The Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights MA will introduce students to a range of contemporary social theories about childhood and children's rights, critically explore social constructions of childhood, and consider the implications these have for professional practice and research with children and young people.

**Degree summary**

This programme provides students with the opportunity to gain an understanding of sociological theories and concepts of childhood and children’s rights, including a recognition of the varied childhoods experienced by children in richer and poorer contexts and how these are shifting in a globalising world. It also helps students develop their critical analytical skills and improve their theoretical understanding and professional practice when working with, and for, children.

- This MA explores cutting-edge research and theorising about young people's experiences and their social status in varied global contexts. It is unique in its sociological attention to childhood, children's rights, and children and young people’s participation in society.
- Students are introduced to internationally-renowned academic experts and international children’s organisations and have the opportunity to explore their own areas of interest or professional practice.
- The MA is based in UCL Social Science which houses three prestigious, research intensive units. Together they provide a foundation for world-leading work in childhood studies, social work, social pedagogy, families and health-related studies with a strong professional dimension.

Theories of Childhood & Society and Researching Childhood run in the evenings. Children’s rights in Practice runs over a one-week intensive block. Social Theory and the Study of Contemporary Social Problems runs in the afternoon or online. Face-to-face teaching includes lectures, discussions and debates, as well as providing students the opportunity to discuss readings, case studies, images, and films. An online environment is provided for readings and activities between teaching sessions. Students are encouraged to reflect upon their own personal, academic and/or professional experiences during sessions. Each core module is assessed by a 5,000-word written assignment. In addition there are tutorials for essay preparation and seminars to support dissertation research.

**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 three core modules (90 credits), one optional module (30 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Theories of Childhood and Society
- Children's Rights in Practice
- Social Theory and the Study of Contemporary Social Problems

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Researching Childhood is the recommended optional module to help prepare for the MA SCCR dissertation.
- Researching Childhood
- Understanding Research

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 20,000 words.
Your career

Graduates of this programme are currently working across a broad range of areas. Some are working as international NGO staff, children’s charity workers, child advocacy workers and policy advisors. Graduates are also working as teachers and early years practitioners, while others have jobs as university and college lecturers and researchers.
Entry requirements

A second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in social science, media or cultural studies, humanities, education or a related field. A similar qualification in another subject is also acceptable if combined with experience in child care, health, education or children's advocacy.

All applicants should preferably have experience of working with and for children.

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](http://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 Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights at graduate level
- why you want to study Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights 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.

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](http://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.

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](http://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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply)

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EU referendum

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