

UCB Discussion Forum



Poster Promenade



Ready to launch in **September 2011** • Accessible via **UCB Portal** (Advice and Support tab) or <http://ucbforum.hud.ac.uk>

Whilst individual courses have their own means of communication between students via Blackboard/UniLearn, there are no formal communication channels to cover the whole UCB community.

After speaking to a number of students we found that many would be interested in an online community that covers the whole campus, specifically relating to campus services (those for which we have a forum). UCB Students Union also showed interest, asking for the Activities and Education Forums to be included.

Students and staff can post messages on the forum after an e-mail address has been registered. The forum will be monitored, but as this is an informal means of communication, students will have freedom to post as they like, providing they adhere to 'netiquette' standards.

Students can post questions and/or answers to the forum to promote a level of self-help for some of the services offered at UCB and create an online community for UCB staff and students covering:

- Academic skills
- Admissions and Records
- Careers
- Disability Support
- IT Support
- Library
- General

There are also recreational areas where students can 'meet' for a chat or to make suggestions and comments:

- **Activities Forum** - a place where students can suggest activities that they would like to see offered by the Student Union
- **Education Forum** - an area for students to make suggestions for improvements or comments regarding our University
- **UCB Forum Café** - for those who just want a general catch up with friends
- **What do you like about UCB?** - just what is it that you like about UCB? Helpful staff, friendly students our courses? Tell us! We'd love to know

In addition to providing a method of campus-wide communication between students, the forum also:

- **encourages** students to be independent learners
- **improves** students' IT literacy skills
- **enables** students to contribute anonymously (through use of a 'screen' name)
- **allows** access to information if a member of staff is not available (out of hours, vacation, illness)

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