

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 26,600 students, of whom 14,700 are undergraduate; 54% female and 46% male students
- 52 academic departments / units in 10 faculties: Arts and Humanities, Brain Sciences, Built Environment, Engineering Sciences, Laws, Life Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Population Health Sciences, Social and Historical Sciences.

World-class

UCL is one of the world's very best universities, and is consistently placed highly in world rankings, including being ranked 4th in the 2012/13 QS World University Rankings.

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 solutions.

Diversity

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

Location

We're 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.



At 1:10, UCL has the lowest staff-to-student ratio of any public UK university.

2012/13 QS World University Rankings

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	US
2	University of Cambridge	UK
3	Harvard University	US
4	UCL (University College London)	UK
5	University of Oxford	UK
6	Imperial College London	UK
7	Yale University	US
8	University of Chicago	US
9	Princeton University	US
10	California Institute of Technology	US

Invaluable guidance

The exciting and dynamic UPCH programme constantly challenged me to be at my very best. My UPC tutors offered invaluable guidance from the very start; it is thanks to their unswerving encouragement that I feel confident in my studies.

Shijian Zhou UCL History of Art BA Former UCL UPCH student

Accommodation



www.ucl.ac.uk/accommodation

- Accommodation is guaranteed for applicants who have accepted an offer and meet the accommodation application deadline of 31 May 2014
- Three-quarters of UCL accommodation is within 10 or 15 minutes' walk of the campus
- Different types of accommodation are available to suit different students' needs
- The fees you pay for your accommodation will vary depending on its location and facilities. The following tables give you an idea of these for the 2013/14 session.

Self-catered

UCL Student Houses

Twin room: £96 – £111 per week
Single room: £127 – £199 per week

Catered

UCL Halls of Residence

Twin room: £129 – £143 per week
Single room: £160 – £192 per week



UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPC)

In over 10 years of the courses' history, UPC students have entered over 70 different UCL undergraduate degree programmes.



In 2013, 94% of UPC students received a UCL and / or Russell Group undergraduate offer.

The UCL Undergraduate Preparatory
Certificates (UPC) are for international
students of high academic potential who
are aiming to gain access to undergraduate
degree programmes at UCL or other top UK
universities but whose education systems in
their own countries do not offer qualifications
suitable for direct admission.

There are two undergraduate foundation courses at UCL:

- UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate for Science and Engineering (UPCSE)
- UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate for the Humanities (UPCH).

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

UPC key facts

- UCL is the only leading UK University featured in the world's top ten (2012/13 QS World University Rankings) to offer undergraduate foundation courses
- All UK universities consider the UPC for entry onto undergraduate degrees
- · Taught at UCL by UCL academic staff
- UPC students are UCL students with access to all university resources
- · Weekly one-to-one tutorials
- Currently 30 nationalities represented on the course
- A dedicated UCAS Coordinator to offer one-to-one support with undergraduate applications.



First Class

Many of those who graduate from the UPC courses go on to gain very high first degree classifications, both at UCL and also at many other institutions.

Richard Pettinger Undergraduate Admissions Tutor UCL Information Management for Business BSc / MSci



UPC Progession

Automatic offers from 90 UCL degree programmes

Guaranteed UCL undergraduate offers for UPC students predicted to meet the entry requirements for undergraduate programmes in the UCL Faculties of Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences and Mathematical and Physical Sciences (see over page).

95% UCL Offers

In 2012/13 95% of UPC students applying for a UCL undergraduate degree in one of the following faculties / schools received an offer: Arts and Sciences, Built Environment, Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Slavonic and East European Studies, Social and Historical Sciences.

80% progress to leading UK universities

Approximately 50% of UPC graduates remain at UCL for their undergraduate degree each year; 30% progress to other leading UK universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London and the London School of Economics.

50% first class honours

50% of former UPC students who graduated from a three-year UCL undergraduate programme in 2012 were awarded a first-class Bachelor's degree.

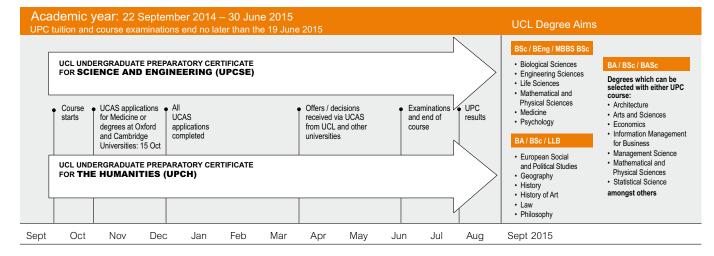
Scholarships

Two UPC Progression Scholarships are offered each year to the two highest achieving UPC students intending to study their undergraduate programme at UCL.



www.ucl.ac.uk/upc/scholarship

UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate pathways - an overview



UPC students receiving support in a twice-weekly



UPC students study stream specimens during the annual Biology field trip, one of a number of field trips held throughout the year.



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

Contact information

UPCSE

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UPCH

upch@ucl.ac.uk



UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPC)

Intensive, challenging and competitive.

UPC modules

UPC students study four modules:

- · Two compulsory modules
- Two subject modules which are selected by the student.

UPC courses provide 23 UCL class hours* per week covering:

- Academic skills
- Critical thinking skills
- · Academic English
- Subject lectures, seminars, classes and personal tutorials
- Research skills and research projects
- Laboratory and practical skills (UPCSE)
- BMAT (Medicine), LNAT (Law) and STEP (Mathematics) examination preparation (as required)
- Design portfolio (UPC for Architecture)
- Field trips and personal development.

*The UCL class hour is 50 minutes.

Our best students

The UPCH programme provides ideal preparation for an economics degree. Over recent years, some of our best students have come from there.

Dr Malcolm Pemberton Undergraduate Admissions Tutor UCL Economics BSc (Econ)

Compulsory modules

UPC students study two compulsory modules:

Research and Academic Skills

Students develop their ability to ask fundamental questions about ideologies that underpin our society and shape the way we perceive the world. The ethical, social, economic, environmental and technological issues are also examined.

Examining an area which interests and inspires them, UPC students undertake an individual research project, building their confidence and independence in researching and presenting information.

Former research areas for UPCSE students have included Biofuels, Global Warming, Superbugs, Nanotechnology, Science and Crime. Structuralism, Psychoanalysis, Poststructuralism and Post-colonialism have been examined on UPCH.

Academic English

The focus is on improving English for academic study. Components include essay writing; lecture comprehension and effective note-taking; academic reading; speaking skills (seminars and presentations). Weekly tutorials provide students with individual feedback and advice.

A Modern European Language (UPCH only)

UPCH students with a near native competence in English may study French, German, Italian or Spanish instead of Academic English. The minimum level of English required for this is IELTS 7.5, TOEFL IBT 109 or equivalent.





Subject modules

In addition to the compulsory modules, students select two subject modules.

The subject modules are selected according to the requirements of the undergraduate programme the student aims for. Please see our guide to selecting subject modules:



www.ucl.ac.uk/upc/modules

UPC applicants wishing to combine UPCH and UPCSE modules should contact the course administrators for advice.

UPCSE

Biology: Biochemistry, genetics and microbiology are covered, as is an awareness of scientific methods, developed with practical laboratory sessions.

Chemistry: Inorganic, organic and physical aspects are all covered, in a way that is designed to provide a strong foundation for undergraduate study.

Mathematics: Provides a rigorous quantitative analytical basis for degree programmes in numerate disciplines, particularly engineering and the physical sciences.

Physics: This calculus-based course covers both classical and modern physics with a rigorous mathematical approach and an emphasis on experimental and scientific writing skills.

UPCH

Classical Civilization: Explores ancient Greek and Roman cultures through the study of their literature, philosophy and history.

Economics: Examines modern economic activity using conventional principles of micro- and macroeconomics.

Geography: Considers how the dynamics of globalisation, politics, sustainability and governance interweave across diverse cultures, environments, people and places.

Mathematics: Provides a rigorous quantitative analytical basis for degree programmes in numerate disciplines including economics and statistical sciences.

Modern European Culture: Involves the close analysis of the important works of art, film and literature of the modern period to increase the understanding of European culture in its historical, social and political dimensions.

Modern European History and Politics:

Focuses on the history of Western democracy, politics, government and international relations exploring the concepts of nationalism, globalisation and state sovereignty.

UPC for Architecture

UPC Architecture students join undergraduates at the UCL Bartlett School of Architecture each week for a series of workshop-based lectures and tutorials with Bartlett tutors. These weekly sessions encourage students to explore and communicate their ideas. The visual work UPC students produce will be included in their portfolios when applying to Architecture BSc at UCL.

This module is taken in addition to two compulsory and two subject modules.



www.ucl.ac.uk/upc/architecture



UPC scholarship holder

Much of the content of my first year undergraduate programme was covered in the UPC modules and therefore I have not encountered any difficulties in my undergraduate programme; in fact I feel at a great advantage over my fellow students.

Thanks to the intensive language training my English improved significantly over the year; I had 6.5 in IELTS at the start of the course and 8.0 when I took the test after the second UPC term.

Hang An UCL Mathematics with Economics BSc Former UCL UPCH student



Guaranteed UCL undergraduate offers for UPC students predicted to meet the entry requirements for 90 undergraduate programmes:

A Astrophysics BSc / MSci
B Biochemical Engineering BEng / MEng
Biochemistry BSc
Biological Sciences BSc / MSci
Biomedical Engineering BEng / MEng
Biomedical Sciences BSc
Bioprocessing of New Medicines
(Business and Management) BSc
Bioprocessing of New Medicines
(Science and Engineering) BSc
Biotechnology BSc

Chemical Engineering BEng / MEng
Chemical Physics BSc / MSci
Chemistry (International Programme) MSci
Chemistry BSc / MSci
Chemistry with a European
Language BSc / MSci
Chemistry with Management
Studies BSc / MSci
Chemistry with Mathematics BSc / MSci
Civil Engineering BEng / MEng
Computer Science BSc / MEng

E Earth Sciences (International Programme) MSci
Earth Sciences BSc / MSci
Economics and Statistics BSc (Econ)
Electronic and Electrical
Engineering BEng / MEng
Engineering with Business
Finance BEng / MEng
Environmental Engineering BEng / MEng
Environmental Geoscience BSc / MSci

G Geology BSc / MSci Geophysics BSc / MSci

History and Philosophy of Science BSc Human Sciences BSc

Information Management for Business BSc / MSci

M Management Science BSc / MSci Mathematical Computation MEng Mathematics and Physics BSc / MSci Mathematics and Statistical Science BSc / MSci

Mathematics BSc / MSci Mathematics with Economics BSc / MSci Mathematics with Management Studies BSc / MSci

Mathematics with Mathematical Physics BSc / MSci Mathematics with Modern Languages BSc / MSci Mechanical Engineering BEng / MEng

Medical Physics MSci
Medicinal Chemistry BSc / MSci
Natural Sciences BSc / MSci

Pharmacology BSc / MSci
Pharmacology BSc / MSci
Pharmacy MPharm
Physics BSc / MSci

Physics with Medical Physics BSc
Science and Society BSc
Statistical Science (International

Statistical Science (International Programme) MSci Statistics and Management for Business BSc Statistics BSc

Statistics, Economics and a Language BSc Statistics, Economics and Finance BSc

Theoretical Physics BSc / MSci

Entry requirements and application

Suitable candidates will need to present excellent grades on school transcripts. Please see the website for a list of suitable country qualifications for entry onto the UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPC) and minimum grades required.



www.ucl.ac.uk/upc/applications

UPC courses are not suitable for international students completing their secondary education with qualifications which allow them direct entry onto a UCL undergraduate degree programme (e.g. with the full IB Diploma or A levels).



www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

Entry onto UCL UPC courses is competitive. Applications for 2014 entry open in November 2013 and should be made as early as possible.

Applications are made directly to the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education.

Applicants will need the following to be considered for the UPC courses:

- Fully completed application form available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc
- · A teacher's reference
- · Copies of school transcripts
- An English language qualification (IELTS / TOEFL or equivalent). See English language minimum requirements opposite.
- · Application fee
- · A portfolio (for Architecture applicants only): this should include at least 6 drawings from life as well as work in other media, such as paintings, collages, 3D, photographs etc.

Following receipt of a completed application and the application fee, suitable candidates will be contacted regarding UPC entrance tests.

UPCSE: £15,750

UPCH: £15,250

UPCSE for Architecture:

UPCH for Architecture:

£16,750 £16,250

More detailed information is available on our website. Applicants should visit the site prior to making an application for the course.



www.ucl.ac.uk/upc

For more information scan this OR code or visit our website



Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates UCL Centre for Languages & International Education

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Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate for Science and Engineering (UPCSE)

Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate for the Humanities (UPCH)

Undergraduate Preparatory Certificate for the Humanities with a Modern European Language (UPCHmel)



IELTS: Overall: 5.5 Subtest: 5.0

TOEFL (IBT): Overall: 71

Biology

Subtest: 15-16/30 (reading and writing) 15/30 (listening and speaking) IELTS: Overall: 6.0 Subtest: 6.0

TOEFL (IBT): Overall: 79 Subtest:

20/30 (reading and writing) 18-20/30 (listening and speaking) IELTS: Overall: 7.5 Subtest: 7.5

TOEFL (IBT): Overall: 109 Subtest:

24/30 (reading and writing) 23/30 (listening and speaking)

Entrance tests required

Select two subjects from:

- Mathematics
- · Chemistry · Physics
- · Critical Thinking
 - Mathematics (for applicants selecting Mathematics and / or Economics)

Suitable applicants will be required to take entrance tests in their selected subject modules 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 taken online



This brochure should be read in conjunction with the UC

Undergraduate Prospectus which provides information on all

UCL degree programmes and entrance requirements

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus







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