INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE AMERICAS MSc /
2017/18 ENTRY

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This MSc provides a detailed and systematic understanding of the international relations of the Americas, with regard both to inter-American relations and relations with the world beyond. The programme’s graduates have established careers in research, journalism, teaching and policy formulation and implementation in both government agencies and NGOs.

**Degree summary**

This programme, which is unique in the UK, introduces students to skills essential for the analytical study of the international relations of the Americas and assessment of the hemispherical and global issues currently facing foreign policymakers in the nation states of the Americas.

The UCL Institute of the Americas occupies a unique position at the core of academic study of the region in the UK, promoting, co-ordinating and providing a focus for research and postgraduate teaching on the Americas - Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America and the United States.

The institute actively maintains and builds ties with cultural, diplomatic and business organisations with interests in the Americas, and provides resources to the wider academic community, serving and strengthening national networks of North Americanist, Latin Americanist and Caribbeanist scholars.

Students benefit from tuition by world-leading scholars in an academic environment at the cutting-edge of research in the humanities and social sciences.

The programme is delivered through a combination of seminars, lectures, presentations, independent reading and research. Assessment is through written assignments including essays and primary source analysis, and a dissertation.

Many of our Master’s students undertake fieldwork in order to carry out research for their dissertation projects.

There may be travel costs associated with fieldwork. The institute has limited funds available to students to help towards the costs of fieldwork. These funds are awarded on a competitive basis on the criteria of academic performance to date, the quality of the research proposal and the importance of fieldwork for completing the research.

**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 three core module (45 credits), three optional modules (45 credits) and a dissertation (90 credits). Please note: all option modules are subject to availability.

**CORE MODULES**

- International Politics of Latin America
- Post-Cold War US Foreign Policy
- Either Researching the Americas: Latin America and the Caribbean or Researching the Americas: The United States

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- Students choose three option modules from a selection that includes the following:
  - The Politics of Human Rights in Latin America
  - US Presidents and the Presidency
  - The Making of Modern Latin America: History, Politics and Society
  - Latin American Economics: Beyond Neoliberalism
  - The Culture Wars: Arenas and Issues in Contemporary US Political Conflict
  - Confronting the Colossus: US Anti-Imperialism, 1945-present
  - Money and Politics in Latin America
  - Latin American Political Economy
  - Histories of Exclusion: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America
  - Key Economic Thinkers of Latin America
  - Democratization in Latin America
  - Social and Economic Development of Contemporary Brazil
  - Race and US Foreign Policy

- Students may choose elective modules up to a maximum of 30 credits from other UCL departments or University of London colleges, subject to the Programme Director’s approval.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 words (90 credits).
Your career

Graduates of this programme are well placed to use their skills and knowledge to find employment in government, business, journalism, finance and international NGOs, teaching, or for further research in this field.

Employability

This MSc enhances employability for those interested in careers in the diplomatic service, think tanks, journalism, and business with Americas markets.
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. A basic reading competence in Spanish, French or Portuguese is useful but not essential.

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 International Relations of the Americas at graduate level
// why you want to study International Relations of the Americas at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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.

Funding opportunities at the Institute of the Americas can be found here.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 11 August 2017

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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