INFORMATION STUDIES
MRes /
2017/18 ENTRY

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This MRes is aimed at those wishing to broaden or deepen understanding of aspects of the information world at postgraduate level, or to prepare for doctoral studies. It is also aimed at mid-career information and cultural professionals who wish to develop their leadership, management and professional skill.

Degree summary

This is a flexible programme of study combining information disciplines, information technology, leadership, management and professional skills. The programme is tailored to individual needs, closely related to students’ current or future employment or research goals. Through research skills classes and a substantial research project, students develop skills for further study and career development.

UCL Information Studies is unique in the UK with programmes spanning archives, records management, information studies and systems, digital humanities and publishing. Students have unparalleled opportunities for cross-domain engagement and the opportunity to work with other departments at UCL.

Students benefit from UCL's central London location, and many premier information and cultural institutions are within easy reach. Staff are experts in their field and closely involved with the professional bodies and companies, supporting students in building contacts and widening experience.

Taught modules are delivered through lectures, seminars, groupwork and practicals. Research skills are developed through classes within the department and students are encouraged to take courses run by UCL Doctoral School. Assessment is through a mixture of essays, reports, examination and practical assignments and by the dissertation and viva voce.

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 four optional modules (60 credits) and a research dissertation (120 credits).

CORE MODULES

There are no core modules for this programme.

OPTIONAL MODULES

Students select in conjunction with their Director of Studies, four modules from the range of postgraduate programmes offered by the Department of Information Studies. Typically, the selection is made across the following areas:

- Management of Services, Resources or Systems
- Information and Communication Systems and Technologies
- Adult Learning and Professional Development
- Archives and Records Management
- Digital Humanities
- Information Services for Specialist Media or Users
- Information Sources, Organisation and Retrieval
- Publishing
- Cultural Heritage

The full range of postgraduate modules is available on the UCL Information Studies website. On occasion it may be appropriate for students to take modules offered by another UCL department also.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All students undertake an independent research project in an applied or theoretical area of information work, which culminates in a dissertation of 25,000 words.
Your career

The programme provides an ideal foundation for further doctoral research, as a preparation for an MPhil or PhD, and enables career development of information professionals into senior and managerial roles.

Places of employment or further study of recent students include:

- Staffordshire County Council
- National Library of Portugal
- University of Botswana
- UCL
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 first professional qualification and several years' relevant work experience is desirable.

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:

// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// which taught modules interest you
// what area of research you would like to pursue for your project
// how your academic or professional background meets the demands of this programme
// how you can see this degree contributing academically or professionally to your future career
// how you would seek to take advantage of studying at UCL and in London.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £4,915 (FT)
// EU: £4,915 (FT)
// Overseas: £19,010 (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.

Funding may be available for this programme including: Arts & Humanities Faculty Awards, UCL Scholarships for UK/EU & Overseas Students and British Council Scholarships.

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
Scholarship applicants: 15 December 2016

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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