

# Campus and facilities /

*UCL's Bloomsbury campus has various resources to make your studies enjoyable and effective as well as enabling you to make the most of your free time. All you need to fulfil your potential is here, right at the heart of one of the world's great capital cities.*


## Academic resources

### Study spaces

We have a range of study spaces available to you in the Cloisters, in our Libraries and in the UCL Students' Union (UCLU). In addition, rooms in UCL Student Residences are connected to the internet enabling you to 'work from home'. We also have a choice of computer rooms, either open-access or linked to specific departments. Wi-Fi is available in many parts of UCL and IT training is provided.


### UCL Library

With more than two million books and subscriptions to over 12,000 journals in a combination of electronic and print formats, UCL Library Services gives you access to a vast range of resources across all subject areas. We have 15 specialist libraries with valuable and historic material housed in Special Collections.

 [www.ucl.ac.uk/library](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library)

### UCL Museums and Collections

As well as being open to the public, UCL's diverse museums and collections (see list on the right) are often used as teaching resources.


 [www.ucl.ac.uk/museums](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/museums)

### UCL Centre for Languages & International Education (CLIE)

Our comprehensive Language Centre offers courses for credit in Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish at seven levels. English for Academic Purposes and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) courses are also available. We also run courses for students planning to study and work abroad, for those who do not meet UCL's modern language requirement (see page 30) and in-session English language courses for international students.

To learn a language to enhance your studies, you can take an evening class in one of 18 languages, though these are not credited to your degree programme.

Facilities include:

- // a Self-Access Centre with computer workstations connected to an online video library with over 3,000 films and TV documentaries
  - // online language exercises
  - // satellite television
  - // language laboratory
  - // resource books, journals and newspapers.
-  [www.ucl.ac.uk/clie](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/clie)

## Bloomsbury Fitness Centre

A varied class timetable and over 90 exercise stations including treadmills, cycle machines and crosstrainers




This Javan rhino skull is on display at our Grant Museum of Zoology, the only university museum of zoology in London

## Entertainment resources

### UCL Bloomsbury Theatre

The Bloomsbury Theatre, owned and run by UCL, is a professionally equipped theatre with a seating capacity of over 500. It is reserved for student performances for 12 weeks each year. For the remainder of the year, it hosts professional performances that range from stand-up comedy and drama to dance and music.

 [www.thebloomsbury.com](http://www.thebloomsbury.com)



Rare FM is UCL's student radio station. Listen online at [www.rarefm.co.uk](http://www.rarefm.co.uk)

### Music

From DJ-ing with our own student radio station, Rare FM, to performing with the Chamber Music Club or University College Opera, or joining one of UCLU's many music societies, we've something for every taste. Bookable rehearsal rooms are available on campus and in some residences.

### Bars, cafés and shops

UCLU runs three bars, four cafés, two shops and a hairdressers' salon on UCL's Bloomsbury campus. Open throughout the day and into the night, many have computers and Wi-Fi access.

### Contemplation room

UCL is a secular institution and, while we recognise the rights of individuals to hold their own religious beliefs, we do not provide facilities for religious worship. Therefore, we have a space on the Bloomsbury campus set aside for private meditation and prayer.

80,000

UCL's Petrie Museum has circa 80,000 objects, while the Grant Museum has some 67,000



The Science Library houses over 100 computers for undergraduate use as well as four study pods for group work



Objects from the UCL Art Museum are used in teaching on programmes such as Fine Art and History of Art

## Museums

### UCL Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology

One of the world's greatest collections of Egyptian and Sudanese archaeology.

### UCL Grant Museum of Zoology

The only remaining university zoological museum in London, founded in 1828.

### UCL Art Museum

Over 10,000 fine art objects, including prints and drawings by Old Master artists.

## Collections

### UCL Institute of Archaeology Collections

Fine teaching and reference collections, including prehistoric ceramics, stone artefacts, and Classical Greek and Roman ceramics.

### UCL Geology Collections

Includes rock, mineral and fossil samples collected over the last 175 years.

### UCL Ethnography Collections

An enormous variety of objects, textiles and artefacts from all over the world.

### UCL Science and Galton Collections

Scientific apparatus, equipment and memorabilia belonging to various scientists, including Sir Francis Galton FRS (1822–1911).

[www.ucl.ac.uk/museums](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/museums)

## Sport and leisure

Whether you're a team sports player, interested in keeping fit or just looking for a chance to socialise and have fun, there are plenty of opportunities at UCL.

// UCL Sports Grounds are located in Shenley in Hertfordshire and include full-size football pitches, rugby and lacrosse pitches, mini football pitches, cricket squares, all weather netball and tennis courts, plus a pavilion. There is a free and convenient bus service on match days

// Somers Town Sports Centre is located north of the Bloomsbury campus and provides basketball, badminton, volleyball and table tennis facilities

// Astor College Sports Hall is located near the Bloomsbury campus, providing clubs and societies with space to engage in a range of indoor sports

// Old Cranleighans in Surrey provides hockey pitches for our Men's and Women's Hockey Teams

// Bloomsbury Fitness is UCLU's very own health and fitness club, which includes a full complement of fitness equipment as well as squash courts and a dojo.

[www.ucl.org/bf](http://www.ucl.org/bf)

// The University of London Union houses a 33-metre swimming pool that's right next door to our Bloomsbury campus

// UCLU runs around 60 sports and dance clubs. These include everything you might expect as well as some you may not, like Capoeira, Kickboxing, Water Polo, Dodgeball, Ice Hockey, Mountaineering and Urban Frisbee.

[www.ucl.org/clubs-societies](http://www.ucl.org/clubs-societies)

UCL Special Collections includes fine collections of medieval manuscripts and early printed books, as well as highly important 18th, 19th and 20th century collections such as the George Orwell Archive



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I'm part of the UCLU Elite Athletes programme. It aims to provide greater support and recognition for those dedicated few that are trying to pursue a sporting career alongside their studies. This has provided me with extra support as I continue to develop myself as a high level competitive swimmer. Since the age of 10 I've been training many times a week – my most recent achievement is making the semi-finals of the Olympic swimming trials at the new aquatic centre in my best event – a truly elating yet humbling experience that represented the culmination of my efforts over the years.

