

COUNTDOWN TO UCL



Excel academically



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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT UCL - We're committed to making sure you can receive a world-class education and student experience in September, and that you can do so safely and with the flexibility you need. Check the **UCL Students website** regularly for all the latest on how we're doing this.

Dear **`\${Contacts.First Name}`**,

We want you want to achieve the best you can whilst you're at UCL. Not only does this relate to personal growth and having an amazing social life, but also of course to your academic performance. For the tenth Countdown to UCL email, we talk about **Academic Life**.

Academic life

Whatever your programme, UCL offers a range of resources to help you excel academically. We highlight some of the key things to consider as you start out on your studies, whatever your level. Find out more about the support available from your personal tutor, the new online classroom and the useful resources to help with your digital study skills.



Connect and learn in the online classroom

Due to the unusual circumstances this year, you're likely to find yourself using video conferencing software for your studies. Here we help you to optimise your online learning experience using these platforms. **Find out more.**



Mind the gap - digital skills at UCL

Here at UCL, we use a wide variety of digital platforms to aid your learning. We understand this may seem daunting especially if you've not used them before, so we've put **this article** together to help you navigate our digital learning environment.



Cracking academic thinking and writing

Academic writing and thinking at university can be very different from what it was like at school or college. Here, we run you through the ins and outs of academic writing to help you hit the ground running. [Read on.](#)



What do you need to succeed? Personal tutoring at UCL

What do you need to succeed whilst here at UCL? Well, engaging with your personal tutor from the start is one way to help ensure your time here is a success. [Find out more](#) about how your personal tutor can help you here.



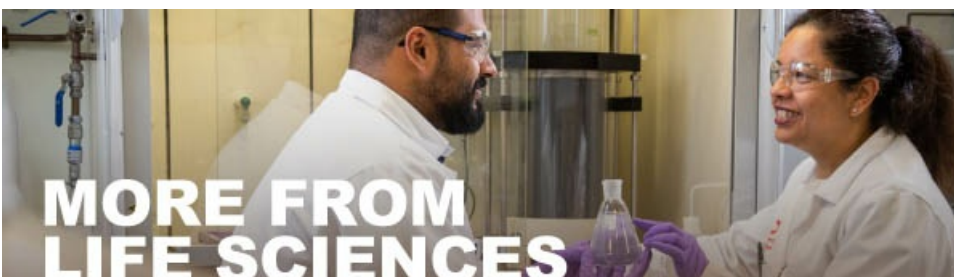
A warm welcome from the UCL Doctoral School to research students starting in September

The UCL Doctoral School is here to support and guide you through your journey as part of our world-leading research community! [Find out more.](#)



Getting started - exploring the online library

Knowing how to successfully use UCL's library resources is key to your academic success. Therefore, you should get to grips with how to find books, journals and more early on. [Find out more.](#)





How to Read and Write a Scientific Paper

Learning to read and write a scientific paper is a core skill that all UCL Life Sciences students will learn in their time at the University. Richard Pearson, Professor of Ecology and Director of UCL's Centre for Biodiversity and Environment Research, provides an overview of the Scientific Research Paper process. **Watch now.**



Innovative Research at the Interface of Biodiversity and Environmental Change

UCL's Centre for Biodiversity and Environment Research is world leading in Modern Conservation. CBER was instrumental in establishing The Living Planet Index and re-defining the Red List to include dynamism and interdependencies. In 2020, CBER had published 60 research papers by July. **Here is just one of their publications.**



Online Induction PART 2

Your online induction, part 2 - Connected Learning at UCL

While social distancing continues, there will be limited opportunities to offer face-to-face teaching and learning in its most familiar forms. The Connected Learning at UCL course explores our approach to ensuring your online learning is active, collaborative, and enjoyable, and offers a practical opportunity for both new and returning students to experience an online course before the new term begins. **Get started!**



Online Induction PART 3

Your online induction, part 3 - Discover UCL Library Services

Our online library induction is your essential first step to using UCL's libraries, including all the resources and services available. **Find out more.**

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