

2018 CHECKLISTS FOR NEW STUDENTS BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES (ALL STUDENTS)

Make sure you've met all your entry requirements

You'll need to demonstrate that you've met all the entry requirements of your programme. You may need to bring evidence with you when you arrive for your enrolment appointment.

- Search 'ucl entry requirements'

Sort out your funding

Make sure you know how you'll be funding your programme and that everything is in order. Many students will have funding from student finance bodies and will need to go through a separate application process.

- Search 'ucl fund your studies'

Find somewhere to live

You may have applied for a place in UCL-managed accommodation, but if not, you can look for private rented accommodation. If you're doing this, you shouldn't pay anything before you see the property, so book a hotel or hostel for when you first arrive in London. University of London Housing Services can help you find somewhere to live.

- Search 'ucl accommodation', 'uol housing services'

Complete pre-enrolment

You'll receive an email asking you to create your username and password, and complete pre-enrolment, once you have firmly accepted an unconditional offer. Pre-enrolment opens in August. You should complete pre-enrolment before you arrive at UCL.

- Search 'ucl pre-enrolment'

Pay your fees

You can easily pay your fees through UCL's online payment service.

- Search 'ucl payonline'

Get your vaccinations

Make sure you've had the meningitis (ACWY) and MMR vaccinations before you arrive.

If you're an international student, you should ideally get this done several weeks before you leave for the UK. Speak to your doctor to find out if you can get the vaccination(s) in your home country. If you can't, ask your doctor (GP) about this in the UK as soon as you're registered.

- Search 'student vaccinations'

ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Apply for a visa (if applicable)

If you are an international student, you may need a visa to study in the UK. In most cases, this will be a Tier 4 Student visa or a Short-term Study visa, depending on your circumstances. UCL's Student Immigration Advice and Compliance team can support students with immigration matters.

- Search 'ucl visas'

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES (ALL STUDENTS)

Download the Welcome to UCL app

A handy app to help you get ready for your arrival, with a full schedule of induction events and much more. Search 'Welcome to UCL' on the App Store or Google Play to download now!

- Search 'guidebook welcome to ucl'

Plan your journey

Figure out how you're getting to your accommodation and how you'll get to the main UCL campus. If you're coming from an airport, there are a variety of transport options, some more affordable than others.

Look through the 'International students' pages of the UCL Students website for more information.

- Search 'ucl international airports'

Plan your budget

The earlier you think about how to manage your money during your programme, the better.

- Search 'ucl manage your money'

Register your phone number with UCL's Information Services Division (ISD)

This allows you to reset your password if you forget it, through the MyAccount system, and avoids you having to visit the ISD Service Desk in person. Without registering your phone number, you may find that you need to queue to reset your password in person and you may have limited access to critical systems in the meantime.

- Search 'ucl myaccount'

Tell UCL Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) about any disabilities or long-term health conditions (if applicable)

You should get in touch with SSW if you have any kind of disability or long-term physical or mental health condition. This will help ensure that the right support is in place during your programme. Look through the 'Support and wellbeing' pages of the UCL Students website for more information and contact details.

- Search 'ucl ssw'

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Sign up to the International Student Orientation Programme

All new non-UK students are encouraged to attend the International Student Orientation Programme (ISOP), a free week-long programme of events before the main start of term in September designed to help you settle in. Registration for ISOP takes place as part of pre-enrolment (see above).

- Search 'ucl isop'

Apply for travel insurance

If you're travelling from overseas, it's recommended that you get travel insurance to cover your journey.

- Search 'student travel insurance'

Request an early arrival in your hall of residence (if applicable)

If you're an international student attending ISOP and staying in a hall of residence, then you should request an early arrival. This can be done through the online accommodation system.

- Search 'ucl accommodation online'

EXTRA ACTIVITIES (ALL STUDENTS)

☐ Buy tickets for social events

Students' Union UCL run a series of social events for new students at the start of term, some of which require tickets. Have a look at their website for more information and tickets.

- Search 'students union ucl'

☐ Research clubs and societies

You can explore clubs and societies on the Students' Union website before the Welcome Fair. Search for the clubs and societies directory online.

- Search 'ucl clubs directory'

☐ Take out personal insurance

You may benefit from personal insurance, covering your possessions or medical expenses.

- Search 'student insurance'

☐ Follow @UCL on social media

Stay up to date with everything happening at UCL by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

- Search @ucl

☐ Follow @UCLcares on social media

The Student Support and Wellbeing team provide handy tips and information on how to take care of yourself as a student on their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

- Search @uclcares