



UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY CERTIFICATE FOR THE HUMANITIES

with a modern European language

2011 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 **22,600** students, of whom some **13,000** are undergraduates. **53%** female **47%** male students. More than **8,100** students from countries outside the UK. **55** academic departments/units in **8** Faculties:

- Arts and Humanities
- Biomedical Sciences (including Medicine)
- Built Environment
- Engineering Sciences
- Laws
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- Social and Historical Sciences



World-class

UCL achieves consistently high rankings in external assessments and league tables, including being ranked fourth in the Times Higher Education - QS World University Rankings 2009.

Times Higher Education QS World University Rankings 2009		
Rank	Institutions	Country
1	HARVARD University	US
2	University of CAMBRIDGE	UK
3	YALE University	US
4	UCL (University College London)	UK
5 =	IMPERIAL College London	UK
5 =	University of OXFORD	UK
7	University of CHICAGO	US
8	PRINCETON University	US
9	MASSACHUSETTS Institute of Technology	US
10	CALIFORNIA Institute of Technology	US



Location

A central London campus offers outstanding academic, professional and social benefits. Vibrant and exciting, London's internationally renowned institutions, such as the British Library, are within walking distance of UCL. London inspires and UCL is at its heart.



Diversity

Our students are selected on the basis of their talent and potential. Over 35% of UCL students come from outside the UK and there is a cosmopolitan, friendly and inclusive atmosphere throughout the university.



UCL University Preparatory Certificate for the Humanities with a modern European language

This is a 'bridging' or foundation year for students who have completed their High School education overseas with qualifications that do not allow them direct entry to UCL's undergraduate degree programmes. This includes:

- fewer than four full AP courses
- the US High School Graduation Diploma
- IB certificate exams (not the full IB Diploma).

Over one academic year, the course provides an intensive preparation for the academic challenges of a top UK degree programme.



Key facts

UPCH students are taught at UCL by UCL academic staff. All lectures, seminars and tutorials are delivered within the university. Students enrol at the university as UCL students with access to all university resources.

23 hours of class study per week, covers:

- Academic skills
- A modern European language
- Critical thinking skills
- Lectures, seminars, classes and personal tutorials
- Research skills and research projects
- Field trips and personal development
- LNAT (Law) exam preparation (if required)
- Design portfolio development (Architecture BSc pathway) if selected.



Which world regions do UPC students come from?

Nationalities expected for September 2010.



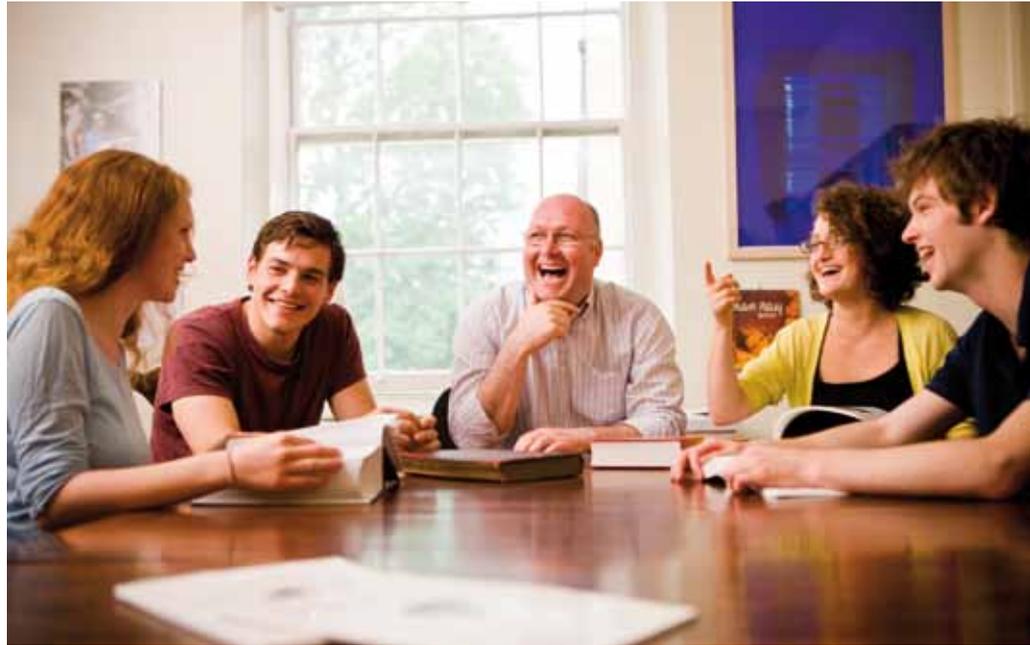
- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
- East Asia
- Central Asia
- North America



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‘UPCH was the perfect transition course: eye-opening, challenging and rewarding’

Sophia, China (UCL Psychology BSc)



Successful UPCH students gain entry to the best undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities. Critical thinking skills are essential for this course and are required in all course modules. UPCH students will make degree programme applications during the early part of the course.

UCL University Preparatory Certificate pathway – an overview



See www.ucl.ac.uk/upch/usa for advice on selecting the appropriate Core Modules for your degree programme

Compulsory Modules

Culture and Society

Research and Academic Skills

Lectures and seminars will cover research topics in art history, culture, economics, geography, history and politics. Students will undertake an individual research project.

Modern European Language

Choose from French, German, Italian or Spanish. Students' cultural awareness will be raised within a European and global context.

Core Module Selection (choose 2)

Modern European Art and Literature

An introduction to the history of modern European arts and culture through the analysis of works of art and literature. Students will increase their understanding of art as a cultural, social and political phenomenon.

Modern European History and Politics

Students will explore political thought and the principles of Western democracy, politics and government, international relations and geopolitics and the European Union.

Geography

Urban development, the environment, the impact of natural disasters, population migration and globalisation are all covered in this module.

◀ Optional: UCL Architecture BSc pathway

This is an additional module for students wishing to study an Architecture degree.

Mathematics

An essential tool for Economics and Statistical Sciences. Students gain the mathematical knowledge and skills to handle the quantitative and mathematical components of these types of degree programmes.

Economics

A thorough and rigorous introduction to Economics imparts basic theory and examines modern economic activity using conventional principles of micro- and macroeconomics.

The Classical World

Ancient Greece and Rome laid the cornerstones of western culture, and they remain at its heart today. To the classical world we owe some of the most important developments in politics, philosophy, law, literature and art.



APPLICATION AND ACCOMMODATION

UCL University Preparatory Certificate courses are popular and entry is competitive. Applications should be made as early as possible during the final year of school. The courses are not suitable for international students completing their secondary education with qualifications which allow them to enter UCL undergraduate degree programmes directly i.e. with the full IB Diploma or four or more AP courses. In addition to the information supplied in this brochure, applicants are advised to be familiar with UCL's entrance requirements described in the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus. Information on country qualifications acceptable for entry is available on UCL's International Student web pages www.ucl.ac.uk/international



Entrance requirements

Applicants will normally be completing Secondary/ High School qualifications that do not allow direct entry to UCL degree programmes.

Excellent grades will be demonstrated on school transcripts. Typically, applicants for this course will offer one of the following qualifications: fewer than 4 full AP courses, IB certificates, US High School Graduation Diploma.

Applications are made directly to the UCL Language Centre at the correspondence address below. Please download the application form on our website. There is an application fee of £75.

Documents required for application:

- **Fully completed application form** available at www.ucl.ac.uk/upc
- **A teacher's reference**
- **Copies of school transcripts**
- **A European language qualification: French, German, Italian or Spanish** (if held)
- **Copies of art work samples** for applicants wishing to follow the Architecture BSc pathway

Following the submission of the application documents listed above, suitable candidates will be contacted regarding their entrance tests.



UCL student accommodation

A room is guaranteed for applicants accepting an offer of a place and meeting the accommodation application deadline of **31 May 2011**.

Single room costs per week (2010-11 academic session)

UCL Halls of Residence (catered facilities)	UCL Student Houses (self-catered)
£140 - £157 approx.	£92 - £168 approx.



Tuition Fees

UPCH: £12,750

**UPCH with Architecture BSc
Pathway: £13,750**

Entrance tests

Suitable applicants will be required to take entrance tests and if successful will be interviewed for the course.

Applicants should be familiar with the relevant sample test(s) prior to application. Sample tests can be viewed at www.ucl.ac.uk/upc

- Critical Thinking (all applicants)
- A Modern European Language: French, German, Italian or Spanish
- Mathematics (if selected)



Applications and enquiries should be made to the UPCH Administrator at the UCL Language Centre

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