

## An introduction to Moodle

Moodle is a Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Moodle Learning Environment (VLE). It is a web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites.

### Getting to Moodle

The UAL version of Moodle can be accessed from the [MyArts](#) portal by clicking on the Moodle link. You can also access Moodle by typing the following address, <http://moodle.arts.ac.uk>, into your web browser, for example Firefox, Safari, Google Chrome etc. Please do not use Internet Explorer when viewing Moodle as some of the functionality will not work.

### Support Resources

**Moodle at UAL** – keep up to date with what is happening with Moodle at UAL, through our website and blog, which you can find at this address: <http://elearningsupport-moodle.myblog.arts.ac.uk/>

**Status Updates** – up to the minute status updates for Moodle, Blogs, Workflow and OAT. This can be found on the Moodle homepage or here <http://elearningsupport-moodle.myblog.arts.ac.uk/live-updates/>

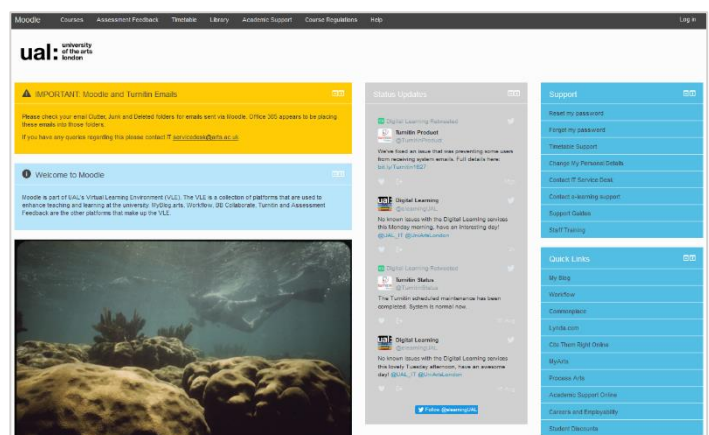
**The Moodle community website** – where you can find out more about Moodle, download resources and help files, and engage with other Moodle tutors from around the world using the discussion forums: [www.Moodle.org](http://www.Moodle.org)

### Moodle Homepage

What you can do from the homepage?

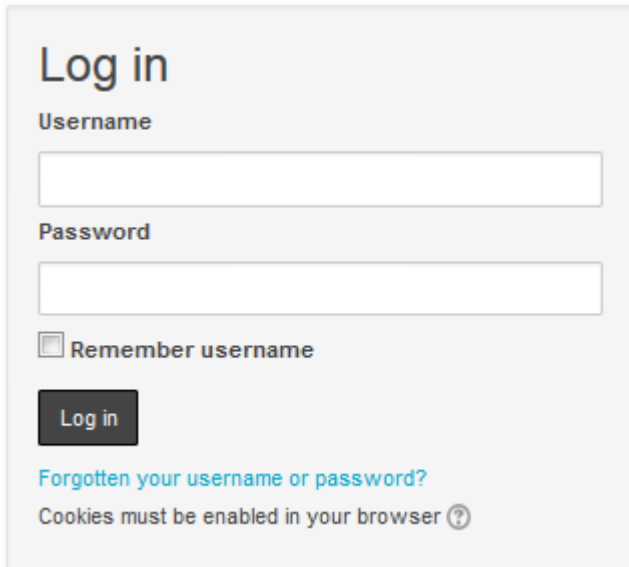
From the homepage, you can do the following:

- Login, using your standard UAL username and password.
- Access other UAL resources.
- Access Support for Moodle and other services.
- Access the Assessment Feedback, Timetable, Library, Academic Support and Help.
- View Status Updates for all the Digital Learning Support tools.
- View the MyArts Announcements




## Logging into Moodle

You can login to Moodle from the homepage, by entering your University IT account details. These are the same details you use to login to UAL campus computers or your email account.

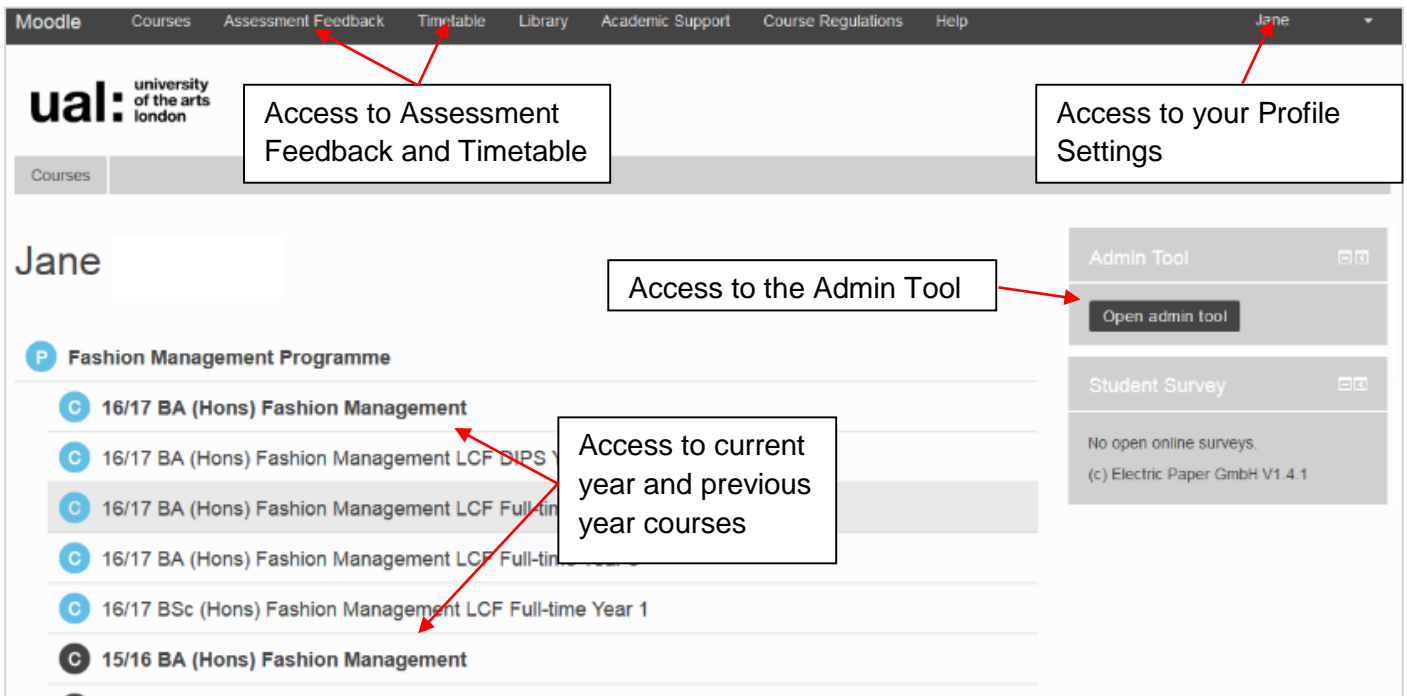


The login form is titled "Log in" and contains the following elements:

- Username:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field.
- Remember username**
- Log in** button
- [Forgotten your username or password?](#)
- Text: Cookies must be enabled in your browser 

## Moodle: Courses Page

Once you have successfully logged into Moodle, you will be presented with your own page. In the main content area of the page, you will see the courses you are enrolled on. To access a course, its activities and contents, simply click on the title.



The screenshot shows the Moodle user interface for a user named Jane. The top navigation bar includes links for Courses, Assessment Feedback, Timetable, Library, Academic Support, Course Regulations, and Help. The user's name "Jane" is displayed in the top right corner. The main content area shows the user's profile and a list of enrolled courses. Annotations with red arrows point to specific features:

- Access to Assessment Feedback and Timetable:** Points to the "Assessment Feedback" and "Timetable" links in the top navigation bar.
- Access to your Profile Settings:** Points to the user's name "Jane" in the top right corner.
- Access to the Admin Tool:** Points to the "Admin Tool" section on the right sidebar, which includes an "Open admin tool" button.
- Access to current year and previous year courses:** Points to the list of courses under the "Fashion Management Programme" section.

## Course Page

Each course in Moodle is likely to contain similar items, but may look completely different depending on how tutors set up the course and what resources the course contains. Student feedback has suggested that consistency in course design and layout is preferable, so try to ensure that all of your courses have a similar style. The example below shows what a typical Moodle course looks like:

The screenshot shows a Moodle course page for '15/16 Fashion Analysis'. The breadcrumb trail at the top reads 'Courses > 15/16 Fashion Analysis'. The page is divided into several sections:

- Administration block:** A sidebar on the left containing 'Administration', 'Course administration', 'Edit Content', 'Edit settings', 'Users', 'Filters', 'Reports', 'Grades', and 'Gradebook setup'.
- Course content block:** A blue header with the text 'Fashion Analysis'.
- Course content:** A 'News forum' section with the text: 'This unit introduces you to economic concepts and theories and how these can be applied to the fashion industry; in particular you will explore consumer behaviour and the nature of competition. You will develop an understanding of how data is collected and analysed using industry standard quantitative terms and techniques, in order to synthesise and evaluate information as a management tool to aid decision making.' Below this is a link for 'Essential unit Information (inc. Handbook and Assignment Brief)'.
- Latest news:** A sidebar on the right titled 'Latest news' containing a list of recent updates, such as 'Instructions for the Fashion Analysis exam on 18th March 2016' and 'Fashion Analysis Exam - ...'.

## Further Support

Additional support is on hand should you require help. Contact the Technology Enhanced Learning team at [elearning-support@arts.ac.uk](mailto:elearning-support@arts.ac.uk)



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