History (SSEES) MA /

This MA provides a unique range of options from the early modern period to the present, covering lands where mighty empires and many nations have interacted and competed over the centuries: the Russian Empire, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Habsburg Monarchy, the Ottoman Empire, the German Empire, and their successor states.

### Degree summary

Students are encouraged to choose from modules which are as diverse in geography as they are varied in approach. The programme is especially rich in modules exploring the relationship between power and culture. Several methods modules are available, including Methods of Area Studies Research (MASR).

- 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 in 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.
- The SSEES Library is unequalled in Britain for the depth and breadth of its collections, the majority of which are on open access in the SSEES building.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, presentations, and self study. Student performance is assessed through examinations, essays, a portfolio of work (which includes annotated bibliography, bullet-point presentation, encyclopaedia-style entry, and book review), oral presentation, document analysis, 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 one core module (30 credits), a choice from a range of optional modules (90 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

#### CORE MODULE
- Historical Methods and Approaches

#### OPTIONAL MODULES
- Qualitative Methods
- Contemporary Cultural Studies: Between Post-Communism and Post-Modernism
- Beyond Stereotypes: The Jews in Polish Culture
- Cities in Eastern Europe
- The Crisis Zone: Central Europe 1900-1990
- Empires, Nationalism and Communism: States and Societies of South-East Europe
- Religion in South-Eastern Europe: From the Age of Empires to Post-Communism
- Little Hitlers?: Right Radicalism in Central and Eastern Europe 1900-1945
- The Making of Modern Ukraine
- “Metropolis”: History of Berlin, 1871-1990

#### DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All MA students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of approximately 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.

Some graduates advise the Russian, Polish, American, and other governments, and the European Commission.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Account Manager, Avention
- Assistant Auditor, The National Audit Office
- Company Director, Strategic Investment Limited
- Press and Public Information Office Intern, OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe)
- PhD in Russian History, UCL

Employability

Students who have successfully completed this programme have moved into further academic research and doctoral studies, careers in teaching and careers in government, NGOs or the European Parliament. The regional specialism of this MA along with the opportunity to learn a language is attractive to employers. 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

Normally an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. In exceptional cases we may accept applicants with grades below the prerequisite. However, you will need to put forward a strong case. All such cases must be granted by the Dean of Students, so even if we support your application, we cannot guarantee your place. In the case of mature students, there may be slightly more leeway to account for changes in qualifications, but all such offers are still ultimately decided upon outside of the department.

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 History (SSEES) at graduate level
// why you want to study History (SSEES) 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: £10,140 (FT), £5,120 (PT)
// EU: £10,140 (FT), £5,120 (PT)
// Overseas: £21,160 (FT), £10,740 (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.

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

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