NATURAL HAZARDS FOR INSURERS PG Cert /
2017/18 ENTRY

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Climate change, increasing urbanisation and mounting exposure to natural hazards are imposing growing pressure on insurers and reinsurers to seek ways of limiting exposure. This programme offers students a better understanding of natural hazards and the means by which their impacts on the market can be mitigated or avoided.

**Degree summary**

Strong emphasis is placed on developing an improved understanding of natural hazards – the nature of available data, the conclusions we can draw from them, limitations and relevant cutting-edge research. Content focuses on hazards of most interest to the market, most notably windstorm, flood and earthquake, but also addresses geotechnical issues such as contaminated land and energy resource issues.

- Top hazard scientists at UCL and other leading academic institutions have worked with the under 35s reinsurance group and market professionals, to develop this flexible programme.
- Students benefit from our welcoming environment and world-class facilities, which include the UCL Hazard Centre, Europe’s leading multidisciplinary hazard research centre.
- The programme is staffed by a combination of UCL academics from the Aon Benfield UCL Hazard Centre and other departments; academics from other institutions with hazard research expertise, including the British Geological Survey, Birkbeck College, the University of East Anglia, and Imperial College London; and industry and market practitioners.

The programme is delivered through lectures, seminars, discussions, directed reading, and problem-solving exercises. Student performance is assessed through a combination of examination and coursework in the form of essays, reports and exercises. The independent project is assessed through a 10,000-word report and an oral presentation.

**Degree structure**

- **Mode:** Part-time: 6 months
- **Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 60 credits. The programme consists of two core modules (40 credits) and an individual research project (20 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Geological and Geotechnical Hazards
- Meteorological Hazards

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- There are no optional modules for this programme.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent project, which culminates in a 10,000-word dissertation and an oral presentation.
Your career

This programme is accredited by the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), the premier professional organisation for those working in the insurance and financial services industry.
**Entry requirements**

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, or three years’ appropriate experience in the financial services sector.

**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: **Standard**.

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 Natural Hazards for Insurers at graduate level
- why you want to study Natural Hazards for Insurers 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 certificate

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**: £4,645 (PT)
- **EU**: £4,645 (PT)

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

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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