ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY
BSc (Econ) / UCAS CODE: LL17
2018 ENTRY

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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 2018

**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 departments are consistently very highly rated for the quality of their research. You will therefore be taught by leading thinkers in their respective fields for both disciplines.

### 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.

81% 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).

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 course-related classes in economics 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.

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<td>Geography options include:</td>
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<td>You can then choose a further economics module and will also take between three and four geography modules from the following:</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>Physical Geography: Ecological Patterns and Processes; Environmental Remote Sensing; Geomorphology; Hydroclimatology; Reconstructing Past Environments; Statistics for Environmental Geographers; Physical Geography Fieldclass.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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 from course to course, 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 very 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
// Analyst, J.P. Morgan
// Associate Consultant, Capgemini
// Associate, PwC
// Associate, Ministry of Finance

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
Grades
A*AA
Subjects
Mathematics and Geography required, with A* in Mathematics.

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

IB DIPLOMA
Points
39 overall.
Subjects
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.

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 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: £18,580 (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

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