Self-guided Tour

Welcome to UCL, we hope you enjoy your visit

Follow the route shown on the map and outlined below to explore UCL.
1. Main Entrance

Starting with your back to the main gates, you are now facing the domed Wilkins Building, which houses UCL’s Main Library.

Behind you across Gower Street is the red-brick Cruciform Building, formerly University College Hospital and now home to the Royal Free and University College Medical School (RF&UCMS) and the Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research.

2. The Front Quadrangle

Walk across the Front Quadrangle towards the Wilkins Building. On your right is the Chadwick Building, home to the Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Geomatic Engineering and the Centre for Transport Studies.

On the left across the grass is the Slade School of Fine Art (please note the Slade studios are private working spaces and are not open to the public).

Walk diagonally left across the Front Quadrangle. Enter the door on the far left of the Wilkins Building, into the North Wing.

3. North Cloisters

On your left as you enter the North Cloisters is the Housman Room, a staff common room. Ahead are exhibitions on various aspects of College life and history. Beyond the double doors is access to the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

4. Department of Physics & Astronomy

The Physics Building is open to visitors between 10.00am and 4.00pm from Monday to Friday. On the fourth floor, you can see the Undergraduate Common Room (A17) and the undergraduate computer cluster room (A19). The Teaching Laboratories are on the first (Year 1), second (Year 2) and third (Year 3) floors.

The undergraduate office is in room E2 on the ground floor. However please note that the admissions administrator may not always be available to meet you, so please contact us in advance if you would like to meet us.

Return to the Wilkins Building. Turn left and walk through the North Cloisters, through the double doors and past the main library until you reach the Octagon.

5. Octagon and South Cloisters
Upon arriving in the Octagon, notice the steps on your left, which lead up to the Jeremy Bentham Room, one of several study areas around College where students can socialise, study and eat.

Now walk straight ahead into the South Cloisters. On the left is the roof garden and the UCL Japan monument.

6. Jeremy Bentham

At the end of the South Cloisters are the Koptos Lions.

To the left is the embalmed body of Jeremy Bentham, whose utilitarian philosophy influenced the founders of UCL – Thomas Campbell, a poet, and Henry Brougham, a lawyer.

Now walk past the lions on your left, and turn left into the South Wing.

7. South Wing

As you enter the South Wing you will see on the right the corridor of the Registry, with offices for student financial support, admissions, examinations, etc.

Go straight ahead down the stairs. In front of you is the UCL Shop. At the bottom of the stairs turn right through the double doors leading outside into the South Junction.

Immediately in front of you is the Andrew Huxley Building housing the Faculty Offices for Arts and Humanities, and Social and Historical Sciences, as well as Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience Laboratories.

Turn right and walk ahead towards the School of Physiology archway.

8. Science Library and Foster Court

Walk straight ahead under the Physiology Arch. On the right is the DMS Watson Science library which also gives access to the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology.

Opposite the Science Library is Foster Court, location of the Departments of English, Italian, French, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Hebrew and Jewish Studies, and home to European Social and Political Studies.

Continue walking straight ahead to the end of Malet Place.

9. Malet Place

At the end of Malet Place on the left is the Department of Anthropology, and on the right is the Engineering Building.

Opposite is a bookshop, and to the left of that is the University of London Union.
10. Gordon Street

As you walk along Gordon Square you will see on your right one of several green spaces favoured by students and staff in close proximity to the campus. Also close by are Tavistock Square and Russell Square.

To your right across the Square, are the History of Art Department, and the UCL Careers Service.

Along Gordon Square you will pass the following Departments on your left: Scandinavian Studies, German, Philosophy, Phonetics and Linguistics, History, and Science and Technology Studies.

On the right at the end of the Square is the Institute of Archaeology, and next to that, Gordon House, home to the Department of Greek and Latin.

11. The UCL Bloomsbury Theatre & Student Union

Continue along Gordon Street. You will pass an entrance to the campus on your left, followed by the UCL Bloomsbury Theatre. Opposite is the Christopher Ingold building, home to the Department of Chemistry.

Next to the UCL Bloomsbury is the London Centre for Nanotechnology building and on the corner of Gordon Street and Gower Place is the UCL Student Union (UCLU). Opposite the Union is the Bartlett – Faculty of the Built Environment.

12. Gower Place

With your back to the Union, look across the street diagonally to the left, to the corner of Endsleigh Gardens. There you will see Drayton House, home to the Department of Economics and the Medical School Administration.

13. Gower Place to Gower Street

Turn back to the face the Union and walk down Gower Place towards Gower Street. On the left at 3 Gower Place is the UCL Health Centre. There is a doctors’ and a dental surgery for use by students.

On the corner of Gower Place and Gower Street on the left hand side is the Language Centre, where students can make use of audio and visual language resources, and register for language evening classes.