

## Important Update: Industrial Action

Dear Student

The Universities and Colleges Union (UCU) and Unite the Union have notified us of their intention to engage in strike action on **Wednesday 1 February 2023**.

UCU has also announced that its members will engage in strike action on the following dates:

- Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February
- Tuesday 14 February, Wednesday 15 February and Thursday 16 February
- Tuesday 21 February, Wednesday 22 February and Thursday 23 February
- Monday 27 February, Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 1 March and Thursday 2 March
- Thursday 16 March and Friday 17 March
- Monday 20 March, Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March 2023

This remains primarily a national dispute regarding the USS (Universities Superannuation Scheme) pension scheme and national pay negotiations that the University cannot resolve unilaterally. We will, however, continue to use our influence to shape and inform the national debate.

The nature of strike action is that your School will not necessarily know in advance the impact of the strike on your studies; however, most students are unlikely to be impacted. For those who are, please be assured that we will do all that we can to mitigate the impact. The University will remain open during the strike action, and all student support services will continue to be available.

We will continue to communicate with you to provide further information, including regularly updating our [Industrial Action FAQs](#) on the University website. Your School will also be in contact with you over the coming weeks with further guidance.

Best wishes

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