ECONOMICS WITH A PLACEMENT YEAR BSc (Econ) / UCAS CODE: L102 2018 ENTRY

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Economics with a Placement Year BSc (Econ)

This programme combines a rigorous foundation in economic concepts and tools with an opportunity to apply for a year on placement, developing and applying those tools in a real-world context. Our highly regarded department will support you in your search for a placement. In the event you cannot secure a placement, you will be able to request to switch to the three-year Economics BSc (Econ), subject to meeting any progress requirements for that degree.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// You will develop core economics skills and be able to apply these first-hand during the placement year.

// You will learn in one of Europe's leading centres for research in economics. Our research informs policy advice to international governments and agencies, such as the United Nations and the World Bank.

// We are recognised for our internationally distinguished research. UCL Economics was ranked first in the UK in the most recent (2014) Research Excellence Framework.

// You will benefit from our prestigious annual Gorman Lectures series presented by eminent economists, and from the activities of our two student societies, the Economist's Society and the Economics and Finance Society, which include the publication of The Drayton Tribune magazine.

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.

// 99% 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.
Your learning

The cornerstone of each module is a lecture series. Through demonstration classes and small-group work you will learn how to put economic models together, how to undertake quantitative analysis, and, potentially, formulate your own model to address a new problem. In the later parts of the programme, there is an increased emphasis on collaborative work and group presentations.

Assessment

Your progress is monitored throughout the year on a module-by-module basis, which will provide feedback aimed at improving your understanding and technique. You will be assessed by year-end written examinations and other forms of term-time assessment including, for example, multiple-choice quizzes, in-course essays and research project work.

Your career

Many useful skills can be gained through the study of economics, for example: finding solutions to real-world problems, mathematical skills and an enhanced understanding of contemporary political and economic events. The placement year provides the opportunity to apply core economics skills in a professional context and develop key work-place proficiencies, including the ability to communicate ideas effectively to others and work successfully in a team.

About one-third of our graduates move directly into graduate study, including MScs in Economics, MBA programmes and conversion courses in computing and law. Students have also proceeded to doctoral programmes including those in major US economics departments such as Columbia, Yale and Chicago.

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from the Economics BSc (Econ) at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

// Investment Banker, UBS
// Full-time student, MSc in Financial Economics at University of Oxford
// Aerospace & Defence Equity Research Analyst, J.P. Morgan
// Equity Analyst, Morgan Stanley
// Assistant Economist, Civil Service Fast Stream - Ministry of Justice

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.

Academic entry requirements reflect the strong competition for places. In addition to academic qualifications we seek candidates who can demonstrate that they have researched what an economics degree involves, and how it is different from a business or management degree. Evidence that you are interested in how economists in public and private sector organisations develop solutions to current real-world economic problems will be looked on favourably. Candidates should also show interest in and enthusiasm for the placement and research aspects of the programme.

UK-based applicants who have been selected for an offer are required to attend an applicant open day before an offer is made. Each admissions cycle has open days with about 100 applicants attending on each occasion.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
A*AA

Subjects
Mathematics grade A* required, plus grade A in Economics if offered.

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
Points
39 overall.

Subjects
A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics and grade 6 in Economics if offered with no score lower than 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 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: £20,340 (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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