



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Combatting modern-day slavery and exploitation

UCL's Sustainability Strategy challenges the university to procure products and services that are good for people and the planet, train staff on slavery and conduct supply chain audits by 2022. More than 1,200 suppliers have signed up to an online platform that creates bespoke sustainability action plans, which include addressing slavery and exploitation in their own operations.



- Helping to achieve **Target 8.7**
- Helping to achieve **Target 8.8**
- Helping to achieve **Target 10.3**
- Helping to achieve **Target 12.6**



Encouraging students to seek careers in sustainability

Students at UCL are providing a platform to discuss the potential of the green economy and promote the possibilities of a career in sustainability.

Formed in 2010, the society's membership has rapidly increased and in 2020–21 numbered more than 100 students. It offers a platform for multidisciplinary discussion of green economy issues, with a focus on how 'green' jobs can have an impact in green finance or green consulting.

Recent events have included a panel that welcomed back former UCL students now working in sustainability, and the opportunity to hear from speakers who work in the sustainability departments of consultancies and green asset management firms.

- Helping to achieve **Target 8.2**

Developing the first regional tax system addressing the SDGs

Green economists helped the Biscay regional government in its ambition to develop the world's first Sustainable Development Goals-oriented regional tax system.

A team from the UCL Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose (IIPP) worked with the Biscay Governor's tax team, based in Bilbao, Spain, to develop a new framework for the provincial economy and taxation system. "Our work aimed to transform the direction of economic activity in the region towards sustainable, inclusive growth, and in doing so address the SDGs," explains Kate Roll (UCL IIPP).

The project draws on several strands of IIPP's ground-breaking thought leadership and research, which is considering how the role of the state and capitalism can be rethought and how institutions might be transformed accordingly. ▶



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◀ For example, companies in the region that are undertaking specific work to decrease their use of resources, reduce pollution, or narrow the gender pay gap, would receive tax benefits and certified recognition of their activities.



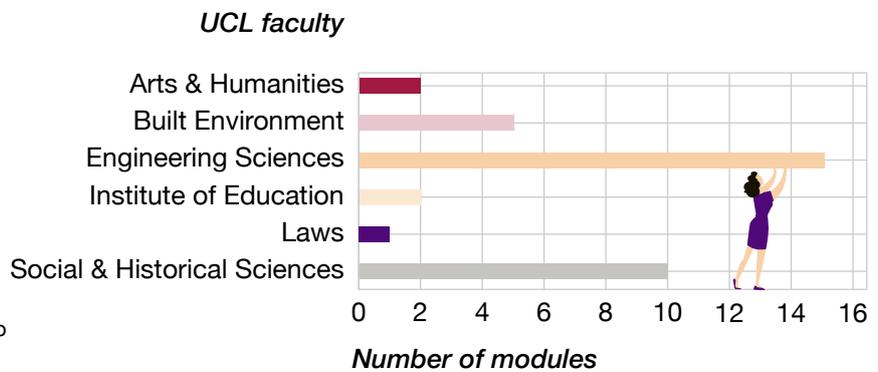
Reducing the burden of diabetes-related sight loss on India's economy

A UK-India collaboration is changing the way patients are screened for diabetes-related sight loss and helping to reduce the burden of blindness in India.

More than 70 million people in India have diabetes. A common complication of the disease is sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy (STDR), which is the main cause of blindness in working-age people in the country.▶

Taught modules at UCL supporting SDG8 in 2021-22

Source: PPMI, a partner in the UN AI Lab – more details in the [methodology](#)



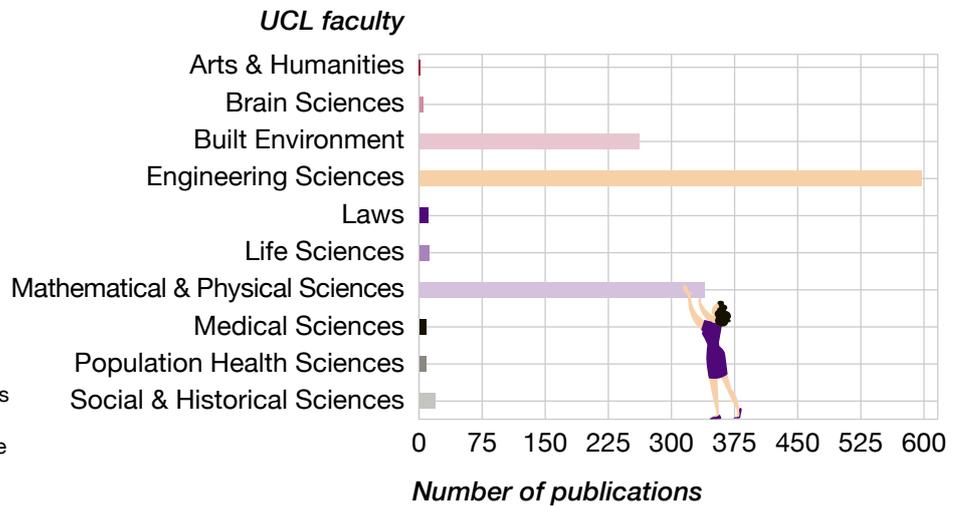
2,013

SDG8-related policy citations
in 2016–20

Source: Overton – see [methodology](#)

Number of UCL's research publications supporting SDG8 by faculty in 2016–20

Graph based on keywords searches of publication databases using a set of SDG keywords developed by Elsevier. Read more about the methodology used on the [SDGs Initiative website](#)



◀ Nearly 80% of adults with diabetes reside in low- and middle-income countries where primary care infrastructure is in its infancy, fuelling the global challenge of managing diabetes and its complications.

“Complications of diabetes need to be identified and treated early to reduce the impact of blindness on quality of life and the nation’s

economy,” says Professor Sobha Sivaprasad (UCL Institute of Ophthalmology) and Consultant Ophthalmologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London.

Professor Sivaprasad is leading ORNATE India, a programme building research capacity and capability in India and the UK to tackle the global burden of diabetes-related visual impairment.

The multidisciplinary team is developing a range of strategies and methods that could change the face of diabetes-related healthcare in India.

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Target 8.5

23.7%

of UCL's SDG8-related publications are in the top 10% most cited for all research of similar papers in 2016–20

Source: Scopus and Clarivate – see [methodology](#)

62.2%

of UCL's SDG8-related research publications are international collaborations, 2016–20

Source: Scopus and Clarivate – see [methodology](#)

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