The Leadership MA will explore and critique educational leadership and management theory, research and practice and encourage students to reflect on and challenge their own practice as educational leaders or managers. Students investigate how the intersection of policy and practice influences leaders and managers of schools, institutions and systems, and examine how leaders and managers can improve the quality of teaching and learning.

Degree summary

This programme provides students with the opportunity to develop their understanding of how leaders and managers can nurture relationships with their communities, investigating how leaders and managers can address issues of race, gender and class within educational organisations to improve student outcomes. Students will be able to join a professional network with other participants from London and around the world.

The quality and range of the Department of Learning and Leadership's research and development work derives from its excellent reputation, not least for promoting new knowledge for and about leadership, in London, nationally, and internationally.

The department supports educational and public sector leadership for improving the life chances of individuals and communities, working in partnership with practitioners and policymakers at the critical edge of research and practice.

The department is at the forefront of developing research, new knowledge and publications for and about leadership and learning.

Teaching is delivered through face-to-face teaching, facilitation, multimedia presentations and activity-based learning. Each module is supported by materials on our virtual learning environment. The programme is assessed through coursework and the dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of one core module, Leading and Managing Change and Improvement (30 credits), one strongly recommended module (Doing and Using Educational Leadership and Management Research (30 credits)) and a dissertation (60 credits). See below for further suggestions.

CORE MODULES

- Leading and Managing Change and Improvement

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Students choose a maximum of three optional modules. Other elective modules offered within the IOE may also be taken, subject to approval.
- Leadership for the Learning Community
- Leading in Diverse Cultures and Communities
- Doing and Using Educational Leadership and Management Research
- Developing Personal Leadership Skills*
- Exploring Educational Policy*
- Finance and Resource Management*
- Values, Vision and Moral Purpose*

*Online modules available from the University of London International Programme (subject to confirmation). All other modules listed require face to face learning, including the core module above.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- Students undertake a dissertation of 20,000 words.
Your career

The Leadership MA is a proven programme which our students have found to be invaluable in enhancing their current roles. A significant number have used both the skills and the qualification as a platform for career advancement. Typically they move into senior leadership positions within their selected phase of working. Subsequently many move on to headship or principalship. A smaller number elect to continue their exploration of education through doctoral studies.

Graduates of this programme are currently working across a broad range of areas. Some are working as principals/head teachers, while others have jobs as university academics.

Employability

Though academic in focus the programme is practical in terms of application. Students develop skills in leading staff, working with teams, professional issues of supporting and challenging motivation, leading change, assessing research claims and developing research-engaged institutions. Wider philosophical and value stances are explored and these are particularly pertinent in working in a truly global context.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or overseas qualification of an equivalent standard and two years’ leadership experience or, if you do not have such experience, we will ask you to demonstrate how your professional role(s) have enabled you to understand organisations and leadership, and how this programme may benefit your future career objectives.

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 Leadership at graduate level
- why you want to study Leadership at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

- **UK**: £7,925 (FT)
- **EU**: £7,925 (FT)
- **Overseas**: £17,190 (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.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 2017 entry: 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