Section 7 UCL's expectations of students

7. Our expectations of students

Information on UCL’s expectations of students, including student conduct and engagement with their programme of study.

7.1. Conduct

UCL enjoys a reputation as a world-class university. It was founded on the basis of equal opportunity, being the first English university to admit students irrespective of their faith and cultural background and the first to admit women. UCL expects its members to refrain from interfering with the proper functioning or activities of UCL, or of those who work or study at UCL. Students should ensure they read and familiarise themselves with UCL’s Student Code of Conduct and other related policies and should be aware that any inappropriate behaviour may lead to actions under UCL’s Student Disciplinary Procedures.

Further information:

- UCL Code of Conduct for Students
- UCL Disciplinary Code and Procedure in Respect of Students
- UCL Policy on Harassment and Bullying
- UCL Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech
- Religion and Belief Equality Policy for Students

7.2. Online communications

The online aspects of teaching and learning will utilise a range of online platforms, including, for example, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Moodle, and Piazza. Your conduct on these platforms, including on social media, remains subject to the UCL code of conduct, and therefore must be appropriate. We encourage you to be mindful and considerate in your communications.

Guidelines for contacting staff

The primary mode of contact between staff and students, outside of lectures, tutorial sessions, office hours, and meetings, will be via email. You should not contact staff through direct one to one messaging in Teams, Zoom, and other such platforms unless specific permission has been given for that. In particular, questions or issues relating to the conduct of a module should usually be posted the relevant module’s Moodle forum so that all students can benefit both from the question and the any responses. You should also make use of Module Leader and Programme Director Office Hours to raise questions and have those sorts of discussions.
Guidelines for student communities

You may find that your student community makes use of platforms and spaces external to UCL, which are coordinated by students rather than by UCL staff. The department does not oversee or moderate such spaces, and therefore we encourage you to take particular care to stay safe when using them.

Further information:

- UCL Code of Conduct for Students
- How to stay safe when networking online | Students - UCL
- Fraud and scams - Staying safe online | Students - UCL