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Orientation

Ultraversity Induction Welcome to Ultraversity. This blog contains information that you will need to become familiar with as a student at Anglia Ruskin University. This information is laid out in the sections below. Activities and discussions for the induction period can be accessed through the 'Activities' community on the right hand navigation panel. Once you click the link, make sure you also join the community.

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1. What happens next

Ultraversity Induction Applying for an online degree can seem a little unreal as you are not physically visiting a University to fill in forms and so on. So for your information - once you've accepted our offer of a place on the degree following your Admissions interview - below is the timeline of events that you need to follow to start the degree with us:



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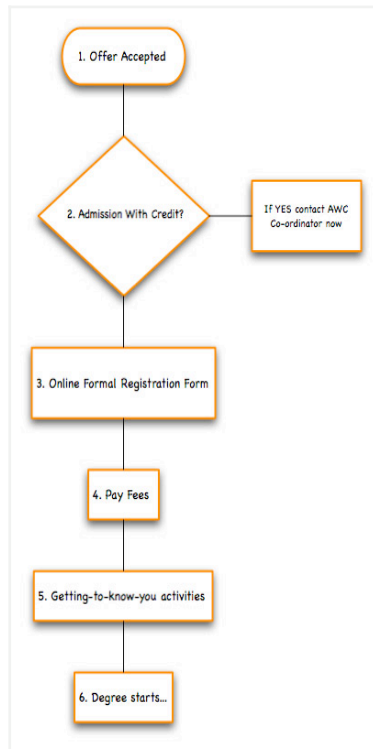
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1. We will send you an offer of a place via the post - please send us back your offer acceptance form.

2. If you need to apply for Admission With Credit, please make your claim now as the process must be completed before you can formally register on the degree. (See Admission With Credit page on this blog)

3. We will send you a link to the online formal registration form during week commencing Monday 21 August. To start the degree, you must have completed the form by Monday 18 September.

4. Fees must be paid by Monday 18 September - details are on the Fees page on this blog and also on the formal registration form as above.

5. Getting to know you activities will be posted on the blog from Monday 4 September for two weeks before the degree starts on Monday 18 September.

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2. Admission with credit

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Admission With Credit - AWC (often referred to as **Accreditation for Prior Learning or APL**)

From September 2006 all applicants to Anglia Ruskin University courses will need to discuss a potential AWC claim during the admissions process. This should be mentioned when registering your interest online and during the telephone interview with your admissions tutor. You will then be contacted by the AWC co-ordinator to discuss the possible claim in more detail. The AWC claim must be approved or declined before final registration claims after a student is registered will not be considered.

When considering claims for AWC the following **key points** are useful to bear in mind:

1. The prior learning must be current (usually awarded in the last 5 years).
2. The prior award must be equivalent to Higher Education level (possibly having CATS points). This can typically exclude many vocational qualifications such as NVQs.
3. The prior learning must be relevant to our degree title - **BA(Hons) Learning, Technology and Research**. Prior learning must be matched to specific learning outcomes in our modules. It may not be possible to match all of an applicants prior learning to our modules.

Anglia Ruskin set an upper limit of 240 credits that can be transferred through AWC. The minimum amount of credit acceptable is 30 credits

(one of our modules).

Documentation (certificates and transcripts) will be required to support any claim. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all documentation from their awarding institution.

Our APL Co-ordinator Tim Williams is happy to answer your queries here or e-mail him at tim@ultralab.net

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3. Fees

Tuition fees for Cohort 6 are £1200. This rate is for all students ordinarily resident in the UK or EU for the last three years. If you have been resident in the UK or EU for less than three years please see our International Students (non-EU) section.

Payment Options

Tuition fees can be paid via 4 main methods: Personal Payment, Financial Support for Part-Time Students, Full Sponsorship or Part Sponsorship. Please read the information below, before selecting one of the options on the Formal Online Registration. Our contact details are at the bottom of this document if you need any advice.

We must receive a web payment, an employer sponsor letter, a cheque and/or a form to confirm you are applying for Financial Support, as detailed below, by **Monday 18th September 2006** or you will not be able to start the degree with us.

1. Personal Payment

You can pay your fees in full or in instalments.

To pay in Full:

Credit/Debit Card: to pay £1200 upfront by credit or debit card, please visit Anglia Ruskin University's secure [Web Payments](#) facility.

When you receive your e-mail receipt for your Web Payment, please forward a copy to degree@ultralab.net so we can speed up your registration.

Cheque: If you want to pay £1200 upfront by cheque, please send us a cheque made payable to Anglia Ruskin University and write your name, Student ID number (if you have one) and address on the back.

**Please send ALL cheques to:
Ultralab (Ultraversity), Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane,
Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ.**

To pay in Instalments:

Instalments fees can be paid online in 7 instalments by credit or debit card, the first instalment is a third of the fees and taken at registration stage, and the following 6 are split into equal amounts payable monthly. Please note there is a 3% admin fee if paying in instalments which will be added automatically. Please visit Anglia Ruskin University's secure [Web Payments](#) facility.

When you receive your e-mail receipt for your Web Payment instalments, please forward a copy to degree@ultralab.net so we can speed up your registration.

2. Financial Support for Part Time Students

You may be able to apply for financial support if you are on a low income. Please send in your application form (see the left menu for details of how to apply for Financial Support in your country) before the deadline **Monday 18th September 2006** to confirm you wish to start the degree.

Please note that we cannot complete and stamp forms (the section marked to be completed by your University/College) until you have officially been in attendance of the degree for 2 weeks for Cohort 6 this will be **Monday 2nd October 2006**. Forms sent in will be returned to you after this date.

Once your form has been stamped and returned to you, please forward it to the LEA (if you are in England or Wales), the DfES (if you are in the EU), the ELB (if you are in Northern Ireland) or the SAAS (if you are in Scotland). They will then send you an Assessment letter which needs to be sent to us.

Please send ALL forms and your Final Assessment confirmation letter

to:
**Ultralab (Ultraversity), Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane,
 Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ**

If by 1 December 2006 you have not provided proof of tuition fee support, you will become liable for the £1200 fee payable by a self-funding student.

Where a support notification assessment has not been provided you must pay the full tuition fee by 1 December 2006 or contact the Finance Department to discuss payment by instalments. Students failing to make arrangements to pay their fees by this date will incur a £75 late payment charge and disciplinary action may be taken.

3. Full Sponsorship

If you are being sponsored then please send a letter written by your sponsor on their letterhead (or other official documentation) confirming they are willing to sponsor you for the full £1200 per year.

If you are unable to send a sponsor letter immediately, you need to initially pay the full tuition fees yourself (see Personal Payment) and then once your sponsorship is confirmed you can either claim this back from them (using either the tuition fee statement that will be sent to you or we can issue a receipt) or by forwarding your sponsorship letter to us so we can refund your payment.

**Please send ALL letters and cheques to:
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 Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ.**

4. Part Sponsorship

If you are paying part of your fees only, and the remaining amount through sponsorship (e.g. £600 personal payment, £600 sponsorship), please include a confirmation letter from your sponsor (see Full Sponsorship for further details) with your personal payment. If you choose this option, the first payment must be from you as the student, all subsequent payments can then be from your sponsor.

If you are unable to send a sponsor letter immediately, you need to initially pay the full tuition fees yourself (see Personal Payment) and then once your sponsorship is confirmed you can either claim this back from them (using either the tuition fee statement that will be sent to you or we can issue a receipt) or by forwarding your sponsorship letter to us so we can refund your payment.

**Please send ALL letters and cheques to:
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 Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ.**

If you have any queries or problems with arrangements for paying fees please do not hesitate to contact us as below.

Ultraversity Helpdesk
 degree@ultralab.net
 0845 196 3434/3456
 Ultralab (Ultraversity), Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane,
 Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ

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4. Technical requirements

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In order to access the degree, you will need:

Access to a computer, the Internet and a web browser (**Firefox** is recommended)

Although many researchers have been able to complete the degree using a dial-up connection, viewing resources and uploading work will be a lot faster with broadband.

The peer to peer community element of the course is provided in Firstclass. Web access is provided for this, but in order to make use of all of the features we recommend that you download the latest client. Information on how to configure your client to access the community will be made available during your induction.

If you are not familiar with the technology, don't panic! You will receive help in the form of guides and direct support is available within the community. Many of our current and former researchers joined the course with low confidence in using technology. In a recent survey 72% stated that the course had significantly enhanced their IT skills.

Unlike other degree programmes, the BA(Hons) Learning, Technology and Research degree offers the chance for you to create assignments in a variety of different formats using standard and widely available programmes such as Microsoft Office. If you use alternative software like some of the free programmes available on the Internet (OpenOffice etc), you will find that the majority of these will have a range of output options including some standard formats which can be accessed by everyone.

Some examples of acceptable formats are:

Images:

GIF, JPEG/JPG, PDF

HTML/Flash movies (can be read in any web browser)

Text documents:

RTF, DOC, TXT

Movie files:

MOV, MPEG4, WMV

Audio files:

MP3, AAC, AIF(F)

Microsoft office formats:

DOC, XLS, PPS/PPT (sorry we cannot accept MS Publisher PUB files currently)

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5. Assessment

Like most University undergraduate programmes, the BA (Hons) Learning, Technology and Research degree is made up of a series of [modules](#). We use modules worth 30 credits each, of which you study 2 per semester making a total of 4 per year and 12 over the full degree programme.

Each module has a prescribed set of learning outcomes. These are statements that indicate what you should know/be able to do after studying for a particular module. To enable you to meet the learning outcomes, each module has a set of learning activities for you to undertake. You will use these as a basis for negotiation with a learning facilitator to make them specific to your own work context. Regular "To-Do lists" are published to help you plan your work.

There are no examinations in Ultraversity, instead we use an e-portfolio approach. This requires you to gather evidence of what you have learned in a variety of media and present it at the end of each module for assessment. You will then receive written feedback which tells you what you did well, what you might consider doing differently in the future, and key targets for you to focus on. The pass mark is 40%. Assessment is carried out using the same processes and to the same standards of rigour as all Anglia Ruskin degree pathways.

All of your marks and feedback are given to you in your online workspace so you can keep track on how you are progressing throughout the degree.

Most importantly, assessment is all about giving you credit for the work that you have done, and helping you develop your skills and understanding to graduate level over the next 3 years.

For more information on assessment, please see the following links:

[Current \(2005/6\) student handbook assessment section](#)

[Anglia Ruskin Assessment Regulations](#)

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