Fees and finance

We know that money can be a worrying topic for some students. So this section sets out clearly and simply what you need to pay for, when, and what support is available to you.

Tuition fees

UCL’s annual tuition fee covers all elements of your tuition (except any field courses you might have to take), registration and examinations. However, optional courses taken elsewhere in the University of London may attract an additional fee. Fees for accommodation are charged separately.

UCL offers several “Dual Degree” programmes where students spend half of their degree studying at UCL and the other half at a university overseas (these are distinct from Year Abroad or International programmes). In these cases, fees are payable to UCL for the time spent studying at UCL, and to the other host university for the time spent there. More details of these can be found on the individual degree programme pages on the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus website.

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

How tuition fees are classified

The level of fee will depend upon whether you’re classed as a UK, EU, Overseas or Islands student. You may already know into which category you fall but this will be confirmed if you are offered a place at UCL.

Tuition fees for UK and EU students

UK/EU undergraduate fees are currently (February 2017) set at £9,250 for UK/EU undergraduate fees are currently (February 2017) set at £9,250 for UK/EU students for the first year of study. Fees for the time spent studying at UCL, and to the other host university for the time spent there. More details of these can be found on the individual degree programme pages on the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus website.

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Note for EU students: UK withdrawal from the European Union

The tuition fees payable by EU students who have accepted a place on a programme as a UK/EU student for 2017 entry will remain the same (subject to any annual increase in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions and the UCL fee schedule) for the duration of the student’s enrolment on that specific programme.

At the time of publication, the date upon which the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union becomes effective has not yet been set and the UK Government have not clarified the position for students starting in 2018. Please check the UCL website regularly for updates.

www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

Tuition fees for Overseas students

For 2017 entry, UCL’s tuition fees for Overseas students are:
// £16,340 for most Education programmes
// £17,190 for most Linguistics programmes
// £17,710 for most Arts, Humanities and Social Science-based programmes
// £18,300 for Laws
// £18,580 for most Economics programmes
// £19,230 for Arts and Sciences
// £20,820 for most Mathematics programmes
// £21,360 for most Statistics programmes
// £21,960 for most Science programmes
// £22,850 for most Architecture programmes
// £23,710 for most Archaeology, Astrophysics and Engineering programmes
// £24,140 for Fine Art
// £32,670 for Medicine (£21,960 for integrated BSc).

A full schedule of fees can be found at

www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money

Fees for 2018 entry will be set and published on this website later in 2017.

Fees for 2018 entry may be up to 5% higher, in accordance with UCL policy. Please note that fees shown are for the first year of entry only and fees for subsequent years of study may be up to 5% higher.

Your living expenses

Budgeting for your living and day-to-day expenses while you are studying will vary according to your personal needs and wants. A total of around £387 per week is considered a reasonable average for about a 40-week year, which includes the 30-week UCL academic year plus the Christmas and Easter vacations.

As a guide, for a first-year student living in a UCL Hall of Residence the cost per week of your main items of expenditure is likely to be around:
// £207 for accommodation (average)
// £50 for food
// £93 for leisure and personal items
// £22 for travel
// £15 for books/equipment
// £1.66 for insurance.

If you’re travelling from outside the UK to study at UCL, you may have limits on what you can bring with you and should allow for some additional costs on arrival.

Please note this information is intended only as a guide, as the figures given on these pages are from the 2017/18 academic year.
Scholarships
Billy Seng Hoe Hue, Third Year, Engineering (Chemical) MEng
I have always been inspired to do engineering due to my nature of always wanting to break stuff down and rebuild it. After high school, I was fortunate enough to receive a full scholarship to study both my pre-university and undergraduates degrees. UCL was my first choice.

I have a full scholarship from PETRONAS, a Malaysian oil and gas company. Studying an undergraduate degree with a full scholarship has helped me to focus more academically while ensuring a healthy lifestyle. My supervisor keeps close contact with me to ensure good grades and that I am also active outside my studies. As such, I have been actively involved in numerous clubs and societies. I was the president of UCLU’s Buddhist Society and I am also in charge of handling the departmental open day.

Making the terminology make sense
Tuition Fee Loan
(UK/EU students) A loan from the Student Loans Company for tuition fees. This is paid back after you graduate and are earning more than £21,000 per year.

Maintenance Loan
(UK students) A loan from the Student Loans Company for living expenses. This is paid back after you graduate and are earning more than £21,000 per year.

Bursary
A cash grant which may be awarded on the basis of need or academic achievement. This does not have to be paid back.

Scholarship/prize
A cash grant which is usually awarded on the basis of academic achievement. This does not have to be paid back.

Tuition fees and support levels for new students entering in September 2018 will be set by UCL later in 2017. We recommend you check our website for this information before you submit your UCAS application.

Additional costs on some degree programmes
Students on certain degree programmes will incur some additional costs not covered by their tuition fee; for example, for specialist equipment, artists’ materials, books or costs related to carrying out fieldwork. Students on Architecture or Fine Art programmes will need to purchase different materials depending on the nature of their work; students on Earth Sciences or Archaeology programmes will need to buy some specialist tools and may need weather proof gear. For students on programmes with an element of fieldwork, there may also be extra costs for travel or a contribution to the department to cover costs.

If possible additional costs concern you, please do not hesitate to contact the department in which you are interested for more details.

Sources of funding for UK and EU students
Maintenance Loan
If you are a student who is a UK national (or has resided in the UK for three years, other than for the purposes of full-time education, before beginning your university studies), you’re able to apply to the Student Loans Company for a low-cost, income-assessed loan to cover your living expenses.

If you’re studying in London and living away from home, the maximum loan will be £11,002 per year. If you’re studying in London and living at home, the maximum loan will be £7,097 per year.

As with the Tuition Fee Loan, you will not have to repay your Maintenance Loan until you have left university and are earning over £21,000 per year. If you have both Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans these will be repayable as a single loan. Repayments will be calculated at 9% of your income over the £21,000 threshold.

www.gov.uk/student-finance

UCL Undergraduate Bursary
All full-time UK/EU students who apply for income-assessed student support (including those provided in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland or via the NHS Grants Unit), where assessed household income is £42,875 or less (for 2017 entry), will be eligible to receive a UCL Undergraduate Bursary.

All part-time students from the UK and EU studying at a level of at least 25% of the full-time equivalent, and whose assessed household income is £42,875 or less (for 2017 entry), will be eligible to receive a UCL Undergraduate Bursary.

Bursaries will be available to students starting in 2018, however, the levels of funding available for 2018 entry have not been set yet. Information is expected to be available in the summer of 2017; prospective students are advised to check the UCL website at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

Applying for a bursary
If you’re a full-time student, we will use the household income data provided by the Student Loans Company and, during the first year of study, your term-time address to assess eligibility. There is no additional application form for the UCL Undergraduate Bursary provided that you opt-in to sharing your household income information.

If you’re a part-time student, you will need to apply for a bursary separately. To request a bursary application form email:

studentfunding@ucl.ac.uk

UCL Scholarships
We offer a range of scholarships for UK and EU students, some tied to particular academic departments and some open to all. Certain awards are restricted to students from specific countries. Some of our scholarships are offered in partnership with companies e.g. banks and law firms. These also provide the added benefit of paid work experience and mentors.

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships
Financial Assistance Fund
The Financial Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to UK students who find themselves in financial difficulty once they have enrolled. Any money awarded does not have to be repaid. This provides a useful financial safety net but is not a substitute for other sources of funding.

www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money

London Opportunity Scholarship
Awards of £4,000 per year for the duration of their programme are available for UK students who participate in certain UCL Year 12-13 Access programmes.

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

UCL Care Leaver Bursary
Awards of £1,000 per year for the duration of their programme are available for UK students who live in or have lived in care. Candidates for this bursary must:
// be prospective UK students, under the age of 25, who can demonstrate that they live in or have lived in care for more than three months
// hold an offer of admission to UCL to study a full-time undergraduate degree.

There is no application process; candidates for this bursary will be recommended by the UCL Access and Widening Participation and Student Funding Offices.

www.ucl.ac.uk/care-leavers

Financial assistance if you study abroad
Students studying abroad on exchanges, under the Study Abroad scheme for example, pay only their UCL tuition fees and no fees to the host institution.

If you study abroad at a European university with which UCL has a student exchange agreement (Erasmus+ programme), you may be eligible for a special monthly grant funded by the European Commission.

Students on a Study Abroad placement are eligible for the same financial support they would receive from UCL and Student Finance, including the UCL Undergraduate Bursary and the Financial Assistance Fund.

Funding for students with disabilities
If you’re a UK student with a disability, you may be eligible for the Disabled Students’ Allowance. This covers additional study-related costs that arise because of your disability. The allowance is not means-tested.

www.ucl.ac.uk/disability

Working while studying for UK/EU students
You can work part-time, as many students do, to supplement your income during your studies. That said, we’d like to emphasise that your academic work should take priority. One of the many benefits of studying and living in London is there is no shortage of opportunities for varied and reasonably paid part-time work. UCL’s JobShop service could help you find flexible part-time employment.

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Sources of funding for Overseas students
Scholarships
We offer you a range of scholarships if you’re a student from overseas. These vary in terms of both value and eligibility criteria. They include:
// the International Outreach Bursaries which cover fees, maintenance and travel, and are offered in partnership with the United World Colleges

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

// if you’re from the US or Canada you will be able to access the official student loan schemes in your home country to study at UCL.

www.gov.uk/student-finance

www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money

International students who require a visa or prior entry clearance are normally permitted to work for up to 20 hours per week during term-time and full-time in the vacations. This restriction applies to voluntary as well as to paid employment.

www.ucl.org/jobshop

www.ukcisa.org.uk

For further information
We know that financial issues can seem a little daunting, but a good starting point for information about student finance is:

www.gov.uk/student-finance

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

www.ucl.ac.uk/disability

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