Arts and Sciences BASc /

This exciting three-year interdisciplinary programme provides great flexibility and choice across the breadth of UCL's teaching expertise, offering the range and depth of knowledge needed to thrive in our global society. Students create a bespoke programme incorporating both arts and sciences subjects, and study innovative modules to enhance the link between disciplines.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits
// UCL’s Arts and Sciences programmes allow you to create a bespoke programme, incorporating both arts and science specialisms.
// Responding to increased demand from employers for outstanding graduates with cross-disciplinary experience, these degrees will equip you with knowledge, skills and insight across arts and sciences subjects.
// Core courses will enhance your understanding of how different branches of knowledge interrelate. You will also undertake an internship, giving you the chance to explore future employment options.
// You will study a modern foreign language throughout your degree, chosen from the wide range offered at UCL.

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.

// Interdisciplinary programme: see contributing departments

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).

The programme offers a wide combination of specialist modules and an interdisciplinary core. The core modules enable you to acquire the skills and concepts you will need to work effectively across multiple disciplines. They link traditional UCL subjects in new ways, and explore the conceptual and methodological differences between arts and science subjects.

You will study a modern foreign language throughout your degree and you can also undertake an internship, giving you the chance to integrate your studies with your future aspirations.

Possible internships include businesses, non-government organisations and voluntary organisations. Our students have achieved internships with, for example, Accenture, Goldman Sachs, Norton Rose Fulbright, the UN, Reuters, the Wellcome Trust, Horniman Museum and Gardens and many other organisations and businesses.

You will choose a major and a minor pathway on application. Your pathways determine the subjects in which you will specialise. We offer two arts pathways and two sciences pathways.

Cultures (Humanities and Arts): Anthropology, Creative Writing, Cultural Studies, Design and Visualisation, Drawing Methodology, Film and Documentary Film-Making, History, History of Art, Languages, Literature, Philosophy

Societies (Social Sciences): Archaeology, Economics, Geography, History, International Relations, Philosophy, Political Economy, Politics, Sociology

Health and Environment (Sciences): Anthropology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biomedicine, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Geology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Psychology, Science and Technology Studies, Synthetic Biology

Sciences and Engineering (Sciences): Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Science and Technology Studies, Statistics

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)
// Approaches to Knowledge: Introduction to Interdisciplinarity
// Interdisciplinary Research Methods
// Quantitative Methods and Mathematical Thinking
// Language

Pathways
// Cultures
// Health and Environment
// Sciences and Engineering
// Societies

You will choose three optional modules from your major pathway and one optional module from your minor pathway. Students choosing Cultures or Societies as their major must choose Health and Environment or Sciences and Engineering as their minor pathway, and vice versa. This will ensure that you study a mix of arts and sciences modules throughout the programme.
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Object Lessons: Communicating Knowledge through Collections
- Quantitative Methods 2: Data Science and Visualisation
- Making Value Judgements: Qualitative Thinking
- Language
- Interdisciplinary Elective (choice of 1 or 2)

Pathways
- You will choose your remaining modules from your major pathway and your minor pathway.

YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)
- The Knowledge Economy (team-based consultancy project)
- Language
- Dissertation

Pathways
- You will choose your remaining modules from your major pathway and your minor pathway.

Your learning

You will be exposed to a wide range of learning opportunities, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, interactive groups and multimedia projects. Core courses will be taken alongside your fellow BASc students. Courses relating to your pathway subjects will be taught by specialist staff from across UCL and will provide you with an opportunity to learn alongside students on other programmes.

Assessment

Both your pathway subjects and the language component will be assessed by written examinations and essays. Project work and a dissertation will contribute to your overall assessment. You will be required to give presentations, work on group projects and multimedia projects and participate in assessed debates.

Your career

On graduation, you will have at least two academic specialisms, strong leadership and communication skills and the ability to work flexibly and creatively across a range of fields.

The Arts and Sciences programmes are designed to prepare students for a wide variety of contemporary careers and research.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2015) of this programme include:
- Finance Analyst, Citibank
- Assistant Consultant, Accenture
- Trainee Policy Adviser, HM Treasury
- MSc in Palaeobiology, University of Bristol
- MSc in Sociology, University of Oxford

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.

Your application should provide evidence that you are: prepared for critical enquiry and in-depth academic work across a broad intellectual spectrum; interested in engaging in wider societal, cultural and global issues; interested in careers involving leadership, social entrepreneurship and intercultural exchange; prepared to think critically and creatively to seek new connections between types of knowledge; and interested in combining non-standard areas of study in your degree.

We recognise you may not be able to write a personal statement which reflects your interest in this programme and your other UCAS choices. This will not adversely affect your application. If your application demonstrates your eligibility, we will email you and ask you to complete a questionnaire.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
A*AA-AAA

**Subjects**
A mixture of arts/humanities/social sciences and sciences/Mathematics. Major pathway requirements: Cultures or Societies: two arts/humanities/social sciences plus one science/Mathematics; Sciences and Engineering: Mathematics and one other science plus one arts/humanities/social science; Health and Environment: Chemistry or Biology, and one other science or social science plus one arts/humanities/social science.

**GCSE**
English Language and Mathematics at grade B. For UK-based students, a grade C 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs)

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Points**
38-39 overall.

**Subjects**
A score of 18-19 points in three higher level subjects with a mixture of arts/humanities/social sciences and sciences/Mathematics. Major pathway requirements: Cultures or Societies: either one higher level subject from groups 4 or 5 and two higher level subjects from groups 1, 2, 3, 6; or three higher level subjects from groups 1, 2, 3, 6 and two standard level subjects from groups 4 or 5, with grades of 6 in each. Sciences and Engineering: to include higher level Mathematics at grade 6 and a further higher level subject from groups 4 or 5 plus one higher level subject from groups 1, 2, 3, 6. Health and Environment: to include higher level Chemistry or Biology at grade 6 and a further higher level subject from groups 3, 4 or 5 plus one higher level subject from groups 1, 2, 3, 6.

**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](http://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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/upc).

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**TUITION FEES**
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £19,230 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum)

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