This Master's programme is an applied, policy-oriented programme reflecting SSEES's leading-edge expertise in comparative economics. The programme is centred around the economics and economic policy of emerging markets, viewed through the prism of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, but relevant to the emerging economies and societies of South and South-East Asia, the Middle East and North Africa as well as Latin America.

**Degree summary**

The programme focuses on the development experiences of the 28 nations that have emerged from the former Soviet bloc in Europe and Asia. Students analyse the impact of institutional reforms on diverse outcomes, including economic performance, socio-economic development, financial integration, democratisation, innovation and entrepreneurship, and internationalisation.

- The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is a world-leading specialist institution, and the largest national centre in the UK, for the study of central, Eastern and south-east Europe and Russia.
- Located on the edge of Bloomsbury, SSEES offers an ideal location for scholars. The British Library, British Museum, University of London Library and other similar research centres are all close by.
- Our unique specialist library and central London location provide an ideal environment for research, while our close contacts with employers, policymakers and alumni afford excellent opportunities for networking and career development.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, presentations, laboratory sessions and workshops. Students will be assessed by a variety of methods: unseen examinations, long essays, course work and the research dissertation.

**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 (60 credits), a choice of a further one of three core modules (15 credits), optional modules (45 credits), and a research dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**

- 60 credits of compulsory core modules:
  - International Macroeconomic Policy
  - Quantitative Methods
  - Advanced Quantitative Methods

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- 60 credits of optional modules, including at least one policy-related module. Options may include:
  - Public Choice-Private Interest
  - Economics of Health and Population
  - Trade and FDI Policy with reference to Eastern Europe
  - Economic Development and Policies
  - Corporate Finance and Investment in Emerging Markets
  - Financial Development
  - Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies
  - Political Economy of International Business
  - The Economics of Property Rights
  - Corporate Governance
  - Language modules offered by SSEES

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All MA students undertake an independent research project, which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000–12,000 words.
Your career

With their specialist knowledge and language skills, SSEES Master’s graduates can be found in business, finance, the media, international agencies, charities, diplomacy, international security organisations, the law, and academia.

Recent career destinations* include:

// Analyst, Jordgaf
// Programme Management Expert, National Trust Eco Fund
// Researcher, CoreData Research
// Advanced Researcher, Instituti Riinvest
// Risk Manager, China Development Bank

Employability

The MA opens up a range of opportunities and we expect that graduates from this programme will go on to work in think tanks, political parties, national, European and international private and public sector organisations and in media and non-governmental organisations as economic and political analysts. Similarly, we hope others will go on to doctoral studies. Networking is facilitated by two major collaborations led by SSEES: CEELBAS and the International Master’s (IMESS). Scholarships, internship opportunities and excellent links with other universities in the region provide further benefits.

* Careers data is taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
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. Applicants are usually expected to have studied one term of both microeconomics and macroeconomics in their undergraduate degree.

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 Comparative Economics and Policy at graduate level
// why you want to study Comparative Economics and Policy at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging and truly international academic environment
// 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: £15,350 (FT), £8,110 (PT)
// EU: £15,350 (FT), £8,110 (PT)
// Overseas: £24,420 (FT), £12,150 (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.

Fee deposits for this programme are as follows: Overseas full time students £4,000; Overseas part time students £2,000.

AHRC Scholarships may be available.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 March 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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For more information on UCL's degree programmes please see the UCL Graduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate