QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS MSc / 2017/18 ENTRY

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The Quantitative Research Methods MSc gives students a broad training in social science research methods, with an emphasis on the quantitative methods most relevant in an academic or policy context.

**Degree summary**

There are two routes through the programme: a Policy Analysis pathway, introducing students to statistical analysis and building on this to develop quantitative skills in the analysis of policy; and an Education pathway, which assumes a basic knowledge of statistics and builds on this with an emphasis on the economics of education.

- **UCL Social Science** is a research intensive department with world-leading experts in quantitative methodology and a broad range of social science subjects. We have a lively community of staff, PhD, MSc and undergraduate students, involved in seminars, workshops and reading groups in addition to formal teaching which you will be free to join.

- One of the department's many specialisations is in applying quantitative methods to data to inform policy on education, health, labour markets, human development and child/adult wellbeing.

- The department's staff have a broad range of interests, which includes expertise in economics, sociology, psychology, social statistics, survey methods and data collection, mixed-methods research, and the techniques of policy evaluation.

This programme is delivered via face-to-face daytime and evening sessions. Assessment is through coursework assignments and a 10,000-word report.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years

Location: London, Bloomsbury

This degree currently runs in blocks of two days per module leaving you plenty of time between modules for further reading and assignments. The programme consists of three core modules (90 credits), two optional modules (60 credits) and a report (30 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Students choose one of two pathways through this programme: Education or Policy Analysis.
- Impact Evaluation Methods
- Statistical Analysis (Policy Analysis pathway)
- Longitudinal Research and Analysis (Policy Analysis pathway)
- Economic Perspectives on Education Policy (Education pathway)
- Quantitative Analysis 2 (Education pathway)

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Students take two of the following optional modules:
  - Education and Development in Asia
  - Educational Testing
  - Longitudinal Research and Analysis
  - Quantitative Analysis 1
  - Quantitative Analysis 3
  - Social Policy: Theory, Practice and Research
  - Systematic Reviews for Policy and Practice
  - Understanding Education Policy

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

Graduates of this Master’s degree are currently working as:
- university and college lecturers and researchers
- civil servants
- third sector employees
- teachers
- journalists
- social researchers
- market researchers

Employability

Quantitative skills are in demand and there are a range of professions seeking students with quantitative social science degrees including government departments, academia, journalism, financial analysis for banks and marketing.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, in a social science discipline.

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 Quantitative Research Methods at graduate level
// why you want to study Quantitative Research Methods 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.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 28 July 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