COMPARATIVE LITERATURE WITH A YEAR ABROAD BA / UCAS CODE: Q201 2018 ENTRY

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Comparative Literature with a Year Abroad BA

This four-year degree offers the same advantages as the Comparative Literature BA, focusing on European languages and with the added attraction of a year spent abroad in a European country. It combines comparative critical enquiry with a more in-depth study of one modern language and its literature and culture.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL - London’s Global University - is the ideal environment in which to study a comparative literature degree.

// This programme offers the opportunity to study one or two modern languages to an advanced level, and incorporates an engagement with literature written in different cultural contexts.

// The year abroad will give you a deeper understanding of a modern foreign language and its variants.

// Comparative literature modules in years one, two and four will explore the reception, circulation and translation of texts across different periods and cultures.

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.

// 74% 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 years one and two you will take two culture-specific compulsory modules in the department of your choice, either in SELCS or in SSEES. You will also study language and literature modules in one foreign language - selected prior to enrolment - either at beginner’s level or at more advanced post-A level alongside students taking modern languages degrees.

You will also attend compulsory modules in comparative literature and select two from a wide range of options.

The third year is spent abroad where your foreign language of choice is spoken. At least 50% of the subjects studied abroad must be in the area of literary and cultural studies. You may also study a second language subject to the host university’s permission.

In the final year you will continue studying either your first foreign language or a different foreign language (which may be the one you began studying abroad) at an advanced level, together with comparative literary elective modules. A dissertation is compulsory.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

Cultural Encounters in World Literature
How to Read Texts

Optional modules

You will select at least 1.0 credit from a list of comparative literature modules. All texts will be available in English or in English translation, as appropriate, but may also be read in the original language.

You will also select 1.0 credit of language modules and 1.0 credit of language-specific literature modules focusing on the close analysis of literary texts in a language other than English.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

Imitation, Invention, Authorship
Word, Image, Sound

Optional modules

You will select at least 1.0 credit from a list of comparative and literary intermediate modules taught in SELCS, SSEES, and Greek & Latin. All texts will be available in English or in English translation, as appropriate, but may also be read in the original language.

You will also select 1.0 credit of language modules and 1.0 credit of language-specific literature modules focusing on the close analysis of literary texts in a language other than English.

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// Students spend their third year in a country where their foreign language of choice is spoken. At least half of the modules taken abroad must be in literary and cultural studies. Students may also study a second language, where permitted by the host university.

// Whether they undertake an internship or a university placement, students on their year abroad will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of their cultural and linguistic immersion.

// For further information please visit the SELCS year abroad website.
FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Dissertation

Optional modules

- You will select at least 1.0 credit from available comparative and literary advanced modules. All texts will be available in English or in English translation, as appropriate, but may also be read in the original language.
- You will also select 1.0 credit of language modules and at least 1.0 credit of language-specific literature modules focusing on the close analysis of literary texts in a language other than English, and on their wider cultural context.

Your learning

You will experience a wide range of learning opportunities, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, interactive groups and multimedia projects. Core modules will be taken together with all Comparative Literature students in your year. Optional modules will be taught by specialist staff from across UCL and will provide you with an opportunity to learn alongside students on other programmes.

Assessment

You will be assessed by written examination and essay. 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 actively participate in class discussion.

Your career

On graduation you will have gained breadth of knowledge, cultural awareness, writing skills, and familiarity with advanced textual analysis. You will have a detailed and effective understanding of at least one language other than English and will be able to work flexibly and creatively across cultures and in a range of fields.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Comparative Literature with Year Abroad BA are due to graduate after 2019. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from School of European Languages and Culture programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

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 personal statement is of great importance. We expect the fullest possible account of your literary interests, including extracurricular readings. We want you to reflect on your familiarity with different cultures and on your ability to think critically and creatively across languages and cultures. We particularly welcome applicants with a good knowledge of at least one language other than English.

We may interview candidates by telephone to assess linguistic ability (if stated), cultural awareness and intellectual potential. If you meet our entry criteria and show the required level of motivation, we will invite you to an offer-holder Open Day, where you will meet members of academic staff.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
AAA

Subjects

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
38 overall.

Subjects
A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects with no score lower than 5. See A Levels information for subject requirements.

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: £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

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