UCL and France

Partnerships and collaborations in France play a pivotal role in UCL’s strategy to increase its engagement on the European continent.

Following the Brexit vote, UCL committed to intensify its global engagement with partners in Europe and beyond.

Country highlights

- **UCL and Sciences Po have partnered to offer a dual degree in European Social and Political Studies.** Students spend their first two years at any one of Sciences Po’s campuses in France, and their final two years at UCL.

- **The Masters in Brain and Mind Sciences** offered by UCL, Université Pierre et Marie Curie and École Normale Supérieure allows students to design an individualised programme of study between London and Paris.

- **UCL Institute of Education’s Dr Rachel Rosen and Dr Sarah Crafter received Global Engagement Funds to carry out exploratory research into unaccompanied child migrants** in ‘the Jungle’ refugee camp in Calais.

Spotlight: UCL French Alumni Group

With over 2,000 members, this is one of UCL’s most active alumni associations. In addition to regular meet-ups, the group also hosts important stakeholder gatherings involving Presidents and Deans of leading universities in the Paris area.

*Images: 1. Boy at refugee camp in France (iStockPhoto); 2. Non-exhaustive map of UCL collaborations in France; 3. UCL French Alumni Group gathering in Paris*
Student recruitment trends

Every year UCL welcomes more students from France than from any other European country.

The annual number of French students coming into UCL has increased steadily over the past decade with current figures at 724 (2016/2017) – rising from 680 the year before.

UCL and the French Embassy

UCL has successfully partnered with the French Embassy’s Science & Technology department since 2010, linked to the UCL Grand Challenges programme. Recently UCL-Energy ran a series of events focusing on contemporary energy issues including carbon pricing and the need for cross-border cooperation.

Did you know?

Jeremy Bentham, UCL’s ‘spiritual founder’, was an honorary citizen of France. Bentham kept regular correspondence with leaders of the French Revolution, including Honoré Gabriel Riqueti, Count of Mirabeau, and as a result of his efforts to engender societal reform in France, he was declared an honorary member of the French Republic in September 1792.

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