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 three distinct pathways. The African Studies with Health MSc provides the opportunity to acquire specialist knowledge of cultural aspects of health in Africa, regional medical infrastructures and current community health issues.

**Degree summary**

The programme provides a long-term historical perspective on social, environmental and political issues in Africa, as well as introductory training in key humanities and social sciences research methods. Students then choose from a range of options in the UCL Institute for Global Health to learn about the specialist issues which concern them most.

- 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 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.

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/report (90 credits).

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

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Most of the optional modules for this degree pathway are offered by the UCL Institute for Global Health. At the beginning of the academic year a meeting is arranged with African Studies with Health pathway students and a tutor from the institute to discuss option selections and expedite the process of module registration.
- Students choose three from a range of options including the following:
  - Concepts and Controversies in Global Health
  - Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
  - Corruption and Global Health
  - Global Health Promotion
  - Global Justice and Health
  - Health Systems in Global Context
  - Medical Anthropology
  - Power and Politics in Global Health
  - Reproduction, Sex and Sexuality
  - Research Methods and Evidence for Global Health

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 words. This dissertation must focus on a question related to health issues in Africa.
Your career

Graduates will be well placed to take up positions with national and international policy-making bodies, non-governmental development organisations, within national ministries and in the heritage/museums sector.

Employability

Students will develop skills in research and research ethics, thematic debate, health data analysis, 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 Health at graduate level
// why you want to study Africa Studies with Health 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.