



ISPS MODULE SELECTION GUIDE for students entering ISPS in 2020-21

On the following pages you will find information on module selection for your language and specialism. These have been designed to provide you with guidance in selecting your modules.

Choosing a Specialism:

- The **areas of specialism** open to you are: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Law, Philosophy, Comparative and European Politics, Political Theory, Q-Step (Quantitative research methods), International Relations, and Urban Planning.

It is possible to combine multiple specialisms, as long as you have enough free units to do so. For example, combining any Politics specialism with History is possible but combining a Full Economics specialism with anything else is not possible because it requires modules to the value of all the students' specialism units in years 1 and 2. Each area of specialism is structured differently, some looser than others. This reflects the nature of the discipline in question and represents the view of relevant departments.

The pathways and specialisms provide a loose structure to your ESPS degree. You will choose a specialism and complete the required modules for that specialism as listed in these guidelines. You should also complete the required modules for any other joint specialism. These modules provide the background knowledge for higher-level modules in this discipline. Following a pathway will also help you put together a coherent degree. The fuller your commitment to a discipline, the more your degree will correspond to a single-subject humanities/social science degree, which will make it easier for you to go on to do postgraduate work in the discipline.

Combinations of specialism modules not described below will be acceptable, provided that they are coherent. Exceptions can also be made if a student cannot take some modules because of timetabling restrictions or if a module is not running this year. Please note that these exceptions will need to be approved by the Departmental Tutor (Prof. Kristin Bakke).

Your specialism and language will not appear on your transcript or diploma. Your diploma will say 'BA European Social and Political Studies'. Your language and specialism will be explained in references, cover letters and personal statements.

Law: Specialising in Law will provide an understanding of legal issues which is particularly advantageous when applying for law conversion courses (the necessary step before training as a solicitor or barrister via an LLM course). All students, including Law specialists, will need to do a law conversion course after they graduate in order to qualify for most LLM programmes, including the one at UCL. All ESPS students, whether or not they have specialised in Law during the degree, will find the intellectual training they receive helpful in undertaking a law conversion course after graduating.

Economics vs. Element of Economics: There are two Economics pathways: ESPS with an *element* of Economics and ESPS with a *full* Economics specialism. The difference between the two is that the latter does prepare you for postgraduate work in Economics whilst the former does not.

To take a *full* Economics specialism, you must have grade A* in A-level Maths or an equivalent qualification. Students should note that the Element of Economics pathway may limit the Economics department modules you may take in your final year, as many final year Economics modules require maths based prerequisites that you will not have taken. Students are advised to look carefully at the modules that will be available to them in year 4 before choosing this pathway.

Overview of the module selection process

Step 1: Choose Modules

Use the Module Selection Guidelines to identify the distribution of units you are required to take for your particular combination of language, specialism and year of study. The Module Selection Guidelines should be used to identify the compulsory language modules, and any compulsory specialism modules, required of you. Once you identify your compulsory modules, you can explore optional modules in your language and specialism that fit into your timetable. Please refer to the list of [EISPS modules](#) as well as the [UCL module catalogue](#). Choose units exactly to the value of 120 credits (no more and no less).

Some of the more popular modules will have limited space. Please make sure you look at alternative options if you do not get into your first choice.

Step 2: Create a Clash Free Timetable

Once you have decided which 120 credits you would like to take, you must then check the [UCL Common Timetable](#) online to identify timetabling clashes, if any, and choose alternative modules as appropriate. The timetable will start showing the modules for 20-21 from early September onwards. You are responsible for creating a clash-free timetable that will allow you to attend all compulsory modules and for selecting optional modules around those compulsory courses. Please inform Julia Wagner as soon as possible in the event of a clash between **compulsory** modules required for your language and specialism. If you have a clash between optional modules, you must choose another optional module that fits.

The Common Timetable will always have the most up-to-date information on when a module is being taught. Departmental websites linked to below may on occasion be out of date; in such cases information found on the Common Timetable should be preferred.

The Custom Timetable Generator is the most appropriate tool for ESPS as an interdisciplinary programme.

- Go to <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/timetable>
- Click on 'Custom' and then click on 'Click to start'.
- Click on 'Switch Module Info' (above the search box on the right hand side of the screen) so that 'enter module name' becomes 'enter module code'.

Now you can begin to build your own custom timetable.

- Enter the module code into this search box (e.g. ESPS0001) and click on 'Search'. Results for the module code you searched will appear below the search boxes.
- Click on the module code or module name to select it. The selected module will appear below the search results under the heading 'Final module list'.
- Repeat the process of searching for a module code and adding the module to this 'Final module list' until you have added modules to the value of 120 credits that fulfill the criteria in these guidelines. The total number of units you have selected is listed toward the bottom of the screen on the right-hand side.
- Once you have added all of your preferred modules to the 'Final module list', click on 'Create Timetable' (toward the bottom of the screen on the left-hand side).

Use the resulting timetable to identify any clashes, i.e. occurrences of different modules meeting at the same time. It will very likely initially look like you have multiple clashes. Please keep the following points in mind:

- Each entry on the timetable lists the module type (e.g. seminar, lecture, tutorials, or arts faculty core module), module code and module name, lecturer, room, week numbers, and (if applicable) the small group name. There may be instances of particular modules being listed more than once at the same time on the same day. This happens when some details of the module vary, such as the term or week number, room, or lecturer. These are not clashes.
- UCL's Common Timetable refers to weeks throughout the academic year by week number. Term 1 is comprised of weeks 6-10 and 12-16, and Term 2 is comprised of weeks 20-24 and 26-30. If different modules are listed twice at the same time but with different week numbers, it is not a clash.

- Several modules, including ESPS0001 and most compulsory language modules, meet partially or entirely in small groups. Such small group meetings are noted on the timetable in various ways, such as 'GRAMA', 'ORALB', 'SEM1', 'TRANSC', 'TUT2', etc. If such a note is present, it will be listed following the week numbers. If small groups for different modules meet at the same time, it is not a clash as long as there is another small group meeting for one of the modules which fits your timetable. You will be automatically allocated a small group meeting that fits your timetable by Portico.

Please note that **most teaching in the autumn term will take place online via Blackboard collaborate or Microsoft Teams**. Once you enroll for modules, you will be able to access the **Moodle page** relating to this module. This will give you access to reading lists, teaching materials, pre-recorded lectures as well as links to virtual meetings with the tutor and the other students taking the class. Only very small groups will be able to meet in person on campus. You will be able to see on your timetable whether a class takes place online or in person.

Step 3: Notify ESPS of your Selections

Once you have created an appropriate, clash free timetable, you must e-mail the completed Module Selection Form to R.Durante@ucl.ac.uk by **10th September 2019**.

Selections in Portico

Once you have pre-enrolled at UCL you will be able to register your selections on UCL's online system, called Portico. Some departments allocate places in modules on a first come first served basis so it is in your interests to submit your selections on Portico as soon as possible after you enrol. For SELCS or any other department which operates a system of pre-registration, only select modules on Portico which SELCS have advised you are on the list for otherwise the choices will be rejected. Revise your selections in Portico and check the resulting personal timetable on the Common Timetable until you are satisfied with your selections. Once you are, you must 'submit' and 'confirm' your selections. You **MUST** remember to do this, as teaching departments and ESPS will be unable to approve or reject your selections until they are confirmed, preventing us from allotting you spaces in modules. However, please ensure that your timetable is clash free before confirming your selections on Portico.

Step 5: Teaching Departmental approval

After you register your module selections in Portico, each teaching department will approve or reject your admission to its modules. In addition to registering in Portico, various departments have different steps you will need to follow in the first week of term 1, i.e. some economics modules require an interview with the tutor before you are admitted, some language modules require an assessment of your language level. Therefore you must be sure to meet any requirements (departmental registration requirements, prerequisite coursework, etc.) set by individual departments in order to gain access to the modules you wish. If you receive an email telling you that you have been rejected from a module you must email Julia Wagner with your student number, the module code you have been rejected from and the module code of the class you want to replace it with. You will not be able to amend your module choices by yourself once they have been submitted on Portico.

Step 6: Meet ESPS Requirements

Admission to modules is at the discretion of the teaching department and depends on module capacity, but your choices must be in line with these EISPS Module Selection Guidelines. Following approval by the teaching departments, EISPS will approve or reject your module selections. It is only once this has happened that your place on a module is confirmed. EISPS will only approve modules that meet the rules stated in the Module Selection Guidelines.

Step 7: Changing Modules Once you have confirmed them on Portico

Once you have confirmed your selections on Portico, you will not be able to change them yourself. You must email Julia Wagner (j.wagner@ucl.ac.uk) with the module code you want to drop and the module code of the class you want to replace it with.

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A.1 Overview of Module Distributions

- ISPS WITH 1 MAJOR LANGUAGE:
 - 30 credits ESPS Core Course (ESPS0001)
 - 60 credits Language (30 credits for Japanese major language students)
 - 30 credits Specialism (60 credits for Japanese major language students)

- ISPS WITH 1 MAJOR LANGUAGE & 1 MINOR LANGUAGE
 - 30 credits ESPS Core Course (ESPS0001)
 - 60 credits Language (30 credits for Japanese major language students, with 30 credits of specialism added)
 - 30 credits in minor language in department of minor language

- 1 MAJOR LANGUAGE & FULL ECONOMICS SPECIALISM
 - 30 credits ESPS Core Course (ESPS0001)
 - 45 credits Language (30 for Japanese major language students)
 - 45 credits Economics (45 for Japanese major language students with 15 credits of other specialism or elective modules)

Please contact Julia if you have any questions.

A.2 Specialism Requirements and Options

See Section A.1 for the number of specialism units required

YEAR 1		
Specialism	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules
		The departments listed are where you are most likely to find modules of interest. You may find modules relevant to your specialism in other departments. You may choose modules from departments not listed but they will need to be approved
ALL SPECIALISMS	ESPS0001 (30) Introduction to History, Law, Politics and Philosophy	
Anthropology	By the end of 2 nd year you must take ANTH0003 (30) Introductory Social Anthropology AND ONE OF: ANTH0006 (15) Research Skills in Social Anthropology and	If you have spare units, select additional modules from the Anthropology department, EISPS, ELCS or any relevant department.

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	<p>Material Culture</p> <p>ANTH0002 (15) Introduction to Material and Visual Culture</p> <p>ANTH0009 Introduction to Biological Anthropology</p>	
Economics (Full)	<p>ECON0002 (30) Economics AND</p> <p>ECON0006 (15) Introduction to Mathematics for Economics</p>	Not applicable
Element of Economics	<p>By the end of 2nd year you must have taken</p> <p>ECON0011 (15) Basic Microeconomic Concepts AND</p> <p>ECON0044 (15) An Introduction to Applied Economic Analysis AND</p> <p>ECON0008 (15) History of Economic Thought AND</p> <p>STAT0021 (15) Introductory Statistical Methods and Computing</p>	If you have spare units, select additional modules from the Economics department or the SSEES Economics and Business programme, EISPS, SPP or any relevant department.
Geography	<p>By the end of 2nd year you must take TWO of:</p> <p>GEOG0007 Human Ecology</p> <p>GEOG0015 Global Events</p> <p>GEOG0150 Space and Society</p>	<p>If you have spare units, select additional modules from Geography, EISPS, ELCS or other relevant departments.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that students following the Geography specialism pathway take TWO of GEOG0007, GEOG0015 and GEOG0150 in Year 1, and then use their specialism course units in Year 2 to take second year Geography options. They will then be better equipped to take final year Geography modules in Year 4.</p>
History	No compulsory modules	Select modules from the History department, SSEES, EISPS, SPP, ELCS, Language departments or other relevant departments.
Q-Step (Quantitative research methods)	<p>During their 1st year of study, students must take:</p> <p>POLS0007 (15) Principles of</p>	N/A

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	<p>Social Science Research</p> <p>POLS0008 (15) Introduction to Quantitative Methods</p>	
<p>Political Science (Comparative and European Politics)</p>	<p>By the end of the 2nd year students must take:</p> <p>POLS0002 (15) Comparative Politics AND</p> <p>POLS0020 (15) Politics of the European Union</p>	<p>Select additional modules from SSEES, History, Political Science, EISPS, ELCS, the Language departments or other relevant departments.</p>
<p>Political Science (Political Theory)</p>	<p>By the end of the 2nd year students must take:</p> <p>POLS0024 (15) Theories and Concepts of Politics AND</p> <p>PHIL0007 (15) Introduction to Political Philosophy</p>	<p>Select additional modules from Philosophy, Political Science, the Language departments, ELCS, History, EISPS or other relevant departments.</p>
<p>Political Science (International Relations)</p>	<p>By the end of the 2nd year students must take:</p> <p>POLS0019 (15) International Security OR</p> <p>POLS0043 (15) International Political Economy</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ESPS0004 International Relations Theories (15)</p>	<p>Select additional modules from SSEES, History, Political Science, EISPS, Geography, ELCS, Language departments, Hebrew and Jewish Studies or other relevant departments.</p> <p>POLS0019 or POLS0043 need to be taken in Second Year rather than First Year.</p>
<p>Law</p>	<p>LAWS0001 Contract Law (30)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>LAWS0002 Property Law I (30)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>LAWS0006 Public Law (30)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>LAWS0007 Criminal Law (30)</p>	<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the prerequisites for the Laws modules you plan to do in year 2 before choosing a compulsory Laws module. For example, if you want to do LAWS0010 Property Law II in your second year you need to do LAWS0002 Property Law I in your first year. • Students interested in specialising in Law or taking Law modules in the second or fourth years should note that, in order to do so, students must achieve a minimum grade of 2.1 for the law essay/exam for ESPS0001, for ESPS0001

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		overall, and for the first year overall.
Philosophy	<p>By end of 2nd year you must take:</p> <p>PHIL0006 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (15 credits) OR</p> <p>PHIL0007 Introduction to Political Philosophy (15)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>PHIL0001 History of Philosophy I (15) OR</p> <p>PHIL0002 History of Philosophy II (15)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>PHIL0005 Introduction to Logic (15) OR</p> <p>PHIL0003 Knowledge and Reality (15)</p>	If you have spare units, select additional modules from the Philosophy department or Philosophy modules taught in EISPS, ELCS or other relevant departments.
Urban Planning	No compulsory modules	Select relevant modules from Urban Planning, EISPS, ELCS or other relevant departments.

A.3 Major Language Requirements and Options

Language	Compulsory Modules
French	<p>FREN0002 Use of French (15)</p> <p>FREN0065 French Oral (15)*</p> <p>FREN0005 The Making of Modern France (15)</p> <p>FREN0006 French Literature in Contexts (15)</p> <p>*Francophone students may not take FREN0065. Please contact Julia if this applies to you.</p> <p><i>Note: Full Economics specialism students will only take one of</i></p>

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	<i>FREN0005 and FREN0006</i>
Hebrew	<p>HEBR0005 Modern Hebrew for Beginners (30 credits) - for ab initio students. Students with post-GCSE level or higher will be tested and put into a module appropriate to their level.</p> <p>HEBR0007 Sources, Methods, and Skills in Jewish Studies (15 credits)</p> <p><i>Additional modules to the value of 15 credits from the following if not taking a Full Economics specialism:</i></p> <p>HEBR0015 Introduction to Israeli Culture, Society and Politics (15 credits)</p> <p>HEBR0011 Survey of Jewish History 1: The Ancient and Medieval Near East (15 credits)</p> <p>HEBR0012 Survey of Jewish History 2: From Medieval to Early Modern Europe (15 credits)</p> <p>HEBR0013 Survey of Jewish History 3: The Modern World (15 credits)</p>
Japanese	<p>LCJA0009 Level 2 AB (30 credits) - for ab initio students. Students with post-GCSE level or higher will be tested and put into a module appropriate to their level.</p> <p><i>Japanese major language students will take an extra 30 credits in their specialism or an extra 15 if taking the Full Economics specialism</i></p>
Mandarin	<p>LCMA0009 Level 2 AB (30 credits) - for ab initio students. Students with post-GCSE level or higher will be tested and put into a module appropriate to their level.</p> <p>ESPS0035 Introduction to Chinese Politics (15 credits)</p> <p>ESPS0034 China in the World (15 credits)</p> <p><i>Note: Full Economics specialism students will only take one of ESPS0035 and ESPS0034.</i></p>
Spanish	<p>SPAN0001 Spanish Language (30) AND</p> <p>Additional SPAN modules to the value to 30 credits (or 15 credits if taking a Full Economics specialism)</p>

A.4 Minor Language Requirements and Options

Any language available at UCL may be taken as a minor language. For a minor language, only the 30 credit core language module is taken.

For further information about the structure of the programme, module choices and selection information, please visit <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/european-international-social-political-studies/study/international-social-and-political-studies-ba/structure>.

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Language Units: Module and Contact Information

For the most up to date details of module content, timetable, means of assessment etc, please consult the [module catalogue](#). Departmental contact details are given below.

Language	Department Administration Contact
French/Spanish	Selcs.undergraduate@ucl.ac.uk
Language Centre	clie-courseunits@ucl.ac.uk

Specialism Units: Module and Contact Information

For the most up to date details of module content, timetable, means of assessment etc, please consult the [module catalogue](#). Departmental contact details are given below.

Department	Department Administration Contact
European Language, Culture, and Society modules (ELCS)	selcs.undergraduate@ucl.ac.uk
Anthropology	anthro-undergraduate@ucl.ac.uk
Economics	economics.ug@ucl.ac.uk
Geography	geog.office@ucl.ac.uk
Hebrew & Jewish Studies	jewish.studies@ucl.ac.uk
History	history.office@ucl.ac.uk
Law	ug-law@ucl.ac.uk
Philosophy	philosophy@ucl.ac.uk
Political Science (Theory, Comparative and IR)	sppstudent@ucl.ac.uk
SSEES (School of Slavonic and East European Studies)	Economics: ssees-eb@ucl.ac.uk Politics: ssees-ps@ucl.ac.uk History: ssees-history@ucl.ac.uk
Urban Planning	planning.office@ucl.ac.uk