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# Introduction

A very warm welcome to Anglia Ruskin University London (ARUL). Anglia Ruskin University has a rich heritage spanning 162 years, with an excellent reputation. In 2023, we achieved the prestigious award of University of the Year! Our university vision is to transform lives through innovative, inclusive and entrepreneurial education and research.

Our fantastic Team around the ARUL Student and I look forward to welcoming and supporting you on your journey to achieve your aspirations and dreams, ensuring that your university experience is truly transformative.



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Professor Lorraine Thomas Principal BA (Hons), PGCE, MA, FHEA, FTLA, PhD

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# Student Charter



# Welcome to ARU London

You are joining an inclusive and diverse student community, and your experience here is important to us. Your time here will contribute to your personal and professional growth and your future successes.

All members of the university and the Students' Union will work in partnership with you to shape your student journey and enhance your education with co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Our shared learning community works together in a trusting and supportive relationship, providing a platform to share knowledge, skills and expertise, but also a place to challenge ideas and learn from one another.

Our values of ambition, innovation, courage, community, integrity and responsibility are at the core of everything we do and the decisions we make. Our Student Charter embeds these values and lays out the mutual expectations and commitments between you and your university.

Our Student Charter is a reference point for all registered students of ARU London, from undergraduate to postgraduate, following taught or research programmes, on or off campus. We encourage you to read on to understand how students and staff collaborate to enjoy a successful student experience.

We wish you every success with us at ARU London.

# **Ambition**

We continually strive to enhance our university. We are ambitious and determined to help you to achieve your goals. We expect you to engage with your learning, attend and actively participate in classes, attend meetings with tutors, spend sufficient time in private study and submit assessed work by the set deadlines. We'll make sure you have access to the resources you need to succeed in your studies and be the best you can be.

# **Courage**

We want our students to be bold, to have the courage to speak their minds, and to try out new ways of doing things even when success is not guaranteed. We want you to develop your talents so that you leave ARU London feeling resilient and tenacious. We believe that a university education should challenge its students, their assumptions, and their ways of working. Likewise, we expect our changing student body to challenge our staff to adapt our approaches to teaching and research so that it is always inclusive, stimulating, and innovative.

# **Community**

As an ARU London community, we seek to work with you to develop and achieve your full potential. We encourage you to access a full range of co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities such as internships, events, and volunteering. We value working together and will offer you support and guidance. The Employability Service, Student Welfare Services, your personal tutor or supervisor, and the Advice Services of the Students' Union are all here to help.

# **Integrity**

We promise to display academic fairness and transparency, and expect you to act respectfully and demonstrate honesty in your work and study. We're committed to making sure that every member of the welcoming and inclusive ARU London community can work as critical friends to challenge and learn from each other. We are all personally responsible for our behaviour.

# Responsibility

We are responsible for making sure that changes and developments are communicated to you and that we are transparent and approachable. We recognise that sometimes things can go wrong. We're committed to putting these things right and ask you to contact us as soon as you have a problem so that we can do our best to resolve it. Let us know about any issues you're having by contacting a member of staff.

If you have an issue you'd like to raise in a more formal way, you can speak to the Students' Union Advice Service, or use the **Student Complaints Procedure**.

You can find our rules, regulations and procedures along with all our key documents by clicking **here**.

# **Key Dates**2025-2026 Academic Year

We operate in trimesters – (1) September, (2) January, (3) May

- You are starting in trimester 2, which is January to April 2026
- Your next trimester is May to August 2026

January Trimester Welcome Week beginning Monday 12	January Trimester Welcome Week beginning Monday 12th January - Friday 16th January 2026		
Trimester 2 Teaching	Saturday 17th January - Friday 24th April 2026		
Trimester 2 Examinations	Saturday 25th April - Friday 8th May 2026		

May Trimester	er	
Trimester 3 Teaching	Saturday 9th May - Friday 31st July 2026	
Trimester 3 Examinations	Saturday 1st August - Friday 7th August 2026	

Holiday dates	
Easter Vacation	Saturday 28th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026 (inclusive
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25th May 2026

\*dates are subject to change



Please note that your break trimester is scheduled for August to December 2026, and you will progress to the next academic trimester in January 2027.

# Accessing ARU London



ARU London is situated in the Docklands area of East London. The campus boasts a range of carefully curated amenities and superb transport links. The most convenient way to access our East India campus is via the London Underground (DLR line). East India DLR station is situated onsite, the walk from the platform to the classroom is only a minute.

From East India DLR – Canning Town in 2 minutes (Jubilee Line), Custom House in 5 minutes (Elizabeth Line), Canary Wharf in 10 minutes (Jubilee line and Elizabeth line), Stratford and Bank in 15 minutes (Central line, Jubilee line, Northern line, London Overground, TfL Rail and Greater Anglia rail services).

There is a pay-and-display car park located underneath the building. The parking tariff starts from £3 an hour and all-day parking is £20. Please visit the ground floor reception in the Import building if you would like more information about the parking.

You can also plan your journey through the Transport for London website (TfL).

Please remember to bring your access card when accessing both the Import and Export buildings at our East India Campus.

Please read our <u>East India Access guide</u> for entrance use.



# Delivery Mode

# **Standard Delivery**

Studying on campus 2 days a week





Timetables will be available to you via the myARUL app or through the VLE.

As a university, our student's learning experience and education are at the top of our list of priorities. To deliver the best education to you, we firmly believe that this involves face-to-face teaching and interactions within a classroom.



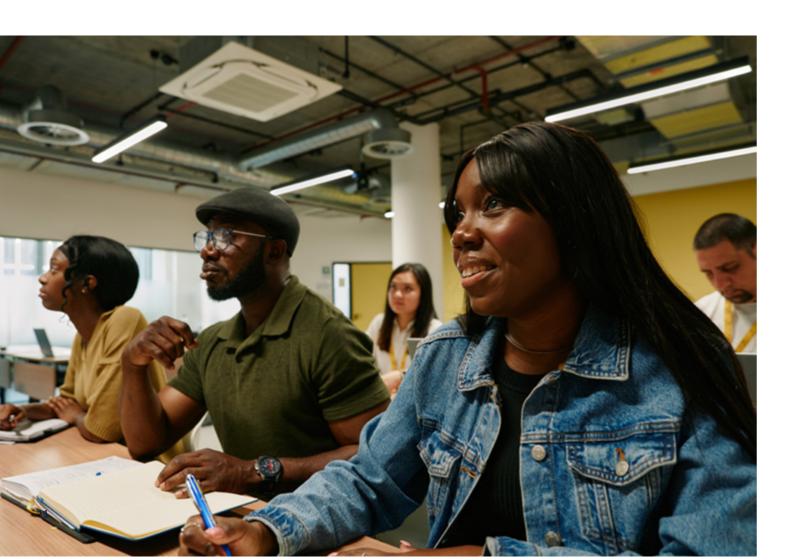
# **Timetable**

# **Standard Delivery Timetable**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Morning Lecture (AM)** 10:00 - 13:00

**Lunch Break** 13:00 - 14:00 **Afternoon Lecture (PM)** 14:00 - 17:00



# Attendance



# On-campus learning

Once you have completed your online registration task, you will be able to view your on-campus timetable and will be enrolled on the VLE's attendance system. You are expected to attend and be present on campus and in class for all lessons on your timetable. This will enable you to gain the best possible learning experience, as you will be able to develop ideas and skills with other students by being physically present in lectures and seminars.

# **How to mark attendance**

Sign into the VLE from the ARU London website: london.aru.ac.uk

- Click on the module that you're attending on campus
- Click on the "In Class Attendance" tab

You MUST connect to ARU London WI-FI to use this service. Please note your attendance will be updated ONLY If you click this link on the day of your lesson between the times shown below whilst physically attending the lesson in the classroom. If you join your class after 10:30/14:30, you will be marked as late.

# Time to log your attendance:

AM Sessions: between 09:45-10:30

PM Sessions: between 13:45-14:30

More info on on-campus attendance can be found in the Attendance Procedure and FAQs available on our website.

As a student, you are responsible for making sure your attendance is up-to-date and accurate. If you believe you are having a technical issue with your attendance, you can enquire about your attendance record by making an attendance enquiry through the VLE. Simply login to the VLE, select 'My Forms' and then select 'Attendance Enquiry'.

Attendance enquiry details must include the date, session (AM or PM) and any additional information you would like the attendance team to investigate. Once you have submitted your attendance enquiry, you will receive a response within ten working days. Guides on how to make an attendance enquiry can be found here.



# **£500 Student Support** Bursary

We offer a Student Support Bursary for students who have actively engaged in their face-to-face learning by:

- Submitting/attempting all assessments
- Maintaining a minimum 80% attendance rate
- Completing the INTO ARUL module on the

Eligible students can receive £250 per semester, with the potential to receive up to £500 per academic year.

Getting ARU London Ready

We have created this quick guide to help you with your digital learning. Ahead, you can find links and tips on how to access online resources and helpful information from your university.



## Student email

Your student e-mail can be accessed via our main website, or you can also **click here**. Your login details will be similar to those used for e:Vision. This will be our main communication method with you, so it is essential that you check your emails frequently. Please **click here** to see the student email guide.



# e:Vision

# e:Vision and Your Digital Library

All ARU London students will register and gain access to their e:Vision learning platform.

You can find this platform by clicking here or through our main webpage. Once you register through this platform, you will be able to see more details about your course and you will be able to update any necessary personal information. Most importantly, after an assessment period, your final results will be displayed on the 'Results' page on e:Vision. Once you have completed your degree, your final degree classification will also be displayed here.

## View the e-Vision guide on our website.

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) provides support for students using the ARU Digital Library. The ARU Digital Library houses a vast collection of online resources ranging from: online newspapers, online books, online academic journals and online journal articles.



To view our guide on how to use the ARU London Digital Library, **click here**.



Alternatively, watch this video on how to access our **Digital Library**.



# **Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)**

All students at ARU London have a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This is accessible through the main website via 'VLE', under the 'Student Portal' tab. Your VLE contains crucial academic information and resources you will need for your studies. Click here to view the VLE quide.

Under 'Services', you can access helpful information such as Career Zone, My Attendance, My Forms and My Timetable to assist you during your time at the university.

Finally, in the 'My Forms' section, you are able to make various requests listed below. Please note requests can take up to 3-5 working days to be processed. Timetable and course change requests can only be processed in the first 3 weeks of the trimester.

View the guides on our website:

**Letter Request** 

**Timetable Change Request Form** 

Assessments Extension Form

For an explanation of what the VLE is and what support is available within the VLE, please watch **this video**.

# **INTO ARUL**

INTO is an online course on the VLE designed to help you adjust quickly and confidently to university life. You'll need to complete this module during your first trimester to ensure a smooth transition and to be eligible for the £500 student success bursary. The course is flexible—you can complete it at your own pace and pause your progress as needed. Key topics will be revisited during Welcome Week, so don't worry if you need more information along the way.



Android Download





# myARUL App

Our myARUL app will enhance your online learning and ensure all of your learning platforms are easily accessible to you.

The myARUL app can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play Store. You will be able to access core university resources, personalised online learning resources and will receive notifications and updates about university events.

- ID Card confirmation of student status for access to student related benefits
- Student email check your student email account
- Timetable displays your classes in a calendar
- Online learning access to course material and live classes
- Library access to online library search such as reading lists and online journals
- e:Vision access to university e:Vision account, exam results and academic progress
- News, Events and Guides information on academic events or to see what's going on at ARU London
- Employability and Wellbeing information on current employment opportunities and wellbeing advice

Please read the myARUL app guide here.



# The Bookshelf

At ARU London, we go further in regards to our students' education.

We understand that core textbooks can be expensive, so we offer free core textbooks in an electronic format in order for you to get the most out of your studies.

This allows you to read your text books whenever and wherever. The e-books are relevant to your specific modules and you have the facilities to edit and make notes to enhance your studies.

The Bookshelf can be accessed anywhere at anytime - you can access The Bookshelf directly through your VLE. **Click here** to view our guide on how to access your Bookshelf, or email **TheBookshelf**@london.aru.ac.uk

# **Timetable**

One of the many advantages of studying at ARU London is our unique two-day timetable.

All of our undergraduate students benefit from a standard delivery that spreads all of the modules over two days a week. This is beneficial to you, as it enables you to dedicate extra time to studies, undertake part-time work or other additional activities.

It is unlikely for your timetable to change every trimester, however, any change in the timetable will be communicated to students prior to the commencement of a new study term.

Students who fail modules which they are required to retake will have to attend on more than two days.

Watch <u>this video</u> on how to find and use your timetable.

# Student Platform Details











Use this section to note down all your login details for the following platforms below:

Student email		
e:Vision ID:	@student.aru.ac.uk	
Password: Received via email		
e:Vision		
e:Vision ID:	(Short e:Vision ID)	
Password: Received via email		
VLE / myARUL App		
Username:	(VLE number)	
Password: Your 6 Digit D.o.B		

Forgotten your login details? Contact the iCentre or Learning Resource Centre for further assistance:

iCentre@london.aru.ac.uk

learningresources@london.aru.ac.uk



# January

Trimester 2 starts

- 1. First week of classes (Week 1)
- 2. Review your timetable for the upcoming Trimester
- 3. Download recommended apps and follow ARU London's social media accounts
- 4. Download e-books via The Bookshelf
- 5. Apply for student benefits

**February-March** 

6. Complete the INTO ARUL module on the VLE

## June-July

- 1. Publication of exam timetable (Week 7)
- 2. Participate in the Module Evaluation Survey
- 3. Prepare for assessments

# April

1. Trimester 2 Examinations: Saturday 25th April - Friday 8th May 2026

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May

Trimester 3 starts

1. First week of classes (Week 1)

- 1. Module Evaluation Survey
- 2. Begin to prepare for any upcoming assessments

2. Find out about provisional results and feedback

from the previous trimester on e:Vision

3. Download e-books via The Bookshelf

3. Publication of exam timetable

# August

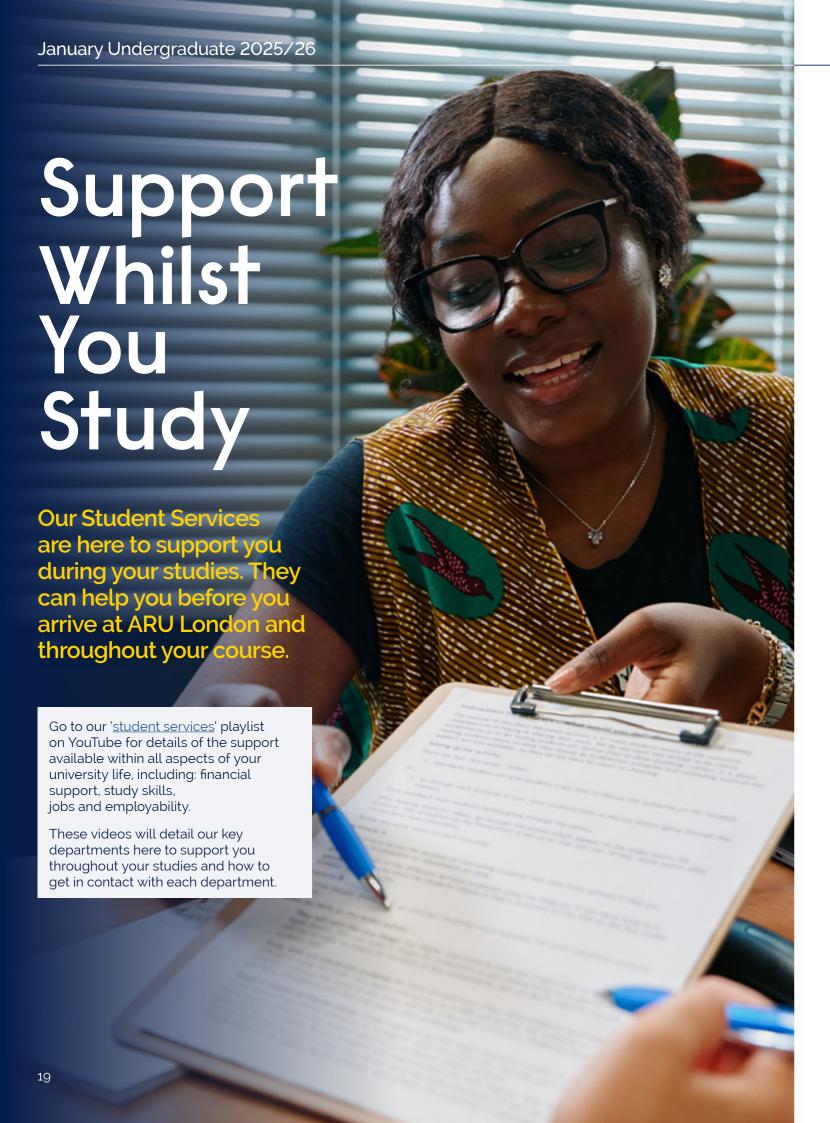
1. Trimester 3 Examinations: Saturday 1st August - Friday 7th August 2026



- Complete your e:Vision registration
- Take a note of all your login details for Student Email, VLE, Digital Library & e:Vision

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- Check your personal timetable
- Download myARUL app
- Apply for your Oyster card/railcard
- Apply for your student benefits
- Review the academic calendar
- Find your textbooks on The Bookshelf
- Complete the INTO ARUL module on the VLE



# The Employability Service

At ARU London we are committed to empowering our students to achieve their career aspirations. Our dedicated team of professionals is here to support you every step of the way, providing you with the tools, expertise and guidance needed to navigate your career journey with confidence.

## **Unlock Your Potential**

We offer personalised advice to help you find the right career, course, or training route that aligns with your ambitions. We will help you to understand the skills, values, and experiences you already possess, and identify any gaps that need to be filled to achieve your ambitions.

## **Build Your Future**

We will equip you with essential confidence-building skills to expand your professional networks, develop your online presence and make the most of the career opportunities that you identify. Whether you need help with writing an impactful CV, honing your interview techniques or professional branding, our team of experts are available in-person and online to provide practical support.

# **Gain Industry Exposure**

Real world experience is essential to career success. We will help you gain valuable insights and experiences through our range of employer and business connections. From internships and job shadowing to networking events and mentorship programs, we connect you with industry professionals and alumni who can offer inspiration and guidance.

# **Careers Advice and Support**

Coaching can be a highly effective way of developing awareness of skills, confidence and experience for your ideal career goals. We offer careers support with experienced professionals to help our students plan and develop their careers, identify gaps and the necessary steps for further development.

# Online Career Resources

Our virtual Career Zone is full of great employability resources, including videos, an interview



**Career Zone** 

simulator and CV builder, industry reports which you can access through your VLE 24/7 throughout your studies.

Free careers support and advice is available throughout your studies and beyond. Our services include:

- **Exploring your career options:** find the right path for you
- Gaining industry exposure: connections to industry professionals and alumni
- Job searching and application process: standout in the job market
- Interview preparation: build confidence and excel
- CV writing and enhancement: create a winning CV
- **Exploring PG study:** discover further education opportunities
- Planning your next steps: map out your journey to success

Speak to the Employability Service in person at: the Employability desk, 4th Floor, Import Building, email employability@london.aru.ac.uk or join Handshake to book an appointment.

# **Enterprise Support**

If you have entrepreneurial ambitions, we provide the tools to help you explore, develop and grow your business ideas. Join our Enterprise Community, connect with like-minded individuals, access networking opportunities and coaching support to help you thrive in the business world. For enterprise support, you can send an email to enterprise@london.aru.ac.uk or join Handshake to book an appointment.

Start building your future today with the Employability Service.

# **Personal Development Tutor**

At ARU London, your Personal Development Tutor (PDT) will be allocated to you at the very start of your degree. Make note of your PDT's name and contact information below, so you can reach out to them in the future.

Your PDT can provide you with advice on your academic progress and give you guidance on how to maximise your opportunities at ARU London. Your PDT will also help you ease into university life and will make it as comfortable for you as possible, so that you adapt better to your new surroundings and get the relevant help when needed.

If you require help with other queries that your PDT wouldn't necessarily be able deal with, you will be directed to the relevant department. Your PDT can be reached via email.

Name of your Personal Development Tutor (PDT):

Contact E-mail:



# **ARU Students' Union**

At ARU London, we care about our students, making sure their voices are heard.

All of our students automatically become members of the Students' Union when they enrol with us. Your Students' Union exists to represent and empower you to raise feedback and find solutions. They also provide a free, confidential and impartial Advice Service, for when you face difficulties and don't know where to go.

To ensure your thoughts are heard, every year our students elect Class Reps and Course Champions, who volunteer to be your voice. The SU also employs two Vice Presidents who are elected in March. They work part-time, hosting events, listening to your feedback and campaigning for a better student experience.

Find out more about the Students' Union: angliastudent.com/london

Connect directly with the SU: londonsu@angliastudent.com

Facebook: @arulondonsu

Instagram: @arunionlondon

# Representation:

Led by students, for students, the SU is here to represent you! We take your concerns and suggestions to the university and make sure action is taken. Want to be a part of change? Get involved by becoming a Class Rep, Course Champion, or one of our Vice Presidents!



## Advice:

Our advice service is free and open to all students. We can help you with a range of issues, from academic support to personal hardships. In-person appointments can be booked all-year round.



# **Student Projects:**

Do you have an amazing idea for a campaign? Maybe you want to set up a society? We will support you with funding and planning for your projects, campaigns and events. So if you want to bring something new to the university, let us know!







## **iCentre**

The iCentre is here to make sure your student experience at ARU London is enjoyable, by dedicating the time and effort to make sure you are informed on all areas of student life. Please click here to see a video detailing the services available to you within the iCentre.

The iCentre can assist you with student discounts, official student letters, attendance cards, submission support and technical challenges. You can now access the iCentre webpage through your VLE in your 'My Modules' section.

You can contact the iCentre via email at iCentre@london.aru.ac.uk or via telephone at **0207 4006 789**. You can also use our live chat feature through our website where you can speak directly with a member of the team.

## **Director of Studies Office (DoS)**

The **Director of Studies** Office plays a unique role in monitoring and supporting students' academic progress at every stage. With responsibility to oversee the academic welfare of students, we are here to support students and ensure they are as successful as they can be in their academic journey. Sometimes, there will be difficult periods in your life that may affect the engagement with your studies. In these instances, you can seek support from the DoS team. This support includes providing you with guidance on extensions on your deadlines, exceptional circumstances (ECs) to mitigate an assessment and intermission if you need a break from your studies. If you have not taken or passed an assessment for any reason, our team can provide guidance on your progression, resits, retakes and general study plan options.

Please contact our team for support at DoS@london.aru.ac.uk. You can visit us through our live zoom drop-in, available 09.30 - 17.00 every weekday and 12.00-13.00 every Saturday.

# **Academic Engagement**

The Academic Engagement Team provides a comprehensive range of services designed to support and enhance your academic experience. Our aim is to foster a positive learning environment, promote active engagement, and help you achieve academic success. Part of our role is to track and ensure student engagement throughout your degree. We offer guidance on e-Vision registration and attendance procedures, support with understanding the impacts and solutions related to low or nonattendance, late or non-submission of assessments, and navigating intermission processes. We can also help you recover your academic position if you have been withdrawn. Together, these services create a holistic approach to academic engagement, ensuring you have the support and resources needed to excel and make the most of your university journey. Should you wish to contact us or book an appointment, the team are available Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:30:

Face-to-face: East India, Export Building, 5th floor; Import Building, 1st floor

By Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/7601865829 (scheduled appointments only)

By email: ae@london.aru.ac.uk

# **Academic Support**

The Academic Support team is here to help students who might be at risk of falling behind or struggling with their studies. We provide guidance to help you understand assignment briefs, break down learning outcomes, plan your work, and manage your time effectively. Our team also promotes good academic practice, ensures you understand any prior assessment issues, and provides constructive feedback on short pieces of written work (up to one page/three paragraphs) or practice presentations. A large part of Academic Support is helping you maintain academic integrity, which is about honesty, respecting intellectual property, fairness, and responsibility in all your work. We can help you understand what counts as academic misconduct, how to avoid it, the consequences of violations, how to use Turnitin similarity reports to improve your work, proper citation and referencing (including for Al-generated content), and how to use AI tools responsibly and ethically. If you want to book an appointment to speak to one of our dedicated Academic Support Tutors, please email academicsupport@london.aru.ac.uk, and one of our tutors will get back to you.



At ARU London, we have a dedicated Finance Team who are here to help to resolve all of your finance-related queries. The Finance Team can help assist with queries related to loans, grants, Disabled Student Allowance and much more. They can be contacted via email. Please click **here** to see the Finance Team video guide.



You can contact the finance department via email at finance@london.aru.ac.uk



## **Student Finance Confirmation**

All eligible students can receive a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance Loan to help cover finances over the duration of their studies. It can take up to six weeks to process an application, depending on how quickly the correct information required is submitted.

Once your application has been approved and you have completed your registration, the university will send Student Finance a registration confirmation and an attendance confirmation. Once confirmation has been sent to Student Finance, you should receive your payment within 3 – 5 working days.

To ensure you have completed all the necessary steps for Student Finance Confirmation please ensure you have completed the following;

- Registered on VLE
- Registered on e:Vision
- Complete your Right to Study
- Attended Welcome Week
- Completed INTO Module on the VLE





# **Right to Study (Identification Check)**

To enrol in an undergraduate or postgraduate course at ARU London, you must demonstrate your Right to Study (RTS). You will need to present identification online for verification and to confirm your Student Finance. The following documents can be accepted to meet ARUL's Right to Study requirements:

Passport,

or

- Birth Certificate or Driving Licence (if UK national). or
- EU Residence Card/EEA National ID Card (if EU/EEA/Swiss national); and
- Share code (eVisa/digital status); or
- Visa (if you have not created your UKVI account to access your eVisa)

You will need to complete the Right to Study check on e:Vision via the 'Right to Study Check' section of the registration task

We've been working alongside Yoti (a Digital Identity Service) to help provide an online process, using biometrics and cross-referencing official IDs to verify student's identities.

Please watch this video detailing how to complete the Right to Study check online.



How to complete your Right to Study check on e:Vision



# **Student Support Bursary**

We are aware that some living costs can be significant, even with the discounts available to students. This is why we offer a Student Support Bursary for those students who have been actively engaging with their learning, evident in their attendance across all modules for their trimester, on-time submissions for assignments and completion of the INTO ARUL module on the VLE. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you will be contacted directly by the university after the end of each semester.

For further Terms and Conditions, please visit our website.

This bursary will be paid based on physical attendance only.



# **Learning Resource Centre**

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) provides online and onsite support for students. The LRC support includes VLE, The Bookshelf, Digital Library, Zoom, Office 365, and other technical support. The LRC Team are available onsite at both Charterhouse and East India buildings, and also online through Zoom live support. The LRC also run IT workshops on Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Please <u>watch this video</u> detailing the services available to you within the LRC.



# **Disability and Inclusion**

Our Disability and Inclusion Team is a dedicated support service for students who have disabilities, long-term health conditions and/or learning difficulties.

We implement reasonable adjustments for students to ensure that no one is disadvantaged during their studies. Reasonable adjustments are support strategies that we put in place for exams, and in some cases, during your classes.

The Disability and Inclusion Team can also advise you about Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA) and whether you are eligible to apply for it. If you have already been approved for DSA, the Disability and Inclusion Team can implement necessary adjustments for you as outlined by your study needs assessment. We can also provide information about other benefits you can receive if you have been recently diagnosed with a disability, long-term health condition or learning difficulty.

If you would like to get in touch with the Disability and Inclusion Team, please email us on disabilityandinclusion@london.aru.ac.uk

## Disability and Dyslexia Advisor

The Dyslexia and Disability Advisor can offer ADHD and dyslexia pre-screenings if you wonder whether you have either of these conditions. A pre-screening does not result in an officially recognised medical diagnosis but can help you decide whether you would like to have a full diagnostic assessment. We can provide advice on where to get a full diagnostic assessment.

The Disability and Dyslexia Advisory service is available to students who:

- Need access to a Disability and Dyslexia Advisor' on their Summary of Reasonable Adjustments (SORA).
- Would like to explore screening and/or a referral for dyslexia and/or other specific learning difficulties.
- Would like to discuss disability support.
- Require help with navigating the Disabled Students Allowance application process.



Find out more about our Wellbeing, Disability and Inclusion team

All our services within the Wellbeing Department are based on a confidential 'need to know' basis. 'Need to know' is the sharing of sufficient information with key selected people involved in your support. In exceptional circumstances, your personal information may have to be shared without your personal consent, only if it is urgent or you are unable to give the consent. Your information will be kept confidentially in paper and electronic records in accordance with The Data Protection ACT (2018) and General Data Protection Regulation (2018).





# Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing Team offers an integrated approach to supporting students with challenges that could affect their performance in their studies and/or their ability to complete their studies successfully. Services offered by the team aim to support students so that their overall student experience is enhanced. Key areas of our work includes: wellbeing assessments, access to ongoing support (including referrals to the NHS and related services) and Disability and Inclusion support.

We want your time at ARU London to be an enjoyable experience. However, we recognise that sometimes individuals may experience health and/or wellbeing difficulties.

Whether you are experiencing personal, social or emotional difficulties, the Wellbeing Team is here to support you. We offer a range of services which includes:

- Access to Student Wellbeing Advisors
- Access to Disability and Inclusion Team
- Access to Disability and Dyslexia Advisors
- Access to Counsellors

Please <u>click here</u> to view more information on the Wellbeing Team.



## **Counsellors**

Counselling is a therapeutic process which provides you with a safe space to talk through any emotional difficulties or life challenges you may be experiencing. Some of these difficulties may include:

- Low mood and anxiety
- Bereavement
- Low self-esteem
- Family/Relationship difficulties

Our counselling team are all professionally qualified and adhere to the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy's (BACP) ethical framework. Counsellors engage with external supervision as per BACP's good practice.

Should you wish to access any of our support services, or if you just want to find out more about how we can support you, please complete the self-referral form in the Wellbeing section on the VLE or email us at <a href="mailto:studentwellbeing@london.aru.ac.uk">studentwellbeing@london.aru.ac.uk</a>







# **Wellbeing Student Advisors**

Our Wellbeing Students Advisors are here to support you through any emotional or wellbeing difficulties that you may have during your time at ARU London.

Wellbeing Student Advisors will listen to your needs and work with you to support you during difficult times. This may include liaising with internal or external services relevant for your need(s) and referring you as appropriate.

Our Wellbeing Students Advisors are here to support you on a one-to-one basis during those times when you may feel:

- Overwhelmed by family and relationship problems
- A little demotivated
- Lacking self-esteem
- Lacking social support

# Please note you can find our Self-Referral Form on the VLE under the Wellbeing tile.

All our services within the Wellbeing Department are based on confidential, 'need to know' basis. 'Need to know' is the sharing of sufficient information with key selected people involved in your support. In exceptional circumstances, your personal information may have to be shared without your personal consent, only if it is urgent or you are unable to give the consent. Your information will be kept confidentially in paper and electronic records in accordance with The Data Protection ACT (2018) and General Data Protection Regulation (2018).



# Student Benefits

Once you become a student, you are entitled to numerous benefits to assist you with student life. One of these benefits are the student discounts, listed here.

Being a student in London entitles you to various travel discounts, including Student Oyster and Rail Cards, see travel benefits video guide **here**. If you choose to apply for a Student Oyster Card, you are entitled to 30% off travel prices, if the requirements are met. Oyster card applications can be completed online by clicking **here**. You can find a guide on how to complete 18+ Oyster card application **here**. With a Student Railcard, you are eligible to up to 1/3 off your travel costs. Applications for students under 25 can be completed online by **clicking here**. For mature students, you will need to request a 'To Whom It May Concern' letter through your VLE and send this with your application. Information on how to complete the Railcard application is accessible here.

# As a student, you are also eligible for discounts with:

**UNIDAYS** 

**TOTUM** 

**Student Beans** 

**Council Tax Exemption** 

**SCONUL - British Library** 

**Amazon Prime** 

Spotify

**EE Mobile** 

**Vodafone Mobile** 

**International Student Identity Card** 

Save the Student

**Free Microsoft Office** 

For more information on benefits of being a student, refer to the Student Benefits guides on our website here. Watch this video for a list of the student benefits available for you. For further information on discounts on your travel, watch this video.























# Discover London

# Top tips to make the most of London

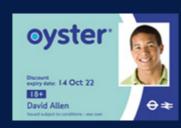
Head in the right direction using **Citymapper**. Your atlas, your tour guide, your London bible. Download this app and never let it go.



# Travel around the city for a discounted price

In order to explore all the amazing things this city has to offer (while completing your degree of course) you're going to have to do a lot of travelling. There are various ways of getting your hands on some discounted travel – whether you choose to buy an 18+ Student Oyster Photocard, a 16-25 Railcard, or both. Individually, the two cards get you at least 30% off travel.

Please see below our guides for 18+ Student Oyster and 16-25 Railcard



# See the city...for free!

People may tell you living in London is expensive, but what they don't tell you is that no other city in the world has more or better free things to do than London.

200 Fantastic Free things to do in London.

# Live life outside of the city

London has too much of a hold over us to leave for long, but these cracking day trips from London will give you a quick escape and refresh your love for this city - it's also a great way to see the UK if you've come from abroad!

You will be able to view amazing places by clicking this **link**.





# Glossary

# A

**Academic Offence –** Action taken by a student in an assessed piece of work that directly violates ARU London's Academic Regulations.

Alumnus / Alumni - Former student/s who have completed their degree programme.

Awards Board - Panel by which your marks are moderated and processed by the main ARU campus.



Bursary - A monetary award made by ARUL to a student.

**The Bookshelf –** Digitised copies of your core text books; this software allows you to personalise your e-textbooks by making notes, highlighting important areas and saving useful pages.



**Cannot Proceed / CNP -** The status of a student who has not passed enough credits to progress onto the level of study; they will need to complete these credits before they are able to begin any new learning.

Citation - The quotation or reference of a piece of scholarly work within a written assessment.

**Classification** - The grading structure for your degree programme.

**Compensated Pass –** Within certain circumstances, the Awards Board may award students a pass on a module even if they do not attain the 40% usually necessary to pass; students must show academic strength elsewhere at the same level of study for this to be awarded.

**Credits –** Unit of measure for the amount of learning for a module. Students must pass 120 credits of level 5 and 6 to graduate.



**Digital Library –** ARU London's online library space that is available for use by all students; it contains extra reading materials to support academic study including journal and newspaper subscriptions.

**Disability and Inclusion –** A team dedicated to providing support to students if they need someone to talk to about any personal circumstances affecting their studies.

**Discontinued -** When a student fails a module too many times, they may be removed from their course; any students struggling with their academic studies should seek advice from the iCentre.

**DoS Office** - Director of Studies Office

# **Glossary continued**

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**Exceptional circumstances -** These are circumstances which have occurred during or any day leading up to the examination or submission deadline and have affected on your performance or even prevented you from completing your assessment(s).

e:Vision - Online space where students can access their results and update their student details.

**Element –** An individual assessment piece in a module; this will account for a certain percentage of your overall grade for this module.

**Employability Service –** the service that supports career planning, professional skills development and networking with employers.

Enterprise Support - supporting anyone who wants to start or grow a business.

Extension - An application to extend the deadline of an assignment; applications can only be made in certain circumstances.

# F

**Faculty –** Refers to the different departments in university, where each department specialises in a field. The Faculty Office also ensures results are accurately documented onto individual student records.

First-Sit - A student's first attempt at a module, or assessment piece.

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Harvard Referencing - This is the citation style adopted by ARU London.

**Handshake** - An app for students to book appointments with the Employability Service and explore graduate job opportunities.

iCentre - Student help desk or Information Centre; your first point of call for any queries about life at ARU London.

Intermission - Allows students to delay their studies for up to a year for either personal or financial reasons.

# L

Late Submission - Assessments that are submitted up to five days after the deadline which are capped at 40%.

**Learning Resource Centre –** Also known as the Library; this space functions as a silent study area based at the campus where students can work on their assignments.

# M

**Mitigation** – Within certain extenuating circumstances, students may file for mitigation which will allow them to re-sit certain elements of a module without having their marks capped at 40. Their application is then reviewed by a panel at ARU.

**Moderation -** A process by which assessments pieces are marked by another internal Academic, and then again by an external Academic to ensure all marking is fair and standardised across ARU London.

Module - A class that is taught about a specific subject for one trimester.

# **Glossary continued**

**Module Evaluation Survey (MES)** – A survey carried out by students to give feedback on individual modules to ensure that ARU London maintains the highest academic standards.



Orientation - This is a period before the start of an academic year where sessions are held to welcome new students.



Personal Development Tutor - A member of the academic staff who is assigned to a student throughout their studies.

**Plagiarism** – When a student wrongfully uses an author's ideas or words in their academic writing without providing a citation.



Resit - A second attempt at an assessment piece; these assessments are limited to a score of 40%.

Retake - A second attempt at a module; this module will be limited to a score of 40%.

Right to Study - The 'Right to Study' means you have the permission to remain and study in the United Kingdom.



**SCONUL** - A nationwide library scheme that allows students access to different university libraries across the country.

**SoRA** – A 'Summary of Reasonable Adjustments' details the adjustments made to the assessments for students with a disability, or other ongoing medical conditions so they are not disadvantaged.

Student Union - An independent charity that supports students at ARU London through Advice and Representation.

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**VLE –** ARU London's Virtual Learning Environment; a space full of learning materials to support you throughout your studies.



Withdrawal - Formally leaving academic study before completing your degree programme.



These guides are available online on ARU London website, please click **here**.

visit london.aru.ac.uk/about-us/why-aru-london to find some useful videos to familiarise yourself with the services which ARU London can offer you.





# **Key Contact Numbers**

Main Switch Board | 0207 4006 789



# The team around the ARU London student

# **Academic Support:**

Director of Studies Office DoS@london.aru.ac.uk

Academic Support <u>academicsupport@london.aru.ac.uk</u>

The Bookshelf

The Bookshelf@london.aru.ac.uk

## **Professional support:**

iCentre

iCentre@london.aru.ac.uk

Employability Service

Employability@london.aru.ac.uk

**Technical Support Team** 

learningresources@london.aru.ac.uk

International Hub

internationalhub@london.aru.ac.uk

# Specialist personal support:

Wellbeing, Disability & Inclusion team <a href="mailto:studentwellbeing@london.aru.ac.uk">studentwellbeing@london.aru.ac.uk</a>

Academic Engagement <a href="mailto:ae@london.aru.ac.uk">ae@london.aru.ac.uk</a>

# **Social Support:**

Students' Union Advice Service londonsu@angliastudent.com

## **Economic support:**

Finance Department: finance@london.aru.ac.uk

# Guides



# **Learning Platform Guides**

The guides listed below are available online

**ARU London Registration Guide** 

on the ARU London website.

Attendance Enquiry Guide

Attendance Procedure FAQs

**Disability Benefits Guide** 

**Extension FAQs** 

Downloading ARUL app

**Digital Library Guide** 

Online Learning Guide

e:Vision Guide

**Interim Transcript Guide** 

The Bookshelf Guide

Zoom FAQs

Student Email Guide

ARU London Bank Detail Guide

**Downloading Outlook app** 

**Downloading LinkedIn Learning Certificates** 

**LinkedIn Learning Activation Guide** 

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Guide

# **Student Benefit Guides**

16-25 Railcard Guide

Accommodation Guide

Applying for your Oyster Card

Applying for your TOTUM Card

Free Subscription to Financial Times Guide

**Letter Request Guide** 

Microsoft Office Guide

Printing, Photocopying and Scanning Guide

**Student Success Bursary Terms and Conditions** 

# **Submission Guides**

Harvard Referencing Guide

Late Submission Guide

**VLE Submission Guide** 

# Fire procedures



Please note a weekly fire system test occurs on Thursdays from 8.15 am to 8.45 am.

# **Actions on Fire** Discovery:

- Activate Fire Alarm: Operate the nearest fire alarm by pressing the red call point's centre until the alarm sounds.
- Call Emergency Services: Dial 999 to report the fire. Provide the building's location and confirm witnessing
- Fight Fire (if trained): If trained and confident, use provided portable fire extinguishers without risking yourself or others. Always stay between the fire and the nearest escape route.
- via the quickest, safest route. Encourage others to follow, leaving belongings behind. Do not use mobile phones or carry drinks.
- Assembly Point: Proceed to the assembly point at Royal Captain Court near Blackwall DLR station. Stay there until further notice.



# **Actions upon Hearing the** Fire Alarm - Floor Users:

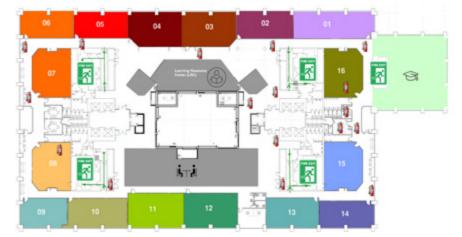
- Evacuate Promptly: Upon hearing the fire alarm, swiftly and safely move to the nearest sign-posted fire exit. Leave belongings behind, avoid mobile phone use, and do not carry drinks.
- Know Escape Routes: Be familiar with exit signage from induction training. Be aware that the exit route may differ from everyday entrances/exits.
- Use Primary Escape Routes: The primary means of escape is via the five internal stairways leading to open air on the ground floor.
- Evacuate Safely: Head to the nearest emergency exit Follow Fire Wardens: Identify Fire Wardens by their high-visibility vests. Follow their instructions, including checking toilets and unoccupied areas.
  - Confirmation of Evacuation: Fire Wardens will receive SMS requests for confirmation of a clear building. Confirm once your area is fully evacuated.
  - Assembly Point: Fire Wardens lead to the assembly point, ensuring everyone follows. Stay there until
  - Returning to the Building: Pass information to the group at the ARUL assembly point when it's safe to



Import building 1st floor



Import building 3rd floor



Import building 4th floor



**Export building 5th floor** 



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