ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY
BSc (Econ) /
UCAS CODE: LL17
2019 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus
Economics and geography have been moving ever closer in their concerns. The fields of development and the environment are obvious examples. This challenging combined-studies programme is designed to equip students with a thorough grounding in the theoretical principles and techniques of application in both fields.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

- You will acquire a distinctive mix of theoretical and practical skills (including a range of analytical techniques, independent research skills and project work) and specialised knowledge.
- At the end of the programme you will be able to analyse and evaluate policy choices in the fields you have studied and carry out research on a sound basis.
- Resources include: computer clusters, together with specialist facilities for geographical information and satellite image analysis; science laboratories; a reference map collection; a dedicated reading room and first-class library facilities.
- Both UCL Geography and UCL Economics receive consistently high scores for the quality of their research. You will therefore be taught by leading thinkers in their respective fields for both disciplines.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The degree gives equal weight to both disciplines, although the balance can be modified in the final year. In each year you will receive regular programme-related classes in economics and in geography.

In the first year, you will take two compulsory modules in Economics and one optional module. In Geography, you take three core modules and one optional module.

In the second year you will take two compulsory modules in Economics and a module in economic geography. A further 1.5 credits are normally selected from the Geography second-year options.

In the final year you will choose 4.0 credits from a wide range of second- or third-year optional modules. A minimum of three credits must be taken in both Economics and Geography over the second and third years. Most students do not take a dissertation in their final year but exceptions may be made.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Economics
  - Introduction to Mathematics for Economists
  - Thinking Geographically I and II
  - Geography in the Field

Optional modules

- You will select 0.5 credits of optional modules from Economics and 0.5 credits of optional modules from Geography.
- Economics options may include:
  - History of Economic Thought
  - Statistical Methods in Economics
  - The World Economy
- Geography options include:
  - Human Ecology
  - Global Events
  - Space and Society
  - Environmental Change
  - The Earth

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
- Microeconomics

Optional modules

- You can then choose a further economics module and will also take between three and four geography modules from the following:
  - Human Geography: Cultural and Historical Geography; Development Geography; Environment and Society; Economic Geography, GIS and Geodemographics; Political Geography and Geopolitics; Urban Geography; Human Geography Fieldclass
  - Physical Geography: Ecological Patterns and Processes; Environmental Remote Sensing; Geomorphology; Hydroclimatology; Reconstructing Past Environments; Statistics for Environmental Geographers; Physical Geography Fieldclass.

FINAL YEAR

Optional modules

- You will select 4.0 credits from a wide range of second- or third-year optional modules in Economics and in Geography, ensuring that a minimum of three units has been taken in each subject over years two and three.
Your learning

Your timetable will include lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical classes. As you progress, the focus shifts to independent and critical learning, with student-led discussions becoming more important.

Assessment

First-year assessment combines independent coursework completed throughout the year with written examinations taken at the end of the year. In the second and third years, the assessment may vary between modules, some combining written examinations with various types of independent projects, some assessed solely by written examination.

Your career

Having been trained in both sciences and humanities, UCL geographers are skilled in taking different perspectives on an issue, working independently and adapting to changing circumstances. Skills gained through the further study of economics include finding solutions to real-world problems, mathematical skills and an enhanced understanding of political and economic events.

A degree combining economics and geography has proved attractive to many employers, particularly those in business and commerce, the public sector and international organisations.

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

// Campaigner and Researcher, Oxfam
// Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies

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 the selection process we aim for there to be two-way communication so both you and the department can make the right choices. In addition to looking at your qualifications we will also be examining your personal statement for evidence of your interest in and enthusiasm for geography and for proficiency in key skills.

Most students are invited to attend an open day once they have been made an offer based on their predicted or actual A level (or equivalent) performance and their potential and aspirations. Our open days include student-led seminars, a short tour of UCL, a chance to talk with representatives of all our different research groups, and introductory masterclasses run by key members of staff.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Contextual Offer: A*AB. A* in Mathematics and A in Geography.

GCSE
English Language and 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
Standard Offer: 39. A total of 19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics and grade 6 in Geography, with no score below 5.
Contextual Offer: 38. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics and 6 in Geography, with no score below 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

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)
UCL 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 2019/20 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £21,870 (2019/20)

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

Additional costs
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

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.

CONTACT
Dr Russell Hitchings
Email: geog.office@ucl.ac.uk

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/ucl-and-europe

Disclaimer
This information is for guidance only. It should not be construed as advice nor relied upon and does not form part of any contract. For more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus