EARLY YEARS EDUCATION
(ONLINE) MA /
2018/19 ENTRY

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The Early Years Education (Online) MA offers exceptional career development opportunities for early childhood practitioners and other professionals worldwide. This new programme builds upon the success of our established campus-based Early Years Education MA programme.

**Degree summary**

This Master’s degree offers students the opportunity to enhance their professional development and understanding of national and global issues in early learning, early years policy and curricula; critically evaluate a range of literature about young children’s learning and best practice in early education; develop their understanding of research methodology with and about young children; conduct their own small-scale research project in a setting of their own choice. Students can expect to study an average of 300 hours per 30-credit module and 600 hours for the Dissertation. The number of weekly study hours can vary during the programme. As a general guide, students following the suggested 2-year programme structure can expect to study 7-14 hours per week and 1-2 hours per day.

- The UCL Institute of Education (IOE) is ranked first for education in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017.
- This new online programme provides students worldwide with an opportunity to access the exceptional expertise of the IOE.
- The Early Years Education staff team at the IOE have been at the forefront of international research for two decades including the renowned Effective Pre-School, Primary and Secondary Education (EPPSE) project.

The programme is delivered through online sessions based on Moodle, our virtual learning environment. Assessment is by 5,000-word coursework assignments and a 20,000-word dissertation.

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**Degree structure**

Mode: Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: up to 5 years

Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core modules (120 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**

- Contemporary Issues in the Early Years
- Early Childhood Education
- Leadership in Early Childhood Education
- Researching Early Years Education

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- There are no optional modules for this programme.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 20,000 words.
Your career
This is a new programme and no information on graduate destinations is therefore available. Graduates of the campus-based Early Years Education MA are currently working as advisers to local and national governments; nursery, children’s centre and primary school senior leaders; further and higher education tutors; early years doctoral and funded researchers.

Employability
This programme will enable students to understand and reflect on current knowledge of early years policy and practice in the UK and internationally; raise awareness of research into early childhood practice and of research methods and approaches relevant to the field of study; enable early years educators to gain a critical understanding of policy development in early childhood services, at a local, national and international level.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a relevant subject. Appropriate experience of working with young children is desirable. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 Years Education (Online) at postgraduate level
// why you want to study Early Years Education (Online) 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: £4,050 (PT)
// EU: £4,050 (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.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

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