2017

Year 11

Summer Programmes
Discover London’s Global University

UCL (University College London) was the first university in England to admit students regardless of race, class or religion, and the first to admit women on equal terms with men. Throughout its history UCL has sought to be a beacon of liberal and enlightened thought, influencing the development of university education in the UK and beyond.

Today it is an outstanding, world-class, multi-faculty university. UCL is one of the world’s very best universities, and is consistently placed in the global top 10.

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If you enjoy learning about different subjects, like sharing and developing your ideas with others, and are looking for a challenging experience then apply for a place on our Year 11 programmes this summer.

Benefits
- Develop independent research skills
- Supported transition from GCSE to A Level
- Valuable experience to include in your UCAS personal statement
- Discover new subjects
- Work alongside current UCL undergraduate and PhD students
- Opportunity to meet new people and make friends

Year 11 Summer Programmes

Important facts
- UCL’s main campus is located in Bloomsbury in the heart of London.
- There are 120 places on each programme for year 11 students from non-selective state schools in the UK.
- Attendance on both programmes is free of charge.
- Refreshments and travel will be provided on each programme.
- For the residential summer school; meals, accommodation and evening activities are also provided.

Learn about different subjects...
Share and develop your ideas with others...
Challenge and be challenged...
...spend your summer at UCL.
Stay on campus for four days and three nights in central London, and get a real taste of university life at UCL. Working in small groups with students from across the UK, you will participate in workshops and hear from world-class academics in a variety of subject areas. Led by a UCL Student Ambassador, you and your group will have direct access to someone who can answer your questions and fill you in on what life as a student is really like.

**Time commitment**

Arrive at UCL on Tuesday morning and reside on campus in UCL Halls of Residence until Friday afternoon. Cap off your experience and celebrate your success with a celebration event on Friday.

**Subject areas**

Academic subject sessions offer new perspectives on the subjects you’re already studying at school as well as introducing you to subjects you haven’t studied before. Advice and guidance workshops on topics such as study skills, personal statement writing and careers will also help you prepare for university and beyond. In the evenings, you will take part in social activities to introduce you to student life in London. Choose which strand you would like to apply to based on your areas of interest:

- **Strand A**
  - Arts, Humanities and Social Science

- **Strand B**
  - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

[www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/explore-ucl](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/explore-ucl)
UCL & Brilliant Club
Year 11 Young Researchers programme

29 June – 20 July

www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers

UCL and the Brilliant Club have partnered up to run this programme, supporting students in their transition from GCSE to post-16 study. Sign up and study a subject, learning from a UCL PhD student, in their area of expertise and complete your research in a university seminar setting. In addition to these sessions, you will also attend workshops covering the study skills essential for post-16 study. You will complete the programme with an assessed piece of writing and receive feedback from your PhD tutor.

Time commitment
The programme takes place between 10:30am–13:00pm on:

Thursday, 29 June
Thursday, 6 July
Thursday, 13 July
Thursday, 20 July

An evening celebration will conclude the event on Thursday, 3 August.

Subject areas
Six different subject options are available with a mix of arts and humanities, and science and technology subjects to choose from. Successful applicants will receive a choice selection form, where they can choose from the six available subject courses. We aim to offer you your first choice, however due to limited places, may have to offer another subject as an alternative.

Further information will be offered to successful applicants and you may select your subject preferences when you enrol.
Your next steps
Application & assessment

Who can apply?

Eligibility
Each programme has 120 places, all available to students attending non-selective state schools in the UK, and who are identified by their teacher as highly able (expected to achieve five or more A/A* or 7–9 grades at GCSE).

We prioritise students who meet the highest number of the following criteria:

// Will be the first generation in their family to attend university;
// Come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education;
// Are in, or have lived under local authority care;
// Have parents from non-professional occupations;
// Are currently eligible for free school meals;
// Are from an ethnic group which is currently underrepresented at UCL.

Our full criteria can be found at

[www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/eligibility](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/eligibility)

How to apply

What you’ll need
First, talk to your teacher and parent/guardian(s) about the programme(s) you would like to apply for, as you will need their support to make your application. You will need:

// Teacher – work email address, and work telephone number. We will ask your teacher to provide a reference and your application is not complete until the reference is submitted.
// Parent/guardian – correct contact (including postal address) details so that we can seek permission from them for your entry.

Applicant selection
Applications are assessed on your background eligibility and academic ability, including your teacher’s reference. Places will only be awarded to students who can commit to all programme dates.

Additionally, successful applicants will be prioritised into each programme as follows:

// Explore UCL Summer School – students living outside of London.
// Young Researchers – students living in London.

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[www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers)

Key dates

Student applications and teacher references deadline
Tuesday, 2 May 2017 5pm

Applicants notified of decision via email*
Friday, 26 May 2017 5pm

Enrolment form deadline
Friday, 9 June 2017 5pm

*We always receive more applications than we can offer places for, and it takes time to process these. Please be patient and wait for us to contact you by this date.

To apply
Apply for one or both programmes by completing the online form at

[www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/explore-ucl](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/explore-ucl)
[www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers)