



## Admissions Procedure

### 1. Applications

- Applications must be made via UCAS using the 'Apply' system ([www.ucas.com/students/apply](http://www.ucas.com/students/apply)).
- UCL's UCAS code is UCL U80. There is no campus code.
- Please ensure that you refer to the UCAS application timetable.

### 2. UCAS to UCL

UCAS will forward applications to the relevant UCL Faculty  
Physics and Astronomy is part of the Faculty of Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MAPS)

### 3. Decision Criteria

Your application is considered taking into account the following factors:

- Past / predicted exam results
- Personal Statement
- Reference

### 4. Invitation to the open day

Attendance at one of our offer holder open days is **highly recommended** and places will be offered taking into account the factors cited in the box above.

This will also be your opportunity to address any concerns or questions you may have. Note that we **do not** conduct formal interviews.

The day itself will consist of:

- An overview of our physics programme.
- Meetings with members of academic staff and current undergraduate students.
- A tour of the Department, labs and/or campus.
- A brief talk about the UCL Observatory.
- A research talk by one of our world class researchers.

NB: Please note that we cannot provide private tours of the Department. Visiting the Department is a very important part of the admissions process and every practical effort should be made to visit.

## 5. Conditional offers

Should the entry criteria be met, the Department will recommend to the Faculty that a conditional offer of a place should be made. Whilst the Department can recommend the offer, only the Faculty Tutor has the authority to make the formal, conditional offer of a place.

Please note that offers are non-negotiable.

## 6. Results and unconditional offers

Places will be confirmed via the UCAS website, the details of which will only be released after the exam results:

- Have been released to students via their schools.
- Have been verified and checked by the University.

We regret that applicants failing to meet the required grades will not be offered a place.

## Frequently Asked Question's

### **Q. What are the required grades?**

The Physics and Astrophysics degree programmes require:

#### **A Level:**

- Mathematics A level: Grade A
- Physics A level: Grade A
- Any third subject A level: Grade A

Thus, the recommended offer will be AAA to include Physics and Mathematics.

The Theoretical Physics degree programmes require A\*AA, where the A\* should be either in Physics or in Mathematics.

#### **Other qualifications:**

May be accepted, see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate-study/application-and-entry/other-qualifications/> for further details.

### **Q. Should I apply for more than one course?**

No. There are no quotas on any course and the entry criteria is the same.

### **Q. Is the entry criteria different for BSc and MSci?**

No. There is no difference in offer for BSc and MSci since the first two years are the same and we expect all students to be able to achieve to their potential on either course. We do not consider the BSc to be a "lesser" qualification.

**Q. What should be in my personal statement?**

Tell us why you want to spend the next 3 or 4 years studying Physics or Astronomy and what excites you about that. It is also useful to include any physics-related extra-curricular activities and courses. For more details see the UCAS website:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/when-apply/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>

**Q. What is the Open Day about?**

The Open Day should be seen as your opportunity to meet members of the Department, see the campus and decide whether UCL is right for you. Similarly, it is our chance to meet you.

**Q. Will the one-to-one discussion (during the Open Day) affect my offer?**

No. Your offer is based on your predicted outcome, your personal statement and qualifications. The one-to-one discussion is mainly to clarify any questions you have about UCL and to provide you with the opportunity of meeting a staff member.

**Q. My school does not offer Further Mathematics. Am I eligible for the Theoretical Physics option?**

Starting from the 2019/20 applications cycle (i.e. for entry in September 2020), yes, provided you obtain an A\* in Physics or Maths. Please note, however, that taking up Further Maths is strongly recommended, although it is not an entry requirement.

**Q. Do you have Clearance?**

No. In some years we are allowed to take near misses. However, this is not guaranteed and will depend on the circumstances, so you should strive to meet the entry requirements stated above.

**Q. Can I change my course option at UCL?**

Under ordinary circumstances, you can change your option from the instant you receive your offer to the end of the first term at UCL. After that it is more difficult as the Physics options branch out. Please note that for Theoretical Physics the usual entry requirements (of A\*AA) must be met.

**Q. I am studying physics, or a different course elsewhere. Can I change to UCL?**

We will need to assess your case individually. External applications should be made through UCAS. Please bear in mind that you may be required to start from scratch, as we rarely take students from the second year onwards.