



## FAQ - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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A guide for enquirers, applicants and offer holders to the MA Screenwriting programme at the London Film School.

### **Is the London Film School still open and running as normal?**

Since Monday 18 March 2020, the London Film School has taken a number of measures in response to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

At present, correct as of 9 September 2020, we have re-opened our doors to new and returning students for the Autumn Term. Although we have re-opened our doors, this term will look and feel different to previous terms. As part of the measures we have taken to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we have introduced Blended Learning teaching to all of our MA programmes, and we have adopted strict social distancing measures on-site. You can find further information about our newly adopted measures and restricted access to the School below.

Whilst we have re-opened our doors to students, visits to the School and campus tours remain postponed for the immediate future.

Our Professional Service staff, including Admissions and Student Recruitment remain off-site. Please be rest assured that our teams are well equipped to handle enquiries and process applications as normal despite the circumstances. You can contact our admissions team regarding your application at [admissions@lfs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lfs.org.uk) or our general enquiry email at [info@lfs.org.uk](mailto:info@lfs.org.uk).

### **What is Blended Learning and why has it been adopted?**

To ensure we are able to teach our programmes safely, and in guidance with social distancing measures in place across the UK, we have taken the decision to alter some of our teaching delivery and introduced Blended Learning.

Blended Learning is a combination of in-person teaching and online delivery. Across our MA programmes you will be taught in this manner for the foreseeable future. This means you can expect the hands-on parts of the course to be delivered in-person, on- and off-site, under safe social distancing measures, mixed with online teaching, in the comfort of your own home.

All essential practical and hands-on classes will be continued to be delivered on- and off campus and in safe teaching facilities, however, to ensure we all adhere to social distancing measures, all non-essential in person classes will be delivered virtually.

For classes that do take place in person, we have introduced restrictions on class sizes, strict access to facilities and use of PPE, including facemasks.

As the pandemic progresses, the School monitors delivery options and continues to adopt the most appropriate and safe teaching methods where applicable.

### **Is the school still accepting applications for MA Screenwriting?**

Applications for September 2020 have now closed. The next available intake will be September 2021, with applications opening early next year.

Dates for when applications will open next year will be announced in due course on our website. Please keep an eye on our website for further details, or contact our admissions team at [admissions@lfs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lfs.org.uk).

### **What do I do if I can't submit an English Language Test as part of my application?**

We understand many applicants have been impacted by on-going closures of English Language tests across the world.

As per our entry requirements, all applicants from non-native English-speaking countries are required to submit proof of English Language Proficiency to support their application.

However, in light of the current situation, applicants who would typically be required to submit proof of English Language will be able to submit an application and be given equal consideration for Interview without proof of English Language.

However, this is a **temporary** measure, and may be reviewed again by the time admissions open for September 2021.

Please note that we accept a variety of English Language Proficiency tests including IELTS, TOEFL, TOEFL online, Pearson's and Cambridge.

### **What do I do if I can't submit my transcript from my home University?**

We understand many applicants have experienced disruption from the closure of their home University and may still not be able to provide final transcripts to support their application to LFS.

Any applicants who intend to apply for September 2021 but will not be able to provide a copy of their transcript are asked to email our admissions team at [admissions@lfs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lfs.org.uk) and our team will advise.

### **Are there any changes to Offers of Study given the circumstances?**

We appreciate the current situation is still causing disruption for many applicants, some of which may even affect their application for September 2021.

Any applicant who is unable to submit a relevant English Language Proficiency test, Academic transcript or references to support their application due to the current situation are advised to contact our admissions teams at [admissions@lfs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lfs.org.uk) for further advice.

Given the unprecedented circumstances we will consider conditional offers of study for those who are not able to provide documents as normal. However, this is a **temporary** measure, and applicants must provide proof prior to any Unconditional Offer of Study being made.

### **Have there been any changes to programme Entry Requirements?**

There have been no changes to our entry requirements for either our MA Screenwriting programme.

You can find a full list of the respective requirements [here](#).

### **Will there be any changes to the Interview process?**

The interview process plays an important part of admissions to our MA Screenwriting, and we expect there to be no changes to this.

Applicants who are invited for Interview will receive invitations from our Admissions team as normal.

### **Can I still visit the School?**

The school has taken the decision to scale back on-site operations and our central Admissions and Student Recruitment teams are now working remotely. The school is therefore closed to all prospective students and visitors for the time being.

All external events and campus tours have been postponed for the immediate future.

**Who can I contact with any concerns?**

We understand these uncertain times raise many questions, and we welcome questions from all applicants and offer holders who have concerns.

During these times, we advise you to contact our admissions teams by email at [admissions@lfs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@lfs.org.uk) or [info@lfs.org.uk](mailto:info@lfs.org.uk).