

International students /

We're proud to say UCL is London's Global University, based in one of the most diverse cities on the planet and with links and partnerships around the world. Around 41% of our students come from outside the UK, and we strive to give all our teaching a global perspective.






For visa information, see page 33.
For finance information, see page 36

We support you every step of the way

If your application to UCL is successful, our Student Centre will provide information before and after your arrival, from visas and entry clearance to practical advice to help you prepare for your time in the UK. In addition the Student Centre provides online pre-arrival information for students before they travel to London.

First-year accommodation is guaranteed and further information about our Student Residences can be found on page 16.

Staff from the UCL International Office visit countries all over the world – find out when they'll be near you at:

-  www.ucl.ac.uk/international
-  www.facebook.com/uclinternational
-  www.twitter.com/UCL_IntOffice

Look under the heading 'UCL visits you'

Getting settled in successfully


Our International Students' Orientation Programme, held immediately before the academic year begins in September, is designed to help you settle in, learn how to access the range of services and opportunities on offer and adjust to the process of teaching and learning at UCL. All non-UK students are invited to attend the programme, which is free of charge. In addition, social events in the programme allow you to make new friends.

While a student at UCL, you will have access to all the academic and welfare support services described in this Prospectus. In addition, our on-site Student Centre can help you with issues like opening a UK bank account and visa renewal. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

The UCL Careers Service offers dedicated assistance for international students, whether seeking employment in their home country or considering working in the UK. See pages 26–27.

Your application

As well as A levels and the International Baccalaureate, we accept a wide range of international qualifications.

 www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

If the qualifications you gain in your home country do not meet our entry requirements, you may meet our entry qualifications by successful completion of a foundation year. Please see the University Preparatory Certificates information on page 25.

English language

If your education has not been conducted in the English language you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency. Details of acceptable qualifications and the standard required are given on page 31.

International students have access to all the academic and welfare support services described in this Prospectus



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UCL staff will have attended information sessions in 44 countries during 2012/13

Members of UCL staff regularly attend events overseas to provide information and advice about studying at the university

UCLU international societies

- A** African Caribbean Society
Arabic Society
Armenian Society
Azerbaijan Society
- B** Balkan Society
Bangla Society
Bruneian Society
- C** Chilean Society
Chinese Society
Chinese Students and Scholars Association
Cypriot Society
- D** Dutch and Flemish Society
- F** Francophone Society
- G** Georgian Society
- H** German Society
- H** Hellenic Society
- I** Indian Society
Indonesian Society
International Tamil Society
Iranian Society
Italian Society
- J** Japan Society
- K** Kazakh Society
Korean Society
- M** Malaysian Society
Masaryk Society
- N** Nordic Society
- P** Pakistan Society
Polish Society
- R** Romanian and Moldovan Society
Russian Society
- S** Singapore Society
Somali Society
Spanish and Latin American Society
- T** Turkish Society
- V** Vietnamese Society
- W** Welsh Society


University Preparatory Certificates

The University Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) 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.

These intensive and challenging courses combine the study of two academic subjects, usually alongside Academic English. All teaching is delivered by UCL staff within the university.

UPC students are registered as UCL students, meaning they have access to all the academic, welfare, social and cultural resources we have to offer.

UPC students are also supported with their UCAS application and our aim is to ensure that on completing the course, they can confidently embrace the demands of university study and life in the UK.

 www.ucl.ac.uk/upc



International Student

James Xu, Fourth Year, Italian and Management Studies BA

I think the combination of the student experience at UCL and the year abroad placement really made my experience worthwhile as an international student. Thanks to UCL, I've been able to experience many once-in-a-lifetime moments: being a torchbearer at the London 2012 Olympics, winning the British Council's International Student of the Year Award and being nominated by officers from UCLU to receive a vInspired London Spirit Award. I felt very well integrated in UCL's diverse student community as an international student, and I always feel very lucky and grateful that I chose to study at UCL and UCL accepted me.



The UCLU Malaysian Society's production of *Mahsuri* was staged at the Bloomsbury Theatre in 2012