

ARTS AND SCIENCES

The three- and four-year BAsc programmes in Arts and Sciences are exciting new degrees for the twenty-first century. Students pursue a broad range of academic subjects, make innovative links across traditional subject boundaries and learn the skills that will allow them to rise to the challenges of our global society.



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“ UCL degree programmes require our students to think critically and creatively, to tackle ambitious projects and to develop the leadership and entrepreneurial skills that will stand them in excellent stead for their future lives and careers. Our innovative new Arts and Sciences degree programmes embody this approach to undergraduate study. Requiring a mixture of breadth and depth, the programmes offer students choice, intellectual rigour and an excellent grounding in the knowledge and skills that they will need to fulfil their ambitions for the future. ”

Professor Michael Worton
Vice-Provost (Academic and International)

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Responding to increased demand from employers for outstanding graduates with cross-disciplinary experience, these unique degrees will equip you with knowledge, skills and insight across arts and sciences subjects. On graduation, you'll be well-placed to make a meaningful contribution to our interconnected world.

Degree programmes	
Y000	Arts and Sciences BASc 3 years
Y001	Arts and Sciences with Study Abroad BASc 4 years
Entry requirements <i>(see also page 166)</i>	
<p>A levels: AAA to include a mixture of arts (including humanities and social sciences) and science subjects. Major pathway requirements: for Science and Engineering, Mathematics and a further science subject; for Health and Environment, Chemistry and a further science or social science subject; for Cultures or for Societies, two subjects from within arts, humanities or social sciences. A pass in a further subject at AS level or equivalent and GCSE English Language and Mathematics at a minimum grade B are required for all programmes</p>	
<p>IB Diploma: 38 points with a score of 18 in three higher level subjects to include a mixture of arts (including humanities and social sciences) and science subjects. Major pathway requirements: for Science and Engineering, Mathematics and a further science subject; for Health and Environment, Chemistry and a further science or social science subject; for Cultures or for Societies, two subjects from within arts, humanities or social sciences</p>	
<p>Other qualifications: see website above</p>	
<p>Applicants should indicate their chosen major and minor pathways in the space provided on their UCAS application</p>	
<p>Candidates who meet the grade requirements but not the subject combination requirements for a pathway, should email the Admissions Tutor regarding their eligibility</p>	
Number of places	
80 in total	
RAE <i>(What is the RAE? See page 6)</i>	
Not applicable	
Admissions tutor and contact details	
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What do we offer?

UCL's Arts and Sciences programmes are unlike any other degree in the UK. They allow you to create a bespoke programme, incorporating both arts and sciences specialisms. Core courses will enhance your understanding of how different branches of knowledge interrelate. You will also develop your language skills, and undertake an internship, giving you the chance to explore future employment options. On graduation, you will have two academic specialisms, strong leadership and communication skills and the ability to work flexibly and creatively in a range of fields.

Your degree

The **Arts and Sciences BASc** programmes offer a unique combination of specialist courses and an interdisciplinary core. The core courses enable you to acquire the skills and concepts you will need to work effectively across multiple disciplines. They link traditional UCL subjects in new ways, or explore the conceptual and methodological differences between arts and sciences subjects.

You will study a modern foreign language throughout your degree, chosen from the wide range offered at UCL. If you opt for the **Arts and Sciences with Study Abroad BASc**, you will spend your third year at another university – either in an English-speaking country or in a country where your chosen foreign language is spoken. In the summer before your final year you will gain work experience through an internship chosen to integrate with your studies and future aspirations. Possible internship destinations include businesses, non-governmental organisations and voluntary organisations.

Pathways with broad areas of study

CULTURES

- Anthropology, Art History, Built Environment, Cultural Studies, Film, History, Languages, Literature, Philosophy

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

- Anthropology, Biochemistry, Biomedicine, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Law, Life Sciences, Pharmacology, Psychology, Science and Technology Studies

SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

- Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Science and Technology Studies, Statistics

SOCIETIES

- Archaeology, Economics, Geography, History, Law, Philosophy, Political Economy, Politics, Sociology

Please note that some options within a pathway may require prerequisite subjects at A level or equivalent

You will choose a major and a minor pathway on application; your pathways determine the subjects you can specialise in. We offer four pathways: Cultures, Health and Environment, Sciences and Engineering and Societies. The table above gives an overview of the subjects available in each.

Students choosing Cultures or Societies as their major must choose Health and Environment or Sciences and Engineering as their minor pathway, and vice versa. This ensures that you study a mix of arts and sciences courses throughout your programme.

More detail on the structure and content of our degree programmes is given on the website at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/arts-sci. You are strongly advised to consult the website before making your application.



Your learning

You will be exposed to a wide range of learning opportunities, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, interactive groups and multimedia projects.

Both your pathway subjects and the language component will be assessed by written examinations and essays. A second-year interdisciplinary project and a final-year dissertation will contribute to your overall degree assessment. You will be required to give presentations and will have the opportunity to work on jointly-assessed projects with other students and to participate in assessed debates.

Core courses will be taken alongside your fellow BAsc students. Courses pertaining to your pathways will be taught by specialist staff from across UCL, and will provide you with an opportunity to learn alongside students on other programmes.

Your application

Your application will be assessed on the basis of past and projected academic performance and your personal statement. On your UCAS application, you must indicate your choice of pathways (major and minor), which you should choose with reference to the qualifications you have and your personal interests.

Your application should provide evidence that you are:

- Prepared for critical enquiry and in-depth academic work across a broad intellectual spectrum
- Interested in engaging in wider societal, cultural and global issues
- Interested in careers involving leadership, social entrepreneurship and intercultural exchange
- Prepared to think critically and creatively to seek new connections between types of knowledge
- Interested in combining non-standard areas of study in your degree.

If you fulfil our entry criteria and are resident in the UK, you will be invited to an interview/open day. This gives an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and to discuss your suitability for the programme. We may also ask you to write an additional, tailored personal statement once we have received your application. If you are resident outside the UK you will not be required to attend an open day, although you may be contacted by programme staff to discuss your application, or to submit an additional personal statement.

Your career

The Arts and Sciences programmes are designed to prepare students for a wide variety of exciting careers. One of the core courses in the final year will specifically explore ways in which employers in a range of fields acquire, use and value knowledge.

Degree structure

YEAR ONE

Core courses

- Approaches to Knowledge
- Quantitative Methods
- Interdisciplinary Research Methods
- Language

Pathways

- Three courses from your major pathway and one course from your minor pathway

YEAR TWO

Core courses

- Museum Stories: Learning through Objects
- Interdisciplinary Elective
- Interdisciplinary Project
- Language

Pathways

- Three courses from your major pathway and one course from your minor pathway

YEAR THREE (Y001 only)

Year abroad at an approved university

SUMMER BEFORE FINAL YEAR

Internship

FINAL YEAR

Core courses

- The Knowledge Economy
- Dissertation
- Language

Pathways

- Three courses from your major pathway and one course from your minor pathway

You will be able to access specialised advice and support from the UCL Careers Service throughout your studies.

The employers with whom we regularly consult have commented that the degree will equip students with the breadth of knowledge, the cultural and quantitative awareness and the teamwork skills that they are looking for in graduate recruits. The hands-on experience provided by the summer internship is also highly valued.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Arts and Sciences three-year BAsc programme are due to graduate after 2015. Therefore, no information about career destinations for students on these programmes is currently available.