This MA explores how effective learning happens, what influences it, and how it can be facilitated. It invites systematic reflection on participants' learning, and on how to promote others' learning through teaching.

Degree summary

This programme provides students with the opportunity to learn about critical perspectives on teaching and learning, and to experience active and collaborative approaches in learning communities. Students will have the opportunity to examine their own and others' professional practice, and to participate in challenging, invigorating and thought-provoking discussions.

The MA takes the profession of teaching to a new level, challenging assumptions held since schooldays and reconceptualising the purposes of education today.

This programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials, games, discussions and group tasks. Assessment is through writing a critical review of a chosen academic article and through writing an assignment in which small-scale research into a selected area of study is analysed. Peer and self-assessment are systematically included.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of one core module (30 credits) and either three optional modules (90 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits), or four optional modules (120 credits), and a report (30 credits).

CORE MODULES
- Guiding Effective Learning and Teaching

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Optional modules include:
  - Assessment for Learning
  - Assessment Issues and Practice
  - Curriculum Development: Principles and Concepts
  - Investigating Research

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in either a 20,000-word dissertation or a report of 10,000 words.
Your career

This programme will benefit those with several years’ experience in the classroom who wish to take on more responsibility in their careers by drawing on research findings to inform their approaches in schools or colleges.

Employability

Some participants find their teaching approach is revitalised and better informed after taking the MA, leading them to become more confident and responsible teachers of young people.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of a second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is required together with at least two years of full-time teaching experience and/or a recognised teaching qualification (for example, PGCE).

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 Effective Learning and Teaching at graduate level
/// why you want to study Effective Learning and Teaching 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

/// UK: £7,925 (FT)
/// EU: £7,925 (FT)
/// Overseas: £17,190 (FT)

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: 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

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