AFRICAN STUDIES WITH ENVIRONMENT MSc / 2018/19 ENTRY

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The new African Studies degrees at UCL draw on world-leading research and expertise from across the university relating to the study of Africa, and offer a unique opportunity to choose one of four distinct pathways. The African Studies with Environment MSc focuses on contemporary environmental issues including water supply, agricultural systems, climate change and settlement growth.

**Degree summary**

The degree pathways share a common core, comprising modules on the continent’s political and economic past and present, together with training in research methods. In addition, the Environment pathway explores aspects of human-environment interaction, through a range of advanced optional modules drawn from the Departments of Geography, Anthropology, Archaeology, and the UCL Development Planning Unit.

- UCL offers a unique teaching and learning environment in which to study the continent of Africa. More than 35 permanent members of UCL academic staff focus their research primarily on Africa and their field activities span the continent.
- African Studies marks the first time existing expertise on Africa at UCL has been combined to offer an interdisciplinary degree.
- The core degree programme interweaves the study of the pre-colonial past, the colonial era, and the post-colonial present, with an eye to the future. Modules are arranged thematically around ‘debates’, with lectures presenting a long-term view of issues to frame subsequent seminar discussions. A core research module introduces students to key research skills including qualitative and quantitative data analysis, GIS and spatial analysis, ethnography and interviewing, archival research and project design.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars and guided independent research. Assessment is through essays, portfolio, research proposal and examination.

**Degree structure**

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (45 credits), three optional modules (45 credits), and a dissertation (90 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Africa: Dialogues of Past and Present  
- Debating Africa’s Future  
- Research Methods in African Studies

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Students choose three from a range of options including the following:  
  - Adapting Cities to Climate Change in the Global South  
  - Climate Change and Human Response to Holocene Africa  
  - Climate Modelling  
  - Ecology of Human Groups  
  - Environmental GIS  
  - Holocene Climate Variability  
  - Impacts of Climate Change on Hydro-Ecological Systems  
  - Land, Food and Agriculture  
  - Population and Development  
  - Post-Disaster Recovery Policies, Practices and Alternatives  
  - Historical Ecologies of African Landscapes c. AD 1800 to present

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 words. This dissertation must focus on a research question related to African environmental issues.
Your career
Graduates will be well placed to take up positions with national and international policy-making bodies, non-governmental development organisations, environmental agencies and within national ministries.

Employability
Students will develop skills in research and research ethics, thematic debate, environmental data analysis and GIS, archival work, ethnographic field techniques and presentation.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Africa Studies with Environment at graduate level
- why you want to study Africa Studies with Environment at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

- UK: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
- EU: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
- Overseas: £19,970 (FT), £10,140 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

A range of funding opportunities are available at UCL, please see the African Studies prospective student page for more information.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 27 July 2018

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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