LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND HISTORY: FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES MA / 2018/19 ENTRY

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The French and Francophone Studies pathway of the MA in Language, Culture and History aims to encourage innovative approaches to issues in the field, as well as to sharpen students’ creative and critical responses.

Degree summary
The programme provides a thorough understanding of key methods and issues in textual criticism, and of aspects of French and francophone culture, within a broadly interdisciplinary focus. The modules are designed to offer exciting critical engagement with topical issues currently being addressed in French and francophone studies and modern language studies more widely, such as text and theory, text and image, historiography, trauma, creativity and post-colonial theory.

UCL has a renowned tradition in both teaching and research in French, dating back to its foundation in 1826 and continuing to the present day. UCL is at the leading-edge of current debate in French, which involves challenging the boundaries of French studies and contributing to its remapping. Students are taught by nationally and internationally renowned experts in their fields.

There is a thriving research culture in the school: students can attend and participate in an extensive programme of seminars. Students also have access to conferences held at the Institute of Modern Language Research and are welcome to participate in its graduate forum.

The department has excellent research facilities, including an extensive library of films on DVD.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. French-specific translation modules are assessed by take-home examinations. Other modules are mainly assessed by essays.

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 cross-language module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits). Research: one core cross-language 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; recent modules available have included Trauma, Visual Culture, Comedy, Queering Sexuality.

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Students take a choice of optional modules on topics such as the following:
  - Dead Things and Demolition Sites: Cultural, Visual and Historical Representations in France, 1598-1889
  - Advanced Translation into French
  - Advanced Translation into English
  - Gender, Race and Sexuality: New Readings in Francophone Literature and Visual Culture
  - The French New Wave

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project related to the broad area of French and Francophone Studies, which culminates in a dissertation of 12,000 words, for the taught pathway and 18,000 words for the research pathway.
Your career

The programme provides an excellent foundation for further doctoral study in the field. Graduates of the department have entered a wide range of professions including finance, commerce, journalism, education, the media, public relations, translation and interpreting, and the police.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree involving specialisation in French from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Applications from students who do not have formal qualifications in French, but who are competent in the language, will be considered.

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 French and Francophone Studies at graduate level
- why you want to study French and Francophone 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.

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.

Applicants to this programme are automatically considered for the Siva-Finestone Scholarship in French and the Jean Orr Scholarship.

Several other funding options may be available, including: Arts & Humanities Faculty Awards, UCL Scholarships for UK/EU & Overseas Students and the Rothschild 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

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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