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UCL degree programmes draw you into cutting-edge research to stretch you intellectually and equip you to think critically and creatively in preparation for your future career.

Which degree is right for you?
Depending on what you decide to study, your degree programme at UCL will be classified as follows:

- **Single-subject Honours degrees** (e.g. History BA, Physics BSc), are those where most of the programme you study will be within that subject area.

- **Combined-studies Honours degrees** are those in which two specific subject areas are studied. Programmes with ‘and’ in their title, for example Mathematics and Physics BSc, mean your module load will be split 50/50 between the two subjects. Programmes including ‘with’ in their title, for example Chemistry with Management Studies BSc, mean that about one quarter of your module load will be in the minor subject area.

- **An Interdisciplinary degree** (e.g. Arts and Sciences BASc), is one where you take a combination of modules from different departments or faculties that together build up to a degree programme.

Three years or four?
Many science and engineering departments offer their programmes as a three-year BSc or BEng, or a four-year MSci or MEng. The programme content is generally the same for the first three years, with the extra year spent on more advanced or specialist modules including an additional research project. A four-year degree may also qualify you for accreditation from a professional body or chartered status.

How your study is structured
The academic year begins in September and is divided into three terms. Most of your teaching will take place in terms one and two, with most of term three set aside for revision and examinations.

Your degree programme will be made up of individual modules. Each module carries a certain amount of credit, or ‘course-unit’ value (known as CU). You are expected to complete four CU each year, which will usually mean taking up to eight modules. If you haven’t met our modern language requirement, one of your first-year modules may be in a language (see page 31).

Term dates 2018/19

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For more about the structure of individual degree programmes see the subject entries in this Prospectus or go to: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

Assessment, examinations and degree classification
You will usually be assessed at the end of each year, on every module that you have taken during that year. Assessment may be continuous (in the form of essays, assignments and laboratory practicals), carried out by examination, or by a combination of these.

Degrees awarded at UCL are classified into first, second (upper and lower), and third-class Honours.

Your learning takes place both in, and outside of, the lecture theatre – you’ll develop research, professional and social skills as well as academic skills.
UCL undergraduate degrees

**Bachelor of:**
- Arts (BA)
- Arts and Sciences (BASc)
- Education (BEd)
- Engineering (BEng)
- Fine Art (BFA)
- Laws (LLB)
- Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) (a duration of six years and also providing for the award of an integrated BSc degree)
- Science (BSc)
- Science (Economics) BSc (Econ)

**Master in:**
- Science (MSci)

**Master of:**
- Engineering (MEng)
- Pharmacy (MPharm)

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Research-based learning: a UCL education

At UCL, you learn from staff who are actively engaged in pushing the boundaries of knowledge and overcoming some of the major challenges facing the world today. As a UCL student you will contribute to this exciting process of knowledge creation. Through your programme, you’ll have the opportunity to conduct your own research projects, and develop the ability to solve unfamiliar problems head-on. You’ll learn what research means for your discipline, and how research skills can extend your learning and give you the edge in the workplace. Many departments participate in our Connected Curriculum initiative, which gives you the chance to make connections between your programme, other disciplines and the world beyond UCL.

Some departments (particularly in sciences and engineering) offer undergraduate research placements over the summer vacation. Bursaries are usually available.

Empowering you with research, study and life skills

Integral to your learning is the development of skills that will serve you well during your degree and beyond graduation. These include research skills (such as sourcing, sifting and analysing information), problem-solving and communication skills, collaborating with others on projects, time management, motivational and leadership skills, as well as social and cultural awareness.

We also offer formal training in IT and Writing in Academic Contexts, plus the opportunity to learn a language.

Preparation for the working world

Many of our degrees, especially those in the Faculties of the Built Environment, Engineering Sciences, Laws and Medical Sciences include teaching by practising professionals. These degrees also offer work placement and/or sandwich-year opportunities. Some degrees will lead to accreditation or part-accreditation from a professional body, or to chartered status (for engineering degrees).

Many of our departments encourage participation in the Year in Industry scheme which organises work placements for young people to spend a year out, either before or during their degree.

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Anna Adams, First Year, Social Sciences BSc

Social Sciences is a programme for people who want to learn more about how people work; why we do things, how people are linked, and the way in which the world affects us. It’s an interactive programme which makes learning about new concepts so much more interesting. It’s great to study a degree which I can tailor to my own interests through module selection. There’s a focus on research which means that I’m able to acquire skills while learning about topics that really interest me.

I was elected as Student Academic Representative for my programme, which has enabled me to give my peers a voice, allowing us to make changes to the programme for future students.

London is an amazing location to study in, with UCL right at the heart of it. I’m exposed to new ways of thinking and learning every day because of the huge diversity of people that London, and UCL, have to offer.

Taking part in the UCL Global Citizenship Programme will enrich your time at UCL, and provide a boost to your career
Shape your education
At UCL, we view you as a partner in your education and encourage you to take an active role in the UCL community. This means sharing your ideas and views with us and collaborating with staff to make changes. You might stand for office as a Student Academic Representative (a StAR) to represent the interests of your fellow students. Or you could lead a UCL ChangeMaker project, where you’ll receive funding to collaborate with staff to investigate issues that are important to you and make recommendations about the ways UCL can support you in your studies.

www.ucl.ac.uk/you-shape-ucl
www.ucl.ac.uk/changemakers

Global citizenship: helping you to make an impact on the world
The UCL Global Citizenship Programme is a two-week summer school for UCL students that takes place each year after examinations. It’s a free opportunity open to you in every year of your degree programme.

You’ll work alongside students from other disciplines, approaching complex global problems from different perspectives, and come up with sustainable solutions as part of a multidisciplinary project team.

The programme is a great chance to get out of the classroom, too. Our students have worked with community groups in the Olympic Park, with national charities and campaigning organisations across London to understand and tackle important global issues.

Whether you’re looking at broad global questions along the same Grand Challenges themes as UCL’s world-leading researchers, or taking more practical action on one of the Pathways options to make a difference, you’ll gain new skills and knowledge to help your studies and give your career a head start.

www.ucl.ac.uk/global-citizenship/programme
www.ucl.ac.uk/grand-challenges

Get an international perspective
Study Abroad is an exciting and rewarding opportunity; a unique experience that counts towards your degree programme and gives you the chance to learn life skills not taught in the lecture theatre. UCL has around 200 international partners, including many of the world’s most prestigious universities. With many partners in Europe, UCL is proud to be part of the Erasmus+ programme.

This opportunity is offered by a large number of UCL departments.

www.erasmusplus.org.uk

Financial support is available (see page 38) and you will also be supported by a network of Departmental Study Abroad Tutors, Peer Advisers and the UCL Study Abroad Team. They will provide you with information and the knowledge of their first-hand experience, as well as academic support before, during and after your placement.

The UCL Centre for Languages & International Education provides linguistic support if you are not studying a language as part of your degree.

www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad

Note on the EU referendum
At this stage, there is no certainty on whether the UK decision to leave the EU will affect Study Abroad opportunities available for 2018 entry. Updates will be posted on our dedicated website as soon as information is available.

www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

Study abroad
Sophie Marjoribanks, Fourth Year, European Social and Political Studies: Dual Degree BA
I think the chance to be educated both at UCL and Sciences Po is a great opportunity; you are exposed to a wider variety of approaches, methods and modules which help with personal as well as academic development.

You also end up with friends from all over the world and learn something new from all of them.

My first two years in Menton, France were amazing – I focused on Middle Eastern international relations and history, along with core European modules, and studied Arabic and political thought in the Arab world.

I became interested in so many things I had never even considered before..., and all in the South of France, five minutes from the beach! Back at UCL, I was able to specialise further and study the origins of political violence, as well as continue my interest in the Middle East by studying the Arab-Israeli conflict, alongside both French and Arabic.

Currently around 25% of UCL’s undergraduates spend a period of time studying abroad

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