UAL Big Welcome Student Checklist 2021

Your first few weeks at UAL are exciting but very busy! Here are some essential things to do that you shouldn’t miss as you get started - try to complete your checklist by the end of your second week of teaching if you can.

The essentials

Stay safe

- Have a look at UAL’s latest advice and support to help you study safely.
- Find out where to get vaccinated and tested for COVID-19. Watch our Identifying and reporting COVID-19 and mental health support video. Find out about UAL’s support for students in quarantine.
- Take a look at our guidance on studying and creating safely at home.
- Watch our general health and safety induction video.
- Watch our fire safety and evacuation procedures video.
- Complete UAL’s online sexual consent module. Learn about what sexual consent means and challenge myths surrounding sexual violence.
- Please register with a doctor (sometimes known as a General Practitioner or GP) if you haven’t already done so! The NHS website has a facility to search for GP services. If you need any help, contact UAL’s Health Advisers at studenthealth@arts.ac.uk.

Know where to get help and support

- Get to know UAL’s Student Wellbeing Hub for resources that can help you stay well during your studies – if you need more help with your health and wellbeing take a look at what our Counselling, Health Advice and Chaplaincy services offer.
- UAL students have access to Togetherall, a 24-hour, safe, online community where people support each other anonymously to improve mental health and wellbeing. Register for Togetherall with your UAL email address to take part and get support.
- Share any health/disability-related requirements for studying with Disability Services.
- Review our student services film and explore UAL’s Student Services webpages.
- If English is an additional language for you, find out more about English Language Development, watch our film and check out our resources.

Be ready to study and work online

- Check out the library facilities across UAL, including how they work, where they are, all of the amazing resources and collections you can access to support your studies, plus where to find help – watch a short film about UAL Libraries to get more insight.
- Watch our short film about Academic Support, and look at the resources available to you in Academic Support Online. Academic Support is a great way to access online learning materials and tutorials to help you with your studies, including your writing and communication skills.
- Get to know more about Arts SU Advice Service, a professional advice service run by Arts SU which is free, confidential and non-judgemental. Get in touch if you need advice on housing and help with UAL’s academic processes.

Be ready to work together

- Complete UAL’s Creative Mindsets online activity on developing a growth mindset and understanding bias.
- Prepare to be a part of UAL’s international community by working through this online activity.
- Join an Introduction to the Student Union session to hear all about Arts SU – look for your college Intro session in the Arts SU events page.
## Important and useful information and links

**Make sure you enrol and claim your ID card!** [Click here to enrol](#) – there are [useful videos](#) to help you.

**Read and follow** [UAL’s COVID-19 Community Pledge](#) and play your part in keeping the whole community safe.

**Don’t forget about the Student Guide** for lots of practical help, advice, hints and tips, including how to set up a student bank account – don’t forget to get this sorted out.

**Have you downloaded your college Welcome Guide?** There’s a helpful guide available for each college – download a copy so you can use it as you get to know your college: [Camberwell](#), [Chelsea](#), [CSM](#), [LCC](#), [LCF](#) and [Wimbledon](#).

**Do you know about Shades of Noir?** UAL’s Centre for Race and Practice-Based Social Justice is full of resources and opportunities for students.

**Worried about fees, funding, immigration or visas?** UAL’s [Student Advice Service](#) may be able to help. Take a look at [UAL’s Hardship Fund](#) if you’re struggling with study costs.

**Do you want to find a job?** [Arts Temps](#) is UAL’s very own recruitment agency. Take a look at all available vacancies on the [UAL Arts Temps Jobs board](#), [Register](#) if you want to apply.

**Read about UAL’s commitment to becoming an anti-racist university** and UAL’s [anti-racism action plan](#).

**Join the Climate Emergency Network:** get connected with creatives across UAL who are engaged in environmental projects, research and action. Sign up for the Climate Emergency Network Newsletter.

**Do you know about Tell Someone?** It’s a way to report if you have experienced racism and/or other forms of discrimination, bullying, harassment, sexual violence at UAL, so you can get help and support.

## Other great things to do and know about

- **Register** to meet the Chancellor, Grayson Perry, on Wednesday 22 September at 12pm!
- **Listen to some Student Voices:** Find out what our students think about being at UAL by listening to their different experiences – or listen to the full playlist.
- **Hear from UAL’s President and Vice Chancellor –** James Purnell has a [Welcome message for you!](#)
- **Find your community at UAL** by joining [student led sports clubs and societies](#).
- **Look at UAL and Arts SU event schedules** and join in!
- **Take a look at ArtsSU’s Black History Month 2021 programme.**
- **Go to Arts SU’s 2021 Welcome Fair** – it’s free and runs over two days at Chelsea College of Art and Design, on 21 and 22 September. Every new and returning UAL student attending any of UAL’s colleges is welcome at the Fair!
- **Meet new people** – [Arts SU’s Companion Scheme](#) matches you to another student who has also joined the scheme. Once you’ve joined, you might like to join one of the Arts SU Companion Groups too.
- **Calling postgraduate students!** Learn more about [Post-Grad Community](#), a UAL-wide postgraduate network to share work, find opportunities and connect with other creatives.

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Most important point? **Don’t forget to enjoy yourself!** Make friends, take care of yourself and each other…