UCL Taster Days 2019

Ancient World

Date 20th March 2019

Title: Ancient World Taster Day

What does a Greek play tell us about the human experience? How does learning Latin help you to understand the modern languages of Europe and beyond? What can archaeological objects found in the Near East tell us about how people lived in the ancient world? Come to this Taster Day and discover what studying the Ancient World means.

During the taster day, you will learn about the degree-structure and the many exciting pathways you can follow. You will also learn about the departmental Greek play, organised and run by students and performed at UCL's Bloomsbury Theatre every year! You will listen to two 30 min long taster lectures by our expert departmental lecturers, providing you with a real flavour of what studying the Ancient World at the university level is like. You will also have the chance to meet current undergraduates and have a tour of UCL guided by them.

This degree is unique not only in the breadth it covers, but also as you do not need to already be studying Latin or Greek to successfully apply. Whether you are interested in history, classics, archaeology or literature, this is a fantastic opportunity to start learning about the Ancient World.

Required A level subjects: No specific subjects

For further information and other qualifications, please visit our website:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/ancient-world-ba/

Management

Date: 16th April 2019

Title: "I've had an idea....."

Do you have dreams of starting your own business? How to you take your ideas and put them into practice? The success of a business often rests not in having a finished plan in your hand, but in the process of researching and thinking about your business in a systematic way. The act of planning helps you to think things through thoroughly, study and research if you are not sure of the facts, and look at your ideas critically. It takes time at the beginning, but will help avoid costly, perhaps disastrous, mistakes later.

By the end of the day, you will be able to explain the fundamentals of a business plan, including:

- A refined idea about your product
- Identification of your customer base
- Information about the owners
- Your thoughts and plans for the future of your business and the industry in which it operates

You will receive lectures and seminars on constructing and presenting a business plan for a start-up organisation. You will think about the various aspects of a business plan, including management, marketing, customers & simple financials. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity learn how to develop themselves as a brand, including a presentation skills workshop. Finally, you will be able to present their plan to a panel of judges and receive feedback on your work.

Required A level subjects: No specific subjects

For further information and other qualifications, please visit our website:

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/information-management-business-bsc/

Medical Sciences

Date: 27th May 2019

Title: Alex's journey from illness to cure: the science and medicine of disease

Modern medicine is so successful that most of us take it for granted. But have you ever stopped to wonder about the long journey various pills or jabs make before they hit the pharmacy shelves? Each cure has a gripping, behind-the-scenes story that starts with understanding how the body works and how disease affects the body. A wide range of people then work on what interventions might be helpful before finally discovering and developing their ideas into an approved drug, vaccine or medical device. It's a detective story, populated by brave scientists, doctors, nurses and entrepreneurs, and it's a difficult road. Most ideas never see the light of day. Here at UCL's Faculty of Medical Sciences, world-leading researchers and healthcare practitioners are working round-the-clock to make life better for millions of desperate patients. In the morning of this taster day, you will get a flavour of this journey from beginning to end in a series of fun and hands-on workshops and demos delivered by the experts. After lunch and campus tour, it's off to the world-famous Wellcome Collection to check out the history and highlights of medical advances. This could be the beginning of your very own journey into the world of medicine!

Required A level subjects: Biology and Chemistry

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http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/applied-medical-sciences-bsc/

Pharmacology

Date: 12th April 2019

Title: The Wonders of Pharmacology!

Pharmacology is the science of understanding how chemical substances and drugs affect the function of living system. On this taster day, you will explore how powerful effective drug use can be. We can swallow chemical compounds that will kill an entire army of invading bacteria and leave our own bodies untouched. Drugs can fight cancer and HIV and can cure diseases such as malaria. They can make us unconscious and insensitive to pain, even while someone cuts open our chest and

replaces our heart! They can create emotional highs and lows but they can also be addictive and lead to destructive behaviour. Join us on a day of discovery to learn some of the secrets of these amazing compounds!

Required A level subjects: Chemistry required plus one from Biology, Mathematics or Physics

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http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/pharmacology-bsc/

Security and Crime Science

Date: TBC

Title: Understanding and countering terrorism

Terrorists have repeatedly targeted public transport systems in mega-cities across the world. London is no stranger to this threat. Authorities deploy a range of security measures at crowded hubs like Kings Cross and Euston to try to protect the public and critical infrastructure. During this Taster Day, you will get to learn about and assess current measures to counter-terrorism using the Crime Science approach.

The day will involve both theoretical and practical sessions where you will learn about historical and contemporary case studies of terrorism as well as some of the explanations behind them. You will learn about Crime Science as a discipline, and how it applies practically to the prevention and disruption of crime and security threats such as terrorism events.

On the day, you will design your own data collection tool to assess current countermeasures in place at two major transport hubs in London. You will then analyse the collected data to make presentations on your findings and suggestions for future counter-measures to make these places safer. This Taster Day is a great introduction to a unique degree.

Required A level subjects: No specific subjects

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https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/security-crime-science-bsc/