- What can I do with x degree?

You’ll find that whatever subject you are studying, you will be developing a range of essential skills as part of your programme. From interpersonal skills to creativity, your studies will support you in developing these attributes and provide you with further opportunities to build a successful career across a variety of sectors. If you plan to work in the UK, you might be surprised to learn that 80% of graduate employers recruit from any degree background (data from Institute of Student Employers) – they are more interested in your transferable skills and how you can demonstrate reflection on them from your studies and extracurricular activities.

- What do you offer to support students?

We are here, not just to help you find graduate jobs or further study positions, but to advise you on the opportunities you have during your time at UCL. We will help you to develop employability skills and to undertake work experience and internships. We also help you consider your options through our events, workshops and one-to-one guidance services.

- Do you work directly with employers?

We have regular contact with employers and gather labour market information so that we can give you the best and most up to date advice, no matter what your starting point or ambition. UCL Careers is connected to almost 8,000 employers in the UK and around the world, many of whom engage with us throughout the year to participate in a range of careers events and activities.

- When should students begin making use of UCL Careers?

As soon as possible! Whether you know what sort of career you’re looking for, or don’t know where to start, we’re here to help you explore the sort of person you are and what sort of work would suit you best.

Your first year is an excellent time to start thinking about the options that are available to you by exploring the jobs and career paths that exist in different sectors and industries. It’s also a great time to begin gaining work experience through internships and volunteering. These experiences will help you research your options, learn more about the job application process, demonstrate your skills on your CV, and put you in a better position to find your future.

- Do you help with CVs and interview preparation?

Our Careers Consultants can provide one-to-one support with your CV and applications. We also welcome employers to provide one-to-one coaching that will help you get your CV up to scratch or provide valuable feedback on an application form or cover letter.
You’ll also be able to access careers know-how whenever you need it, with our e-learning and interactive guides. Our six-module course, Career Essentials Online, is designed to help you learn how to market yourself on your CV and applications and in interviews; to understand the graduate job market; and to explore your options and source jobs and work experience.

If you’re preparing for an interview (whether via video or in-person), we can help by offering you a practice interview session that includes:

- a mock interview
- feedback on your performance covering your general interview technique as well as the quality of your answers
- advice and tips on how improve
- time for you to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have

You’ll also find support with CVs and interview preparation in the form of CareersLab, UCL Careers’ YouTube Series, for top tips on all things careers and employability, from creating a spectacular CV and mastering networking online to how to prepare for interviews.

- Can you help me find an internship or work experience?

As well as events such as Careers Fairs and the Jobs Market where you can meet employers themselves, UCL Careers also has a team of staff who are dedicated to a number of programmes that provide UCL students with work experience opportunities such as the Summer Internship Schemes for finalists and graduates and internships in UCL Start Ups.

Furthermore, myUCLCareers is regularly updated with amazing opportunities from different sectors and employers – including some who are specifically looking for UCL candidates.

When you set up a myUCLCareers account, you can set your preferences to include the sectors you’re interested in. Your own personal dashboard will highlight the vacancies that match your preferences.

You can also sign up for daily or weekly careers emails. These will alert you to all the latest opportunities that might interest you.

- How are you planning on delivering careers support next term?

UCL Careers have been offering remote appointments for years, to support students who were unable to travel to campus for any reason. Our team of careers professionals can offer all of their usual appointment types via video chat using Microsoft Teams, and the student booking process is just as straightforward. Not only can students (and recent graduates) enjoy one-to-one support on their career planning, CVs and cover letters, interviews, and more, all from the comfort of their own homes, but our full range of talks, workshops, and events will also be available online. The quality of our careers education and appointment support remains unaffected, and we are ready to help you find your future.

- What do UCL graduates go on to do?

Find out what our graduates have gone on to do after leaving UCL using our data dashboard.
What do you know about the updates to international student work visas?

The government announced the new Graduate Route – a 2 year post study work visa. The current plan is that it will apply to students graduating from summer 2021 onwards.

Please explore the following pages for more information on working after your studies as an international student:

UCL webpage - https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas/working-uk/working-after-your-studies
UKCISA webpage https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas/working-uk/working-after-your-studies.