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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Hello, welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you've had a lovely break over the Christmas period.

January's newsletter includes key dates for UCAS 2025, March moderation and Turnitin scheduled maintenance, as well as the upcoming webinars for January and early February.

UCAS applications for September 2025 entry

UCAS

The application deadline for 2025 entry for Undergraduate courses is **18:00 (UK time) on 29 January 2025**. This is the 'equal consideration' deadline, which means course providers must consider all applications received by this time equally.

The deadline for applying through the DistanceLearningCentre.com is **15th January 2025** to guarantee your application is not late.

If you apply through DistanceLearningCentre.com:

- Your tutor will check your personal statement and form for content, spelling and grammatical errors and advise accordingly
- Your tutor will also provide a reference.

If you apply as an independent student:

- You can apply at any time and do not need to adhere to our deadlines.
- Your form will not be checked.
- You will not receive a reference from your DistanceLearningCentre.com tutors.

If you are applying as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a **buzzword** from your tutor, which will identify your application as being linked to DistanceLearningCentre.com.

In order to access the DistanceLearningCentre.com buzzword you must have completed and passed 6 Level 3 credits.

Further information about the UCAS process can be found on our UCAS web page. To find this from your account hub, click on the toolkit tab and from the drop-down menu select 'UCAS Application'. Remember to read all of our guidance as you will find lots of information and web links answering any queries and helping you with your research.

March Moderation 2025

If you are aiming to finish your Diploma in time for March 2025 moderation, you will need to have completed **45 credits** by **17th January**, and the deadline for submitting your final unit assessment is **28th February**.

Remember to update your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and keep in touch with your tutor to update them on your progress as you work towards this deadline.

Turnitin - 18/01/25

Turnitin will be unavailable on **Saturday 18th January between 16:00 - 20:00 GMT** for scheduled maintenance. You won't be able to use TurnitinUK during these times.

Online Sessions



January and early February's webinar/Q&A sessions are:

- [Contexts in Counselling - 13th January 2025 at 19:00](#)
- [Safeguarding \(Social Issues in Healthcare\) - 16th January 2025 at 19:30](#)
- [Transactional Analysis and Gestalt \(Counselling\) - 22nd January 2025 at 19:00](#)
- [Homeostasis \(Biology\) - 5th February 2025 at 19:30](#)
- [Introduction to Childhood Studies - 6th February 2025 at 19:00](#)

You can see the upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions between now and April from your learner account by clicking on 'myCourses' and then 'webinars'. You can also watch past webinars on demand from here too.

Your questions answered



This month's questions are:

Why is the Ready for marking process important?

The ready for marking process is a checklist we have developed to help make sure that your assessment submission meets our required standards and those of the awarding body. If your submission isn't ready for marking, your tutor will ask you to meet all things on the checklist before they are able to mark it.

Why do we ask you for word counts on your assessments?

For instance, all 3 credit assessments must be between 1000 and 1500 words and 6 credit assessments between 2000 and 2500 words. This is so that assessments fit with awarding body requirements and also allows all students to have the same opportunity to write a similar amount. It wouldn't be fair if some students were allowed to write much more than others and so achieved higher grades.

If you have any questions that you think we could feature in future newsletters please email them to editor@distancelearningcentre.com

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