Eminence, location, facilities and employability

- UCL is a pre-eminent global university where research of world-leading quality and impact feeds directly into your programme of study.
- Our central London location provides access to the greatest concentration of libraries, museums and archives in Europe and to the headquarters of many professional institutions, leading businesses and industrial employers.
- Our modern estate combines beautiful historic buildings with state-of-the-art facilities including the UCL Ear Institute’s anechoic chamber.
- Eighty-seven per cent of all graduate students (taught and research) enter employment or further study directly on completing their time at UCL (HESA Destination of Leavers, Higher Education Survey 2011).
At UCL, excellence and innovation are key to our vision for education, and we encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits UCL offers. Our ethos embraces academic excellence, global impact, intellectual collaboration and cosmopolitan diversity, and our community provides a stimulating and supportive environment for your graduate study; one in which your curiosity, commitment and ability will flourish.

World-leading education

UCL is one of the world’s very best universities, and is consistently placed in the global top 20 in a wide range of world rankings.

Research-led scholarship

Eminent, ground-breaking research is being undertaken within and across disciplinary boundaries at UCL. We believe strongly in the application of research to what we’ve termed the ‘Grand Challenges’ in global health, sustainable cities, human wellbeing and intercultural interaction. The discoveries, inventions and insights arising from UCL’s research contribute to the practical improvement of living conditions for the world’s peoples. Our research is core to our academic endeavour – informing and enhancing our teaching and supervision of graduate students – and students have exceptional opportunities to undertake or participate in projects of investigation, experimentation, discovery and development.

Global outlook, global activity

UCL’s academic excellence and innovative approach have brought international recognition in the academic and business worlds, facilitating high-level joint ventures and networks. In aiming to address major global challenges we have developed collaborative links with governments, leading educational institutions and industrial and professional organisations across the world.

London

UCL’s location in the heart of central London (see map – inside front cover) offers outstanding academic, professional and social benefits. Internationally renowned resources, such as the British Library, are within walking distance; our strong links with industrial and professional bodies based in the capital provide insight into practical, contemporary challenges and solutions. The stimulation, resources and events provided by a vast community of academic scholarship and investigation are here to explore and enjoy. Vibrant and exciting, London also offers boundless opportunities for social and leisure activity.

UCL Graduate School

The role of the UCL Graduate School is to ensure high standards of teaching and supervision, to provide support beyond disciplinary boundaries, and to guide strategic developments in graduate education at UCL. It is committed to making sure that the quality and relevance of your graduate studies are of the highest level. It aims to ensure that your education as a graduate student at UCL fulfils your needs and expectations, equips you for a successful future, and enables you to make the most of the excitement of graduate studies. The Graduate School provides and directs many initiatives developed to support and enhance your academic and personal development. These are described further in this Prospectus and at www.grad.ucl.ac.uk.