JAY
Prospective Postgraduate
(Taught) (International)

“I am more interested now in who will be teaching me and who I’ll be working with than when I was an undergraduate”

Jay is currently at a university in Malaysia; he is looking to specialise further in his field as he considered the job market to be too tough to break into straight from university. He wants to do a one-year postgraduate course in Europe but he has not decided which universities to apply to yet.

He has never been to London before, but knows a little about it from various media and talking with relatives.

**Overall Goals**
1. Further his education with a specialised Masters degree
2. Move abroad and learn the language and culture of the city he will study in
3. Study in an exciting place and make new friends
4. Maximise his career prospects after graduating

**Key UCL Tasks**

### Primary
1. Get a good feel of what it is like to study at UCL and to live in London.
2. Research the different types of programmes available and read about the department’s credentials.
3. Find out what applications and processes he needs to go through in order to study abroad for a year.
4. Estimate all costs of studying and living abroad and balance these against the rewards gained.

### Secondary
- Find out what specific topics are covered in each course, and how they are assessed.
- Begin filling in the paperwork for applying for permission to study abroad.
- Find contact details for staff and admissions officers and email/phone them to ask specific questions.
- Look at other institutions and research at UCL.

**Devices**
- **MacBook Pro**
- **iMac**
- **Unibody MacBook**
- **Desktop PC**
- **Nokia N8**
- **iPhone 4S**

**Social Media**
- **YouTube**
- **facebook**
- **twitter**
- **LinkedIn**

**Key UCL Tasks**

### 1. Get a feel of what life at UCL is like
- Look at photos on the UCL website.
- Read about what London is like from people who have been there.
- Find videos about campus life and about London.
- Watch videos or virtual tours of the campuses.

### 2. Research about courses and department credentials
- Read about the specific activities the course involves.
- Find out about courses and department credentials.
- Look for possible career opportunities or work experience.
- Ask the admissions office or the international office for advice.
- Search UCL and other sites for guidelines on regulations and advice for international students.
- Look up accommodation options.
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### 3. Find out what he needs to be able to study abroad
- Look up the entry requirements including all international qualifications.
- Find out what his options are after the year of study; can he stay in the UK?
- Find an estimate of all the costs involved in studying abroad.
- Calculate all this information to see if the year abroad justifies the cost.

### 4. Estimate all costs of studying and living abroad
- Find out if he is eligible for any UCL scholarships.
- Find out the costs of obtaining a visa and travelling to the UK.
- Look at employability rates all over the world for the qualification he is considering.
- Cross-reference the information he has and decide on his first choice university.

Cross-reference

- Links with other organisations
- Cross-channel strategy
- Consistent advice on phone and website
- Linking with SU site

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Living costs calculator

**For further information please contact web-support@ucl.ac.uk**