EARLY MODERN STUDIES MA
2017/18 ENTRY
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The Early Modern Studies MA offers an innovative blend of skills training (palaeography and historical bibliography), object-based learning and museum visits. The core modules cover a wide range of disciplines, giving you a broad understanding of the early modern period. You can then tailor your programme to suit your interests, with over forty optional modules, covering the culture, history and society of the early modern.

**Degree summary**

The MA will teach you critical reading skills, the ability to assess and weigh evidence, and construct persuasive arguments. It combines training in book history, bibliography, and paleography with a range of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of the early modern period.

// A bespoke programme of study, unique to your interests; there are over forty optional modules, all taught by leading scholars, in a wide range of subjects including art, history, law, literature, politics and science.

// Practical, hands-on modules, with ‘traditional’ skills such as palaeography and textual bibliography taught alongside the latest techniques in databases and XML. The programme includes fieldtrips to museums, archives and galleries.

// Privileged access to a wide range of world-class museums, rare-books libraries and archives in central London. Located in Bloomsbury, it is a short walk to the exceptional resources of the British Library and the British Museum.

The programme is delivered through a combination of tutorials, seminars, workshops, presentations, class discussions and library, archive, museum and gallery visits. Assessment is through essays, annotated bibliography and the 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 two core modules (30 credits), between two and four optional modules (60 credits) and a dissertation (90 credits).

**CORE MODULES**

- Early Modern Exchanges: Methods, Histories, Cultures A
- Early Modern Exchanges: Methods, Histories and Cultures B

**OPTIONAL MODULES (INDICATIVE LIST):**

- Up to 60 credits from a list which varies each year. An up-to-date list is available on our website. Below is an indicative list, showing modules that have been offered previously.

- Shakespeare in his Time  
- Sex and the Body in Early Modern Europe  
- From Renaissance to Republic: The Netherlands: 1555-1609  
- Early Modern Science  
- The Self and the World: Theoretical Approaches to Travel Writing  
- Aztec Archaeology: Codices and Ethnohistory  
- Early Modern Books and Their Readers: Historical Bibliography for Researchers  
- I.T. for Graduate Research  
- Paradoxes of Enlightenment: German Thought from Leibniz to Humboldt  
- Political Thought in Renaissance Europe  
- The Practice of Toleration in Early Modern Europe  
- Trade, Money and Institutions in the Ottoman Mediterranean 1600-1914  
- Early Modern Handwriting and Manuscript Culture for Researchers  
- Giordano Bruno

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 18,000 words.
Many of our students have been accepted to undertake further study as research students both at UCL and elsewhere, including the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, York and Swansea. In addition our students have been successful in obtaining funding and prizes including the Bryce-Jebb and Dorris Russell Scholarships and the prestigious John Edward Kerry Prize awarded by the Malone Society. Graduates may also find careers in the heritage or cultural industries.

Employability
This MA will give you a very specific skill set, including manuscript handling and archival research. Depending on the optional modules you select you may also develop language skills and knowledge in information technologies and database use. These skills will make you very employable within the heritage or cultural sectors, as well as library work, the arts, and other roles which require information management.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject 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 Early Modern Studies at graduate level
- why you want to study Early Modern Studies at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

UK: £9,840 (FT), £4,970 (PT)
EU: £9,840 (FT), £4,970 (PT)
Overseas: £20,540 (FT), £10,430 (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.

Several funding options are possible for applicants including: Arts and Humanities Faculty Awards and UCL Scholarships for UK/EU & Overseas Students.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 28 July 2017

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

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EU referendum

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