UCL Academic Manual 2018-19
Chapter 14: Governance

UCL's Mission

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Information

The mission

London’s Global University: a diverse intellectual community, engaged with the wider world and committed to changing it for the better; recognised for our radical and critical thinking and its widespread influence; with an outstanding ability to integrate our education, research, innovation and enterprise for the long-term benefit of humanity.

The vision

Our distinctive approach to research, education and innovation will further inspire our community of staff, students and partners to transform how the world is understood, how knowledge is created and shared and the way that global problems are solved.

UCL’s values

- commitment to excellence and advancement on merit
- fairness and equality
- diversity
- collegiality and community building
- inclusiveness
- openness
- ethically acceptable standards of conduct
- fostering innovation and creativity
- developing leadership
- environmental sustainability
UCL's guiding principles

UCL will conduct itself ethically and fairly, and in an environmentally sustainable manner, locally, nationally and globally.

In particular, we will:

1. Respect and promote the exercise of academic freedom through challenge and debate within the law

2. Offer places to students wholly on the basis of their academic merit and potential to benefit from and contribute to a UCL education irrespective of their social, economic, religious or other background. Admission to UCL may not be bought, or secured under inducement or pressure, but granted only through an open and transparent competitive process

3. Assess student performance and award degrees and qualifications wholly on the basis of clear criteria and fair process

4. Be a fair and honourable employer, developing skills and capability amongst all staff; promoting, recognising and rewarding outstanding performance; promoting and celebrating diversity and ensuring equality of opportunity; promoting and supporting the highest quality academic leadership, collegiality and professional management, and challenging unacceptable behaviour

5. Apply ethical investment and procurement practices

6. Focus the impact of UCL education and research on improving the lot of people around the world and respect for human rights, and countering ignorance, poverty, ill-health and political tyranny

7. As an institution that has been strictly secular from its foundation, respect freedom of thought, conscience and religion but reject indoctrination;

8. Promote tolerance, and secure positive and open relations through dialogue between different groups on campus in relation to religion, politics, gender, ethnicity and sexuality

9. Be a good neighbour in London and contribute to the local community through initiatives such as staff and student volunteering, links with schools and through the foundation of the UCL Academy, and through maintaining and enhancing a high quality estate

10. Maintain a safe and attractive campus, and work to safeguard staff, students and the wider community against violence, intolerance, disruptive behaviour and the actions of extremists.

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