GERMAN STUDIES: LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND HISTORY MA / 2017/18 ENTRY

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The German Studies MA offers a wide range of courses covering many aspects of German language, culture and history. This highly flexible programme allows students from a diversity of backgrounds to pursue topics in more depth, to acquire new areas of interdisciplinary expertise and to enhance their German language skills.

Degree summary

This MA enables further exploration of aspects of German literature, culture, history, politics, and social and political thought, within an explicitly thematic and theoretical framework. Students can specialise in particular areas of interest through the optional courses. Text-based language teaching is available for students wishing to develop their linguistic skills.

UCL German is recognised in the UK and overseas as a premier department for the study of German culture, history and language. In the RAE 2008, UCL German was tied for first place in percentage of research judged to be 'world leading' and received the second highest rating overall.

UCL's central location offers students easy access to excellent resources, including the British Library, the Institute for Germanic Studies, the German Historical Institute and the Institute of Historical Research. The cultural offerings of the Goethe Institut, the Austrian Institute, and a wealth of exhibitions, films and theatrical performances are all nearby.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Formal teaching occurs in the first two terms and the third term is devoted to revision sessions, examinations and detailed supervision of the dissertation project. Student performance is assessed through coursework essays, a dissertation, and unseen written examinations.

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 offers two pathways: taught and research. Taught: one core module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits). Research: one core module (30 credits), two taught modules (60 credits), and a research dissertation (90 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, one core module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), full-time nine months or part-time two years, is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate, one core module (30 credits), one optional module (30 credits), full-time three months, part-time six months, is offered.

Core module

- Language, Culture and History. This core module permits research into two areas of major contemporary interest; for example, topics explored during the current year include the following:
  - Trauma
  - Memory
  - Visual Culture
  - Queer(y)ing Sexuality

Optional modules

- Students take a choice of optional modules on topics such as the following:
  - Wolfram’s Parzival
  - Reading Modern Novels
  - Theoretical Issues in History and Literature
  - Staging the Past: German Historical Drama since 1770
  - Writing and Rewriting Marchen and other Fantastic Tales
  - Discussion and Essay in German: Intensive Essay Writing
  - Translation from and into German: Advanced Translation
  - German Literature and Psychology

Dissertation/Report

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a 60-credit dissertation of 12,000 words, or a 90-credit dissertation of 18,000 words.
Your career

The MA provides an excellent foundation year for subsequent doctoral research in all areas of the department's research specialisms. Many students progress from one of our MA programmes to an MPhil or PhD research degree.

First destinations of recent graduates include:

- GTZ: intern
- University of Cambridge: PGCE secondary English
- Kent County Council: teacher
- BPP: Graduate Diploma in Law
- Rosecliffe Associates: principal consultant

Employability

With their specialist knowledge and language skills, German Master’s graduates can be found in business, finance, the media, international agencies, teaching and academia.
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. A knowledge of German at least equivalent to UK A level standard is required.

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: Advanced

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 German Studies at graduate level
// why you want to study German Studies at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a 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: £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 & Humanities Faculty Awards, UCL Scholarships for UK/EU & Overseas Students and the UCL German Alumni Scholarship.

For details of scholarships available to MA students in SELCS, please refer to the MA Scholarships webpage.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

UK/EU applicants: 1 September 2017
Scholarship applicants: 30 April 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