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.

We support you every step of the way

If your application to UCL is successful, our International Student Support and Welfare 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 and Welfare Team 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.

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. 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.

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.

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 UCL Undergraduate 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 32–33.

For visa information, see page 35.
For finance information, see page 38.

International students have access to all the academic and welfare support services described in this Prospectus.
International Student
Jenny Park, Second Year, Geography BA

I chose Geography because I’ve always been interested in the relationship between people and the environment. I chose UCL because of the fluidity of the programme structure. UCL has a world-class reputation when it comes to both human and physical geography, as well as being in the heart of London. So, as an international student, you will be getting the best of the best.

UCL is all about independent learning. You’re not being spoon-fed and you can really focus on the subject you like, rather than reluctantly taking electives. I also love the fieldwork, because it’s intellectually challenging and it allows you to really bond with the other people on your programme.

UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates

The UCL Undergraduate 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 and Research and Academic Skills. 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

UCLU international societies

UCLU offers a wide range of international student societies. Listed below are just some of the societies from which to choose:

A
ABACUS (British and Chinese), African Caribbean, Albanian, American, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani

B
Baltic, Bangla, Bruneian, Bulgarian

C
Canadian, Caribbean, Chilean, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Chinese, Cypriot and Hellenic, Czech and Slovak

D
Dutch and Flemish

E
Ecuadorian, European

F
Filipino, Francophone

G
Georgian, German

H
Hungarian

I
Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Irish, Italian

J
Japan

K
Kazakh, Korean

M
Malaysian, Masaryk, Mauritian, Mexican

N
Nepalese, Nordic

P
Pakistan, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi

R
Romanian and Moldovan, Russian

S
Singapore, Somali, Spanish and Latin American

T
Taiwanese, Tamil, Thai, Turkish

U
Ukrainian

V
Vietnamese

W
Welsh

UCL staff will have attended information sessions in 53 countries during 2015/16

Dance rehearsals for the UCLU Hindu Society production of Rangeela 2016