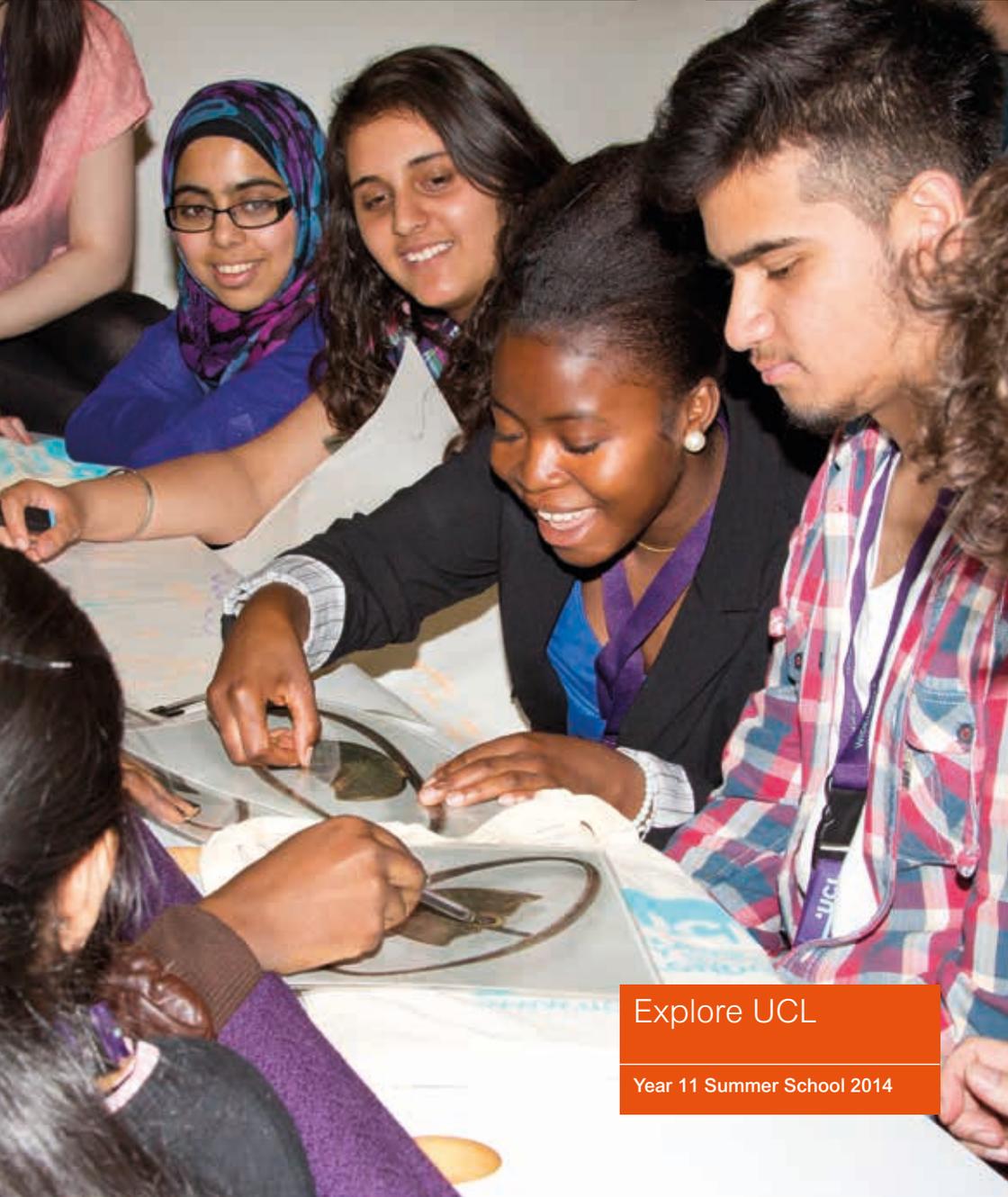


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Explore UCL

Year 11 Summer School 2014

WHAT IS THE EXPLORE UCL YEAR 11 SUMMER SCHOOL?

The Explore UCL Summer School is your chance to find out more about studying at university. We aim to give year 11 students a real taste of university life through this week-long non-residential summer school programme.

If you enjoy learning about different subjects, like sharing and developing your ideas with others, and are looking for a challenging experience then Explore UCL this summer.



About the summer school

The theme of this year's summer school is 'The Making of the Modern World' which will be explored through a range of academic subjects offered at UCL. At the point of application students will be asked to choose which strand of the summer school they would like to attend.

Strand A

Arts and Humanities and Social Science subjects

Strand B

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects

You will be encouraged to look at the links between different subjects – what you learn in one discipline can be applied to another. The sessions will offer new perspectives on the subjects you already study at school and introduce you to some new subjects you won't have encountered before.

The summer school will give you an introduction to the different methods of teaching and learning at university; with lectures, group work and hands-on activities. The lecturers will be looking for open-minded students who are willing to engage with new subjects and ideas. As well as academic sessions, there will be workshops on study skills, student life and careers to help you prepare for university and beyond.

Quick facts

- UCL is located in Bloomsbury in the heart of London.
- The summer school runs from Monday, 7 July to Friday, 11 July 2014.
- Each day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 4:30pm.
- On Friday you and your family are invited to a certificate ceremony and reception to celebrate your achievements.
- Attendance at the summer school is free of charge.
- Lunch, refreshments and travelcards are provided.

You will work in small groups with other students from across London and the South East. Each group will have a current UCL student working as a mentor and group leader. The UCL students will be on hand to answer all the questions you have about studying at university. You can find out from them what student life is really like.

ABOUT UCL



UCL (University College London) was the first university in England to admit students irrespective 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 20 in a wide range of world rankings.

The Year 11 Summer School has been run by the Widening Participation & UK Undergraduate Recruitment Office at UCL since 2000. The summer school is a key element of UCL's Widening Participation Strategy, which aims to raise the aspirations and attainment of participants from backgrounds in which there is no tradition of university education.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility

We ask that students are on track to achieve at least five A/A*s at GCSE when applying for an activity. Our pre-16 activities are funded by UCL's Access Agreement and Widening Participation funds. Students must be attending a state school. Priority is given to students who meet one or more 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
- in local authority care
- parents from non-professional occupations
- are or have been eligible for free school meals within the past five years
- attending a school where a high proportion of students are in receipt of free school meals.

First talk to your teacher and parent/guardian about the summer school as you will need their support for your application. Before you apply you should obtain your teacher's email address and telephone number. Then complete the online application form which can be found at this link (to be inserted). We will then contact your teacher for a reference.

If you are successful we will contact your parent/guardian via post for their permission.

Applications will be assessed on your background and academic ability as well as the teacher's reference. Places will only be awarded to students who can attend all five days of the summer school.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, 21 March 2014.**

Further information

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More information on the summer school is available on our website at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/explore-ucl

Previous Summer School participants have told us about their experiences at UCL:

“It made me realise how much I want to succeed”

“I feel more confident talking to people due to the speaking skills sessions and getting to know new people”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What will the academic sessions be like?

At the summer school, we want you to explore the different methods of teaching and learning at university, so the academic sessions will reflect this. Some of them will be lectures, so you will be expected to listen and take notes while a lecturer presents a topic. In others, you will be asked to discuss and share your ideas, and prepare presentations in groups.

What if I don't know anyone else at the summer school?

Don't worry! Many students at the summer school will be in the same situation as we accept students from schools across London and the South East. We will put you in a group of students with a current UCL student as your group leader. Previous summer school students have told us how easy it is to make friends and many students keep in touch with each other after the summer school is over.

Who are the Student Leaders?

There will be 20 Student Leaders, who each look after a group of summer school students. They make sure that you all know what you need to do throughout the summer school. As they are current UCL students, they will be a great resource for you to find out first-hand what it's like to be a student.

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