

STRIKES

A Students Guide

WHY ARE THEY HAPPENING AND CAN I TAKE PART?

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WHY ARE THE STRIKES HAPPENING?

- Changes to Pension schemes mean an average loss of £240k during retirement despite increased staff contributions
- Workloads are increasing from the 35 Contracted Hours to an average of 51 hours per week which means staff have less time for students

CAN I JOIN THE PICKET LINES?

Students can join the picket lines as long as the lines are being organised by the University and College Union. If you are a member of the UCU then you can sign up to the Picket Lines using the Aberystwyth University UCU website

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WHERE ARE THE PICKET LINES?

They are held at the University Main Entrance and by St Pauls Methodist Church

HOW WILL LECTURES BE AFFECTED?

Your lectures and seminars may be cancelled if they are on the dates of the strikes. If they are cancelled, they will not be rescheduled but if they do go ahead they may not be recorded.

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WILL MY ASSESSMENTS BE AFFECTED?

Marking and Assessments are not expected to be affected so do not expect any delays to feedback release dates unless you are told

WHO CAN I SPEAK TO IF MY LECTURES ARE AFFECTED?

In terms of academic contacts. You can contact your department UCU representative which is available on the UCU page which is available on the next page.

You can also speak to your Personal Tutor or your Module Co-ordinators about your courses

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WILL STUDENT UNION ACTIVITIES BE AFFECTED?

Student Union activities will not be affected by the strikes

WHO CAN I SPEAK TO IN THE STUDENTS UNION?

You can speak to Molly if you would like advice about who to contact and how to contact them as well as other general advice about the Strikes

You can also talk to the Union Officers if you would like any information regarding the political situation

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Make sure any lectures affected by strikes are marked as an Authorised Absence. This will mean that your minimum attendance for visas will not be affected by the strikes.

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CONTACT DETAILS AND OTHER GUIDES

Aberystwyth UCU Website

<https://aberystwyth.web.ucu.org.uk>

General UCU Contact Webpage

www.ucu.org.uk/contacts

**Office for Students Students
Rights Guide**

www.officeforstudents.org.uk/for-students/student-rights-and-welfare/student-guide-to-industrial-action/

SU Advice Service

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