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.

We support you every step of the way
If your application to UCL is successful, our International Student Support Team will provide information before and after your arrival, from general information on immigration matters to practical advice to help you prepare for your time in the UK. In addition, the International Student Support Team provides online pre-arrival information for students before they travel to London.

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

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.

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 32–33.

Note on the EU referendum
At this stage, there is no certainty on whether the UK decision to leave the EU will affect the status of EU students. Updates will be posted on our dedicated website as soon as information is available.

Your application
As well as A levels and the International Baccalaureate, we accept a wide range of international qualifications. These can be found on the individual programme pages in our online Prospectus. See pages 26–27.

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. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

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

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

EU and International students have access to all the academic and welfare support services described in this Prospectus.
International students
Karen Serrano, First Year, Biomedical Sciences BSc

Studying for the UPC was an amazing experience. It is an exciting and challenging year that helps international students adapt to studying in the UK. The teachers are always there willing to help you – not only with academic matters – and make you feel welcomed. I also made some really good friendships while on the UPC.

I’m studying at UCL with a scholarship from the Ecuadorian government. It’s helped me focus on studying and enjoying London instead of having to worry about finding a job. I entered the UPC to be able to study Biomedical Sciences. I’ll continue on this track until I get a PhD for research in the immunology area.