Ancient Languages BA /

This unique degree offers training in an unparalleled range of ancient languages and their associated history, culture and textual traditions. Students study Hebrew and either Greek or Latin throughout the programme, plus up to three additional languages chosen from a wide selection including Akkadian, Aramaic, Egyptian, Sumerian, Syriac and Ugaritic.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Our programme is unique in the UK. It combines concentrated study of Greco-Roman and Semitic philology, in addition to other ancient Indo-European and Afroasiatic languages, and provides students with an unparalleled insight into the key linguistic and textual traditions of the ancient world.

// Based within UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and UCL Greek & Latin, students will also have access to the teaching facilities and expertise available university-wide, including in archaeology, ancient history, and linguistics.

// Access to a remarkable collection of ancient language resources in the UCL and SOAS Libraries, as well as to the special collections in the British Library and British Museum.

// UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and UCL Greek & Latin both have excellent global reputations.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 78% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

In year one you will take modules in Biblical Hebrew, either Latin or Greek, and introductory historical linguistics. You will additionally be able to start studying a third and, if desired, fourth ancient language, drawn from an extensive selection (see the list given in the Degree Structure table). Ancient language modules include intensive study of texts spanning diverse literary genres including historical narrative, prose fiction, poetry, mythology, and religion. Alternatively, you can choose up to 1.5 credits from a wide range of disciplines including archaeology, history and linguistics.

In year two you will continue your study of Biblical Hebrew and Greek or Latin. You will also begin or continue study of a third (and possibly fourth or fifth) ancient language. Again, you have the opportunity to choose a course from another discipline.

In year three you will take advanced courses in Biblical Hebrew and Greek or Latin. You may also continue study of a third (and possibly fourth or fifth) ancient language, an option from another discipline, or a dissertation.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
// Introduction to the Study of Language
// Greek or Latin at the appropriate level

Optional modules

// You will select 1.5 credits of optional modules, which may include a third and, if desired, fourth ancient language* and/or modules from other disciplines.
// * Ancient languages: Akkadian, Egyptian, Greek, Latin. (Additional languages, e.g. Hittite, Luwian, Sanskrit, etc. are available from other University of London colleges subject to faculty approval.)

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
// Greek or Latin at the appropriate level

Optional modules

// You will select 1.0 credit of optional modules.

YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Advanced Biblical Hebrew or Ugaritic
// Greek or Latin at the appropriate level

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits of optional modules; these may include an extended essay (0.5 credits) or final-year dissertation (1.0 credit).
Your learning

Teaching will be delivered by a combination of lectures, seminars and small-group tutorials. Students will be expected to undertake independent reading/study both to consolidate what is being taught and to broaden their individual knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Assessment

Assessment will be by a combination of unseen written examinations and assessed coursework in the form of language assignments, in-class tests and essays.

Your career

You will gain skills such as critical thinking, oral and written communication and time-management, as well as the mental agility and versatility that comes with learning languages.

Graduates from this degree programme will be well placed to pursue further study relating to the ancient world or linguistics, or careers in law, community work, the diplomatic service, education, museum and archival work, the media, and executive roles in the private or public sector.

As the first cohort of students for this programme will not graduate until 2017, there is no career destination information currently available. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from Greek & Latin programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

// Full-time student, Graduate Diploma in Law at the BPP Law School
// Assistant Project Worker, Barnardos
// Librarian, Brunel University
// Librarian, the British Library
// Full-time student, PhD in Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

In your application we will be particularly interested in your motivation to study the subject, and of your interest in broad matters of language, literature and culture. We will also be interested to learn of experiences you may have had relating to the degree programme subject matter, such as courses attended, museums visited, travel, and wider reading.

The selection process is conducted on the basis of your UCAS application and personal statement. If you receive an offer of a place on the programme, you will be invited to visit UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and UCL Greek & Latin as well as a tour of the campus.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
AAB

**Subjects**
An ancient or modern language at grade A, unless an ancient and a modern language are offered at GCSE at grade C or above.

**GCSE**

English Language at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Points**
36 overall.

**Subjects**
A total of 17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5, to include an ancient or modern language at grade 6 unless an ancient and a modern language are offered at GCSE at grade C or above.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORARY CERTIFICATES** *(International foundation courses)*

The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

| UK & EU | £9,250 (2018/19) |
| Overseas | £19,390 (2018/19) |

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

**FUNDING**

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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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

**Disclaimer**

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