Undergraduate Admissions FAQs

Where can I find more information on undergraduate entry requirements?

We are delighted that you are considering UCL for undergraduate study. General information on entry requirements is provided here: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/entry-requirements.

Specific grades for each of our programmes are listed on each degree page: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees.

Equivalent grades for international qualifications can be found by using drop-down boxes provided on each degree page.

How do I apply?

Applications for our undergraduate degree programmes are made through UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service): www.ucas.com. Further information on how to apply is available here: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/how-apply/applying-through-ucas.

Does UCL use contextual offers?

Yes, as part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. Further information about this scheme is available here: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/entry-requirements/access-ucl-contextual-offers.

Your eligibility for the Access UCL scheme can be checked online here: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application/entry-requirements/access-ucl-contextual-offers/access-ucl-scheme Please note that these results are indicative only. If you have further questions regarding eligibility, please contact: wp.accessucl@ucl.ac.uk

Can I provide a second reference?

We require only one academic reference per application. This should be submitted as part of your UCAS application.

Can I submit an additional personal statement?

You do not need to provide an additional personal statement, UCL will use the personal statement submitted via UCAS in order to assess your application.
Does UCL invite applicants to interview?

The majority of undergraduate programmes offered at UCL do not require an interview for entry; however, some departments (such as English, Medicine, European Social and Political Studies and the Slade School of Fine Art) do use interviews to form part of their assessment. The School of Pharmacy runs selection days and some departments (such as Management Science) may have an additional selection task for you to complete as part of their assessment process. This information is marked on the prospectus but please email undergraduate-admissions@ucl.ac.uk if you need further guidance.

I am resitting my examinations, can I still apply?

Whilst we welcome applications from candidates who are resitting their A Levels or equivalent qualifications, for some competitive programmes this may put your application at a disadvantage. For further information please email undergraduate-admissions@ucl.ac.uk with the name of the programme you are interested in applying to.

However, if your exams were affected by the situation with Covid 19 then please refer to our FAQs for further guidance in regards to resitting: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/coronavirus/faqs-schools-and-prospective-students.

I’m a mature student, what do I need to apply?

We welcome applicants who wish to return to formal study after a substantial time away from academia. If you do not have the required entry qualifications, you should have alternative qualifications that demonstrate your academic potential and ability to thrive in your chosen subject. If you have questions about your eligibility, please email: undergraduate-admissions@ucl.ac.uk with the name of the programme you are interested in applying to. Please note that applications for full-time study as a mature student are made through UCAS.

I don’t have a GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language, can I still apply?

UCL is committed to Modern Foreign Language education and requires all UK Honours Degree students to enter UCL with, or have developed by graduation, a basic level of language competence. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. If you are not studying a Modern Foreign Language GCSE however, this will not prohibit the consideration of your application. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs.

I would like to transfer to UCL, what is the process?

For undergraduate programmes at UCL, there may be the possibility to transfer into the second year of a programme from another institution. For example, if a student has already completed accredited learning of a standard judged equitable with the UCL undergraduate programme they are interested in transferring to. However, this is at the discretion of the relevant department and would
be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any application would still be made through UCAS with the relevant year of entry indicated as necessary. For more information about transferring into a specific undergraduate programme at UCL, please contact: undergraduate-admissions@ucl.ac.uk with the name of the programme you are interested in.