The International Public Policy MSc at UCL provides students with a detailed and systematic understanding of how political institutions, processes and public policies operate in world affairs. The programme brings together the academic study of international relations with analysis of public policy formulation and governance beyond the nation-state.

Degree summary

Students are equipped with the theoretical tools and empirical evidence necessary for an in-depth understanding of policy-making within the general theories of international relations, political science, public policy and comparative politics. They develop analytical skills for the study of world politics and the assessment of issues currently facing international policymakers.

- UCL Political Science is recognised as a centre of excellence in the field and offers a uniquely stimulating environment for the study of international public policy.
- London features an enormous range of seminars, conferences, and other events on issues related to the programme. These provide a means for students to expand their knowledge and extend their professional networks.
- The research preparation and tailor-made interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary training students receive are of the highest standard available, at one of the world's top universities, as reflected in UCL’s performance in a range of rankings and tables.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars, and includes a policy simulation and a series of talks with leading practitioners and policymakers. Assessment is through a variety of methods, including unseen examination, long essays 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 four core modules (75 credits), optional modules (45 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- International Organisation (30)
- Public Policy Economics and Analysis (15)
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods or Advanced Qualitative Methods (15)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods or Advanced Quantitative Methods (15)

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Choose one of the following 15-credit modules (the others remain available as options):
  - Foreign Policy Analysis (15)
  - Global Public Policy (15)
  - International Political Economy (15)
  - Theories of International Relations (15)
- Choose further modules up to a value of 30 credits in total from a list available at:
  - www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/masters/teaching/masters
  - The following are suggestions:
    - Global Economic and Social Rights (15)
    - Making Policy Work (15)
    - Policy-Making and Regulation in Europe (15)
    - The European Union in the World (15)
    - The European Union, Globalisation and the State (15)

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career

Graduate destinations both nationally and internationally include:

- Civil servants in departments in central or local government in the UK and overseas
- Policy officers and researchers for UK members of parliament and Members of the European Parliament
- The European Commission (for example through internships)
- Public and private sector organisations such as: Universities UK, Transport for London, The Legal Services Commission, Accenture, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Overseas Development Institute, United Nations Development Programme, Deloitte and Touche
- Further research study at UCL or other universities in the UK or overseas

Employability

Students are prepared for a number of potential careers ranging from additional academic work to employment in both the public and private sector. Previous students have secured employment in government agencies in the UK and abroad. A large number of students also find work in the financial sector, including investment banking and consulting. The success of previous students is attributable to the rigorous methods training provided, as well as the diversity of the modules offered.
Entry requirements

As a minimum, an upper second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university; a CGPA of 3.3; or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Relevant practical or work experience in a related field may also be taken into account.

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 International Public Policy at graduate level
// why you want to study International Public Policy 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £12,570 (FT), £6,225 (PT)
// EU: £12,570 (FT), £6,225 (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.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 September 2017

Applications will close at 5pm (GMT) on 1 September 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