at your mentor and group's convenience.

The initial meetings with your group and your mentor will be an opportunity for you to get to know people in your year and settle into the department and life at university in London. After two or three weeks, mentor groups are encouraged to become Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) groups, where the focus is on discussion of academic assignments and study skills. These sessions will provide a supplement to departmental teaching and an important forum for student-led discussions.

In addition to the PAL sessions, we will be organising film screenings that are relevant to several of the texts on the Narrative Texts course – you are encouraged to attend these screenings as, like the PAL sessions, they will provide a useful supplement to departmental teaching. More information on these screenings will be provided at the beginning of term. The team also hopes to organise a session for the whole of the first year towards the end of term which focuses on budgeting, looking for accommodation for your second and third year and other survival tips!

As part of your induction week, we are also organising English Department drinks at **Potion (on Maple Street) on 25th September from 7.30pm**. All UCL English students are invited so it will be a great opportunity for you to get to know one another; members of the mentoring team will be available to escort you from the English Department drinks party to Potion. There is a cocktail-naming competition running this year and you are invited to submit a cocktail name for the chance to win a small prize and see your cocktail (or mocktail) on the drinks menu. The name should be of a literary persuasion (e.g. Tequila Mockingbird) and the deadline for entry is **Monday 16th September**. Please email your entries to me (address below) and the winner will be announced during the evening. Keep an eye out in the department for flyers and information on this and other upcoming events!

I and the rest of the team look forward to meeting and working with you.

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