Anthropology BSc /

This programme looks at the biological, cultural, social and material culture aspects of human beings as well as their evolution. It will help you gain a broad set of skills including: critical reasoning; the ability to search, sift and analyse various materials; collaborative group work; and oral and written communication.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL Anthropology is one of the few departments in the country that combines social anthropology, biological anthropology, material culture and medical anthropology to give you a truly broad-based anthropology degree.

// One of the largest anthropology departments in the UK, with highly-rated research, offering an exceptionally wide range of courses taught by academic staff at the forefront of the discipline.

// Access to excellent resources including extensive literature in the UCL Main Library and other nearby libraries, such as that of the Centre for Anthropology at the British Museum.

// We have an outstanding collection of ethnographic items and the Napier Primate Collection, and work closely with the ethnographic department of the British Museum and with the Horniman Museum.

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.

// 68% 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 the first year, you take compulsory modules covering the three branches of the programme; biological anthropology, social anthropology and material culture. Biological anthropology focuses on contemporary human-environment interactions and human evolution. Social anthropology explores social and cultural differences and their determinants, from indigenous groups to modern western economies. Material culture studies human, social and environmental relationships through the evidence of people’s construction of their material world. Your first year also includes a three-day field trip to discover ethnographic research and participant observation in ritual, landscape, and techniques.

Your second year includes both compulsory and optional modules. In the third year, you select five optional modules from a wide range alongside a dissertation.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Introduction to Biological Anthropology
// Introduction to Material and Visual Culture
// Introductory Social Anthropology
// Methods and Techniques in Biological Anthropology
// Researching the Social World

Optional modules

// All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Theoretical Perspectives in Social Anthropology and Material Culture
// Being Human

Optional modules

// You will select a minimum of 2.5 and a maximum of 3.0 credits from Anthropology optional modules which must include choices in biological, social, material culture and medical anthropology.
// Anthropologies of Science, Society and Biomedicine
// Ethnography of Forest People
// Human Brain, Cognition and Language
// Mass Consumption and Design
// Medical Anthropology
// Political and Economic Anthropology
// Primate Behaviour and Ecology
// Social Construction of Landscapes
// You may take up to a maximum of 0.5 credits from other undergraduate elective modules outside the department.
Our teaching comprises lectures, tutorials, seminars and laboratory classes. Small-group tutorials, normally meeting weekly, are an important element of many modules. Ongoing feedback is given to help you improve your written work.

**Fieldwork**
Your first year also includes a three-day field trip, paid for by the department, to discover ethnographic research and participant observation in ritual, landscape, and techniques.

**Assessment**
Your modules may be assessed by written coursework, by examination or a mixture of both. Examinations are normally unseen and their formats vary according to the module. Some combine short answers with essay questions, others rely solely on longer essay answers.

**Your career**
The broad range of methodological skills and analytical perspectives offered by the UCL Anthropology programme gives our graduates an unusually wide range of career possibilities, many of them directly related to the discipline’s cross-cultural focus and to our blending of the social and biological sciences.

Former graduates work in diverse fields, such as journalism, film-making, TV, museums, social work, international development, NGOs and the voluntary sector, police, probation, refugee work, wine tasting, market research, advertising, design, PR, marketing, music industry, accountancy, local government, HR, ESL teaching, and as cultural advisors for multinationals.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- Digital Innovation Assistant, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Prevention and Diagnosis Project Officer, Macmillan Cancer Support
- MRes Anthropology, UCL
- Communications and Research Assistant, UK Business Angels Association
- MA Arts and Cultural Management, King’s College London

Data taken from the 'Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education' survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
AAA-AAB

Subjects
No specific subjects. One science subject is preferable but not required.

GCSE

English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5, plus Science or Biology at grade B or 6. 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
36-38 overall.

Subjects
A total of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5. One science subject is preferable but not required.

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 PREPARATORY 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: £25,960 (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

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