SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY MSc / 2017/18 ENTRY

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This programme gives you the opportunity to study the main contexts of contemporary science and technology; gain a broad base in science policy, communication, sociology and engagement; enjoy flexibility in specialisation; and work in an interdisciplinary environment with research experts.

**Degree summary**

The programme provides broad-based training in three disciplines: science policy and governance; science communication, engagement, and evaluation; and sociology of modern science and technology. This programme encourages specialised investigation. It also encourages interdisciplinary integration. Our degree works in dialogue with our sister MSc programme in History and Philosophy of Science, which adds historical and analytical depth to our offer.

- There is no UK academic department quite like UCL Science & Technology Studies. The department combines award-winning teaching with award-winning public engagement.
- We are research active over an enormous range of topics. Our teaching builds on research not only in our subject specialties but also in the fundamentals of teaching and learning.
- Our programme makes unique use of London’s attractions and resources. We have close links with the Science Museum, the National Maritime Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Wellcome Library, and UCL Museums & Collections. We also use the city as a classroom, with custom-made walking tours, site visits, and special excursions.

The programme is delivered through a combination of seminars, lectures, tutorials and research supervision. Student performance is assessed through coursework such as long and short essays, advocacy work, and project work.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
MSc students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of one core module (15 credits), four optional modules (60 credits), three ancillary modules (45 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits)

Postgraduate Diploma students undertake modules to the value of 120 credits: one core (15 credits), four optional (60 credits), and three ancillary (45 credits), studied over one year.

Postgraduate Certificate students undertake modules to the value of 60 credits. The programme consists of one core module (15 credits), and three optional modules (45 credits), studied over one year.

**CORE MODULE**
- Introduction to Science and Technology Studies

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Students must take three modules from a prescribed list of options including:
  - Practical Science Communication and Engagement
  - Curating the History of Science
  - Responsible Science and Emerging Technologies
  - Science in the 20th Century and Beyond
  - Science Policy Beyond Borders
  - Science, Media, and Culture
  - Science, Security, and Social Research
  - Sociology and the Sociology of Science
  - Special Topics Seminar in STS

**ANCILLARY MODULES**
- Students must take two ancillary modules which may be options from our own degrees:
  - for example, Material Culture and Science in the 18th Century or Knowledge, Evidence, and Explanation in Science, or they might be selected from any other programme at UCL.
- Module descriptions can be found on the STS website.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000–12,000 words.
Your career

Our programme provides essential training and study for students wishing to pursue PhD level study in several fields, and also provides appropriate training and qualifications sought by individuals pursuing careers in areas such as education, museum and archival curatorship, or administration and policy-making in science, engineering and health care.

Employability

The programme offers a range of transferable skills and networking opportunities. No matter whether your career plan looks towards the public or private sector, we can help you build a portfolio of skills and contacts that will give your CV the edge. Highlights of the programme include:

- the chance to develop practical media skills, including audio production
- learning to write for different audiences
- developing your skills in both practical and theoretical science communication, including working in a major London museum
- to meet and network with policy makers.
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.

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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £10,110 (FT), £5,085 (PT)
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// Overseas: £20,820 (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.

UCL Science & Technology Studies, offer up to three partial bursaries.

For more advice please visit the STS MSc website

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 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