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Dear offer holder,

Congratulations on your results and achieving a place to study at UCL and the Department of Information Studies. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our community in London and supporting you to thrive in your studies.

You will soon be invited to pre-enrol online for your programme ahead of joining us on campus at the beginning of term. Your programme will be a blend of face-to-face teaching - including seminars on campus, complemented by large group teaching that will take place online through 2021-22 academic year. Large group teaching typically means teaching events involving over 35 students, including some lectures.

Studying in Term 1

If you are not yet in the UK, please plan your journey so that you arrive in time for the start of term or within four weeks of this at the very latest. If coronavirus restrictions mean you are delayed in arriving in London or in completing any required quarantine, we can support you to start the year remotely, but you must be able to join us in-person within four weeks of the year starting, at the latest.

We are unable to provide alternative ways of studying your programme next year and require all students to engage in-person in London. Apart from the practical limitations running a dual student experience, the learning outcomes cannot be met remotely. Our programmes are designed to be taught face-to-face and this relies on in-person interaction with your peers and teaching staff. There are pedagogical reasons that prevent us from providing remote students an education of sufficient quality, that meets academic standards and all learning outcomes.

UCL's [International Student Support webpages](#) have more information on the advice and support available as you prepare to arrive to London, the [information about student vaccinations](#), as well as [orientation activities](#) available to you as a new or returning international student.

Before you make your final decision and if you cannot join us in London in the next academic year, you will need to defer your place to study to 2022-23 or withdraw your application to study. If you have any concerns, please discuss this with us before deferring or withdrawing your application, by emailing your programme administrator as soon as possible.

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For more information on deferrals, see the [postgraduate offer-holder FAQs](#).



Life on campus

Campus will be open, including UCL libraries, UCL Careers, the Student Centre and Students' Union UCL spaces. All students will have full online access to our services. There will be many opportunities to pursue your interests outside your programme, including UCL volunteering, sustainability and entrepreneurship programmes, and the clubs and societies run by your vibrant Students' Union.

As our community prepares to come back together on campus this year, you can learn more about UCL and our plans to support your induction from the series of Welcome emails and on our [New Students website](#). We are really looking forward to welcoming you back in September and encourage you to keep checking these webpages in the meantime for further information about studying at UCL in 2021/22.

Your safety and wellbeing

The UK has a well-advanced vaccination programme and international students at UCL on all visas and of all nationalities will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. UCL's [International Student Support webpages](#) have more information on the advice and support available as you prepare to arrive or return to London as an international student.

There may be a resurgence of coronavirus at any point in the next academic year. However, the UK government is confident that we can significantly reduce the impact of any further outbreaks through our extensive testing and vaccination programme and careful risk management. You can find more about how we are [keeping staff and students safe on campus](#) and protecting your wellbeing. If you have particular concerns about your health, please contact UCL Student Support and Wellbeing for advice and support.

Our website is frequently updated as UK Government advice and our plans evolve and we recommend you check this regularly as you make your plans for the Autumn.

Best wishes,

Professor Elizabeth Shepherd – Head of Department

Dr Daniel Boswell – Director of Studies