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UCL PRE-MASTER'S AND PRE-SESSIONAL COURSES

International graduate
preparation courses
2017/18 ENTRY

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UCL (University College London)

Welcome to UCL, one of the world's leading universities, located in the heart of London.

UCL profile

- Founded in 1826
- Over 38,300 students of whom around 20,500 are graduates; 58% female and 42% male students
- 60 academic departments / units in 11 faculties: Arts & Humanities, Brain Sciences, Built Environment, Engineering Sciences, Institute of Education, Laws, Life Sciences, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Population Health Sciences, Social & Historical Sciences.

World class

UCL is one of the world's very best universities, and is consistently placed high in the world rankings, including being ranked 7th in the QS World University Rankings 2015/16.

Innovation

We are London's Global University – your studies will provide a global perspective which will help you understand the major issues facing the world and will equip you to contribute to their solutions.

Diversity

Our students are selected on the basis of their talent and potential. Around 41% of our students come from outside the UK; UCL has a cosmopolitan, friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

Location

We are based in the heart of London, which will give you outstanding academic, professional and social benefits. London's internationally renowned institutions, such as the British Museum and British Library, are within walking distance of UCL.

QS World University Rankings 2015/16

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
2	Harvard University	USA
3	University of Cambridge	UK
4	Stanford University	USA
5	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	USA
6	University of Oxford	UK
7	UCL (University College London)	UK
8	Imperial College London	UK
9	ETH Zurich – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology	Switzerland
10	University of Chicago	USA



There is a range of accommodation options for UCL students.

UCL's English language requirements for graduate study

- UCL Pre-Master's and Pre-sessional courses
- IELTS: International English Language Testing System

A guide to UCL's English language proficiency requirements for UCL graduate taught programmes can be found below.

English language proficiency requirements for each degree can be found on the Prospectus programme pages: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate

STANDARD LEVEL

For graduate taught programmes including:

- MArch Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part 2)
- Civil Engineering MSc
- Clinical Pharmacy, International Practice and Policy MSc
- Financial Mathematics MSc
- Project and Enterprise Management MSc

GOOD LEVEL

For graduate taught programmes including:

- Biosciences MRes
- Comparative Business Economics MA
- Management MSc
- Pharmaceutics MSc
- Technology Management MSc

ADVANCED LEVEL

For graduate taught programmes including:

- Comparative Literature MA
- Film Studies MA
- History MA
- International Public Policy MSc
- Law LLM

UCL Pre-Master's and Pre-sessional courses

Overall: 65%
Subtests minimum: 60%

UCL Pre-Master's and Pre-sessional courses

Overall: 70%
Subtests minimum: 65%

UCL Pre-Master's and Pre-sessional courses

Overall: 75%
Subtests minimum: 65%

IELTS

Overall: 6.5
Subtests minimum: 6.0

IELTS

Overall: 7.0
Subtests minimum: 6.5

IELTS

Overall: 7.5
Subtests minimum: 6.5

Accommodation

www.ucl.ac.uk/accommodation

A range of central London accommodation is available for applicants offered a place on one of our courses.

The fees you pay for your accommodation will vary depending on the location and facilities. The following table show you the range of fees (minimum to maximum) for the 2016/17 session. Fees for 2017/18 will be set by UCL in Spring 2017.

Single room costs per week

UCL Student Houses (self-catered)	UCL Halls of Residence (catered)
£135 – £228	£174 – £206



The Bartlett Summer Show 2014
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Pre-MArch students in a group tutorial



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UCL Pre-Master's Certificate in Architecture

Course aims

The UCL Pre-Master's Certificate in Architecture (Pre-MArch) is a 6 month intensive course, beginning in January, for students holding a conditional offer for the UCL MArch Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part 2), which is offered by the UCL Bartlett School of Architecture.

The Pre-MArch will thoroughly prepare students for their future Master's programme by developing their academic English and literacies, as well as the research and study skills required for working at graduate level. The Pre-MArch will also support students' architectural / design projects, helping them to reflect further on their own practice as professionals.

In particular, the Pre-MArch will develop the following:

- **Academic literacies and criticality** – developing skills in analysis, evaluation and effective use of resources; improving use of key concepts and terminology; critically engaging with texts and debates in the field; developing personal and well-supported arguments; writing reflective reports regarding own design.
- **Research and learning autonomy** – developing independent research skills through in-depth study of issues related to architecture and design; introducing research methods; developing self-reflective autonomous and proactive learning.
- **Architecture and design** – providing an introduction to the MArch subjects that students will study and research in their future Master's programme at the Bartlett; engaging with theory and history, and acquiring the skills of interdisciplinary thinking and knowledge which are key strengths of UCL.

In addition, the Pre-MArch will offer full access to the academic and support facilities of a top UK university in the heart of the capital. Social events and sporting facilities are also available to UCL Pre-MArch students.

Course assessment

Students are awarded the Pre-MArch qualification based on a combination of formal course assessments and examinations. Students will be assessed by:

- a portfolio of written coursework (essays, reports, summaries, etc.)
- reflective narratives and reports, a research proposal
- an oral examination at the end of the academic year.

Course structure

The Pre-Master's Certificate course has been developed by the UCL Bartlett School of Architecture and the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education. It is a joint endeavour based on the needs of MArch students, who will benefit from the teaching and expertise offered at this level. Students will be taught by staff in both UCL departments.

Teaching includes lectures, seminars, workshops and field trips. In addition, students receive individual academic tutorials every week.

Throughout the course, students will develop and enhance their academic literacies, research

skills and subject knowledge to ensure they have a solid foundation for success in their graduate study at one of the world's leading schools of architecture.

Students will study two compulsory modules:

- The Academic Portfolio (English and Academic Literacies)
- Research and Reflective Practice.

Entrance requirements

Applicants will hold an offer for the UCL MArch Architecture degree programme and have IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

Course dates and fees

Start date	Course fees	Entrance requirements
8th January 2018	£11,500	IELTS 6.0 and UCL MArch conditional offer

The Pre-Master's Certificate in Architecture finishes on 30 June 2018. Course dates include examination results and additional course administration, where necessary.

Details of other costs associated with the course (e.g. application fee, living expenses, field trips and excursions) can be found on the course website.

www.ucl.ac.uk/pre-march

Progression to UCL MArch Architecture

Successful completion of the course with an overall mark of 65% will allow progression to the Architecture MArch programme.

The MArch Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part 2) is a two-year full-time Master's programme which, in addition, leads to exemption from ARB/RIBA Part 2.

What does it take to succeed at the Bartlett?

I meet so many able students overseas who wish to come and study the MArch programme. Their portfolios and academic levels are very strong indeed but it is the students' ability to communicate their ideas verbally and in writing that is the key to success on the MArch programme. The strongest MArch students will be able to think critically and engage in debates at the Bartlett. Written work at UCL is so important and the strength of their essays will determine, to a large extent, their success on the course. The UCL Pre-Master's Certificate in Architecture has been specifically developed to enhance the performance of MArch students.

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The UCL CLIE Graduate Adviser offers one-to-one support with degree applications



A UCL International Pre-Master's lecture



International Pre-Master's students in an English for Academic Purposes class

UCL International Pre-Master's Course

Course aims

UCL's International Pre-Master's course is for international students who are aiming to study for a postgraduate degree at UCL or elsewhere in the UK. International Pre-Master's students will be aiming to achieve the levels of academic English language and academic skills required for their graduate programme.

UCL Pre-Master's students will have to demonstrate a strong academic background and motivation to continue their degree at UCL or another Russell Group university.

Entry requirements for UCL graduate programmes are available on the Graduate Prospectus website.

 www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate

The UCL International Pre-Master's course facilitates the transition from a variety of educational backgrounds to the taught and research-orientated graduate programmes available at UCL and elsewhere in the UK.

The International Pre-Master's course will give students a unique insight into succeeding academically at graduate level at a top UK university. In addition to UCL, students who have studied at this level previously have progressed to a number of leading UK universities including Bristol, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Manchester, Oxford and Warwick universities, Imperial College London, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Queen Mary University of London.

The International Pre-Master's course will:

- support international graduate students in applying for entry to leading UK university graduate programmes, including UCL
- provide students with the linguistic and academic skills required for success at postgraduate level in the UK
- provide the academic and research skills required and related to the students' future area of study through engaging with content from their subject areas
- offer full access to the academic and support facilities of a top UK university in the heart of the capital. Social events and sporting facilities are also available to UCL International Pre-Master's students.

Course assessment

Students receive the International Pre-Master's qualification based on a combination of formal course assessments and examinations.

The qualification will satisfy UCL's English language proficiency requirement.

Students holding an offer for a Master's programme at a university other than UCL should make sure that UCL's International Pre-Master's course examination result will be acceptable.

Course structure

Students will study three compulsory modules which will introduce them to the English language, research methodologies and academic skills necessary for successful participation in a graduate level programme at UCL and other UK higher education institutes.

1. English for Academic Purposes

Communicating, building and sharing knowledge in academic contexts through reading, writing, speaking and listening.

2. Research, Argumentation and Criticality

Research methods used at graduate level, development of students' critical, analytical and argumentative skills for study at that level and improvement of language proficiency to support these.

3. Discipline-specific Research, Argumentation and Criticality

Builds on the first two modules by further developing students' research, argumentative and critical skills in their chosen discipline or one closely related to it. This involves looking at what knowledge is in that context and how that knowledge is constructed and communicated in their chosen, or a closely related, academic discipline. Options may include:

- **Architecture & Design**
- **Business, Finance and Management**
- **Life Sciences and Medical Sciences**
- **Humanities and Social Sciences**
- **Law and International Relations**
- **Public Policy**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**

Teaching is by lecture, classes, seminars and workshops. In addition, students receive individual tutorials every week.

Entrance requirements

Entry points 2017/18 entry	Minimum entrance requirements	Subtests minimum
September 2017	IELTS: 5.5	5.5
January 2018	IELTS: 6.0	6.0

These are the minimum entrance requirements and will normally result in suitable candidates being offered a place on the course.

Entry requirements for UCL graduate programmes are available on the Graduate Prospectus website.

 www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate

Course dates and fees

Start date	Tuition fees
September start Terms 1, 2 and 3 Start: 25 September 2017	£16,480
January start Terms 2 and 3 Start: 8 January 2018	£12,450

The International Pre-Master's finishes on 30 June 2018. Course dates include examination results and additional course administration, where necessary. Tuition and course examinations end no later than the 15 June 2018.


Details of other costs associated with the course (e.g. application fee, living expenses, field trips and excursions) can be found on the course website.

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Pre-sessional English Courses

Course aims

Pre-sessional courses are academically challenging, intensive courses that run in the spring and summer for 6, 8, 12 and 19 weeks. They focus primarily on developing academic skills common to a range of disciplines and the English language proficiency required for study at a world-leading university.

The courses are specifically designed for students who are planning to study on a graduate degree programme (MA, MSc, LL.M, MPhil/PhD) at UCL or another UK university, whose first language is not English and who need to meet the language requirement of their conditional offer. Students with unconditional offers from UCL can take the 6-week course as additional preparation and practice before the start of their degree programme.

The overarching aim of the pre-sessional courses is for students to develop academic skills common to a range of disciplines and English language proficiency to at least the level considered by their degree programme to be sufficient for university study. Specifically, it aims to:

- develop students' skills in understanding and analysing academic texts and use them in writing and speaking
- help students more fully understand lectures while taking effective notes
- improve students' ability to speak in academic contexts, with emphasis on oral presentations and seminars
- develop students' ability to write relevant, well-argued essays and examination answers in an academic style
- improve students' English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation as used in academic contexts
- build up students' independent and library-based research skills
- encourage students to adopt the independent approach to learning expected at UK universities.

Course assessment

Students are assessed through:

- coursework (in class and at home)
- observation of their performance and progress by teachers in class
- an extended essay and related oral presentation
- final examination that focuses on the skills of reading, listening and writing.

Course structure

The pre-sessional courses are intensive, with teaching taking place from Monday to Friday. Class sizes are kept small, with an average of 14 students in each class.

Students follow a mixture of classes and tutorials each week. The timetable also includes a lecture programme given by leading UCL academics. An IELTS preparation course is available only on the 19-week (extended) course for students who need IELTS in order to fulfil their English language requirement at other universities.

Entrance requirements

The extended course is for students aiming to enrol at UCL or another UK university. The UCL CLIE Education Adviser offers one-to-one support with degree applications.

The 8- and 12-week courses are for students holding conditional offers for a UCL degree programme.

The 6-week course is for students holding an offer for a UCL degree programme (conditional or unconditional).

Each pre-sessional course has a range of minimum English language entry levels that depend on the English language level required by the degree programme.

To confirm which course to apply for, please see guidance on the course website:

 www.ucl.ac.uk/pre-sess

Course dates and fees

	Start date	Tuition fees
Extended (19-week)	24 April 2017	£8,600
12-week	12 June 2017	£5,675
8-week	10 July 2017	£4,790
6-week	24 July 2017	£3,250

All pre-sessional courses finish on 15 September. Course dates include examination results and course administration. Tuition and examinations end no later than 1 September 2017.

Details of other costs associated with the course (e.g. application fee, living expenses, field trips and excursions) can be found on the course website.

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The qualification

The UCL Pre-sessional English qualification satisfies UCL's English language proficiency requirement.

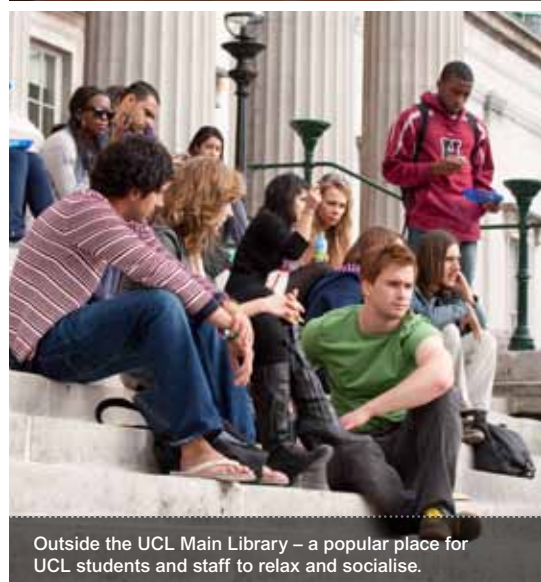
Students holding an offer for a course at a university other than UCL should make sure that UCL's Pre-sessional examination result will be acceptable.



Students in an English for Academic Purposes class



Students in the main library.



Outside the UCL Main Library – a popular place for UCL students and staff to relax and socialise.

Contact information

UCL Pre-sessional English Courses

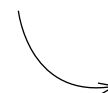
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Key facts

Course aims

- Prepare students for academic study at UCL and other top UK universities
- Fulfil UCL's English language requirements for degree programme entry
- Satisfy the English language requirements of some courses at other UK universities

Course objectives

Develop the linguistic, academic and research skills needed to succeed at a top UK university, including:

- developing critical thinking skills
- reading academic texts effectively
- developing lecture comprehension
- expressing and supporting ideas clearly and accurately in academic communication
- giving oral presentations and participating in seminars
- undertaking independent research.

Course features

- Taught at UCL by UCL teaching staff
- Opportunities to attend lectures given by leading UCL academics
- Taught in classes, seminars and lectures
- English for Academic Purposes classes are taught in small groups with an average of 14 students per class
- An average of 20 UCL teaching hours* per week
- Regular individual tutorials (one-to-one sessions with a personal tutor)
- Individual support and guidance on submitting degree applications
- An optional separate course of IELTS preparation classes is available at CLIE
- A social programme of events in London for all students
- Students have full access to UCL facilities and student accommodation

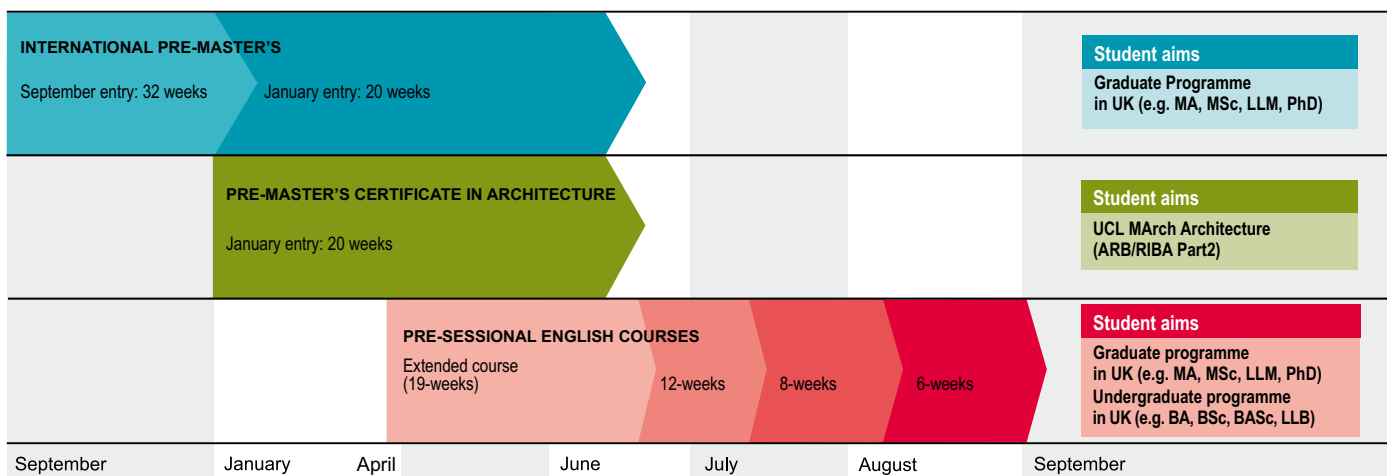
* The "teaching hour" at UCL is 50 minutes

Applications

Please apply as early as possible to secure your place on the course and in UCL accommodation.

1. Select the appropriate course for your English language level, academic aims and availability from the information provided in this brochure and on our website.
2. Applications are made online at www.ucl.ac.uk/gpc
3. When your application has been assessed we will contact you to confirm whether we can offer you a place on the course. Entry will depend on your existing level of English (including subtests), academic history and English language level required for your degree programme.
4. Offer holders will receive information, via email, on how to formally accept their offer, pay the course fees and apply for UCL accommodation.

UCL Pre-Master's and Pre-sessional course entry points



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