AN INTRODUCTION TO
the University of London

The University of London is a unique federation of 17 independent higher education institutions. Across these renowned institutions is a collective community of more than 250,000 learners and 50,000 staff, delivering world-leading education and research across all disciplines.

The University of London is also a leading provider of digital and distance education internationally, and in partnership with our federation members we offer programmes to more than 40,000 students in over 190 countries. Although proudly rooted in London, our community and impact are global.

Our School of Advanced Studies, located in Bloomsbury at our iconic Senate House, is the UK’s national centre for the support and promotion of research in the humanities. Our central building is also home to Senate House Library, one of the UK’s largest and best academic libraries for arts, humanities and social sciences, with over 2 million items in our collections.

Our first Royal Charter was granted in 1836, and we have a long history of providing access to higher education for people who may not have had the opportunity otherwise. We were the first UK university to open education to women in 1868, and we count world leaders amongst our alumni, including Nelson Mandela who studied with us as a distance education student when he was in prison awaiting trial.
STUDENT BENEFITS
for federation members

Did you know that as a student at a University of London federation member, you have access to a range of benefits?

By studying with a University of London federation member, you are part of a collective community of over 250,000 students, with access to a range of benefits through the University of London.

Free membership of Senate House Library
Visit one of the UK’s largest and best academic libraries for arts, humanities and social sciences, with access to our extensive library collections, study spaces and bookable group spaces within our iconic Senate House building in Bloomsbury.

Visit BLOOM@SenateHouse
Your Senate House Library membership also unlocks access to our brand-new BLOOM@SenateHouse space, which provides a relaxed environment to study, eat, and socialise.

Take a break on the Steps@SenateHouse
A purpose-built outdoor space in central London. A big outdoor TV screen shows news, sporting events and films throughout the year. Keep an eye out on social media for dates of screenings!

Live at one of our Intercollegiate Halls
Meet other students from different universities and around the world. Located across London, we have a wide range of accommodation options.

Utilise the University of London Housing Service
Find rooms, flats, and houses across London. The service also provides free private rented housing advice, including checking rental contracts to make sure you’re getting a fair deal.

Attend an event
We host year-round events for students from the federation, including food markets and sports screenings. Keep an eye on our social media for updates throughout the year.

Join a club or society
Want to meet new people from other universities? Certain clubs and societies are open to all students from across our federation, including Archery, Fencing, and Judo. To learn more, visit: clubs-societies.london.ac.uk

Host your club or society meetings and events at Senate House
Are you part of an existing club or society, or want a space to launch your new group? Why not host your next event or meeting at Senate House! Keep an eye out for more information on space for societies in BLOOM@SenateHouse coming soon.
Visit our website and follow us on social media for more information on the opportunities available to students from across the University of London federation.