

# UCU MARKING BOYCOTT

## INFO FOR STUDENTS AT UCL

### What is happening?

Members of the University and College Union (UCU) - your seminar tutors, professional service staff, and lecturers - are taking part in a '**Marking and Assessment Boycott**' (MAB), when university workers stop doing **all work on summative assessments**.

We will still teach and support your learning and development.  
The MAB started on 20 April and will continue until university bosses make us a fair

### Why is it happening?

We are asking for: **enough pay** that staff can afford to work (we face a 15% pay cut by August); **secure employment** with a stable income; **no pay gaps for gender, race and disability**; and **a fair workload** to stop burnout, depression, and chronic overwork. A fair offer.

### How will it affect students?

Your **exam might not be set by your usual lecturer**, or you might not get some of your **summative assessment marks and feedback** until the boycott ends. . If you are in your final year, this may mean your **graduation** is delayed. There might be delays to your **progression** to next year of your course.

### Why should students support this?

**Our working conditions are your learning conditions.** We are trying to protect our whole university community - including you - from year after year of harmful reforms that have damaged our morale and made it almost impossible to do our jobs properly.

We are really worried that if we do nothing now, university staff will face impossible workloads and a poorer quality of life. **Students' experience will only get worse.**

### What can you do to help end the boycott?

Email the Provost Michael Spence at  
**michael.spence@ucl.ac.uk**.

Ask him to address UCU's demands - and request a refund of your student fees!



Or use the UCU **template letter** here:

