EUROPEAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STUDIES: DUAL DEGREE BA / UCAS CODE: R992 2018 ENTRY

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European Social and Political Studies: Dual Degree BA /

Students on this dual degree will benefit from the reputation and teaching specialisms of both UCL and Sciences Po in France. The programme offers specialisation in a humanities or social science subject, combined with a broad base in history, law, politics and philosophy, and fluency in a European language.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- Spend your first two years of study at Sciences Po, the most prestigious institution for social and political sciences in France.
- Benefit from UCL’s world-class teaching system and the insights of its renowned humanities, language and social sciences scholars.
- The complement of social science and humanities specialisms on offer at UCL and Sciences Po enables a cohesive programme of study throughout your degree.
- The programme offers international mobility and an overseas experience. These features have become invaluable assets for all young graduates starting a career.

**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).

You will undertake language study throughout the programme, selecting one language on which to concentrate. The European languages available are French, German, Italian and Spanish. You will spend the first two years of study at Sciences Po, at one of the following five campuses: Paris, Poitiers, Menton, Nancy and Dijon. Students specialising in French may choose from any one of the five. For other languages, the destinations are: Spanish - Poitiers or Paris, German - Nancy, Dijon or Paris, Italian - Menton, Dijon or Paris.

Modules fall into three groupings: common core, language and social sciences electives. The European common core involves working in a multidisciplinary environment, gaining insights into a range of academic disciplines and engaging critically with competing analytical perspectives.

In the last two years at UCL you may specialise in any of these major subjects: Economics, History, International Relations, Law, Philosophy, and Politics. If you intend to specialise in Economics, Law or History while at UCL, you must take optional modules in the relevant discipline at Sciences Po.

**YEAR ONE (SCIENCES PO)**

- Core or compulsory module(s)
- Language-based modules

**Optional modules**

- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject.

**YEAR TWO (SCIENCES PO)**

- Core or compulsory module(s)
- Language-based modules

**Optional modules**

- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject.

**YEAR THREE (UCL)**

- Language-based modules
  - Extended research essay

**Optional modules**

- Further modules in your chosen area of specialisation

**FINAL YEAR (UCL)**

- Language-based modules
  - Extended research essay

**Optional modules**

- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject
Your learning

Your formal timetable will involve a programme of lectures, seminars and workshops. As well as the core modules, and modules designed specifically for students of this dual degree at Sciences Po and UCL, you will choose options in other departments according to your area of specialisation. This gives you access to a range of UCL’s successful teaching approaches.

Assessment

Your work will be assessed by written examination, assessed essay and presentation.

Your career

The Dual Degree gives you the wide-ranging employability of graduates in PPE or international relations, but with the added maturity of study in two different countries, and the advantage of fluency in a European language - essential for anyone seeking a career in a European context, and increasingly valuable for the financial sector or media posts.

ESPS and Sciences Po graduates combine specialised knowledge of a humanities or social science with a broad foundation in economics, law, history, sociology and politics and, importantly, proficiency in another language or languages. On top of this, they have the independence gained by studying in two countries.

The first cohort of students on this programme graduated in 2016; therefore no information about their career destinations is currently available. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of the European Social and Political Studies BA at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

// Associate Consultant, The Boston Consulting Group
// Multimedia Journalist, the Guardian
// Full-time student, MSc in Migration Studies at the University of Oxford
// Full-time student, MSc in Economic Policy at UCL
// Civil Servant (Fast Track), UK Government

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.

You should state clearly on your UCAS application which modern European language you wish to study as your major language as well as the campus you wish to study at. Further information about the languages offered and their specific requirements can be found on the ESPS website.

When we assess your application, we will be looking for a firm interest in social and political issues, including a demonstration of your ability to grasp theoretical concepts and analyse social trends. Your achievement in examinations is crucial but we also pay careful attention to your motivation and interests as expressed in your personal statement, and your referee’s report.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
A*A

**Subjects**
A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) preferred. Mathematics at A* required for full Economics specialism if chosen. French or Spanish required if one of these is to be studied as a major language. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry.

**GCSE**
English Language at grade B, plus Mathematics at grade C. 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 score of 19 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Higher level subjects to include French B or Spanish B at grade 6 if one of these is to be studied as a major language. A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) at higher level is normally a requirement. Mathematics at grade 7 at higher level is required for the full Economics specialism, if chosen. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry).

**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) - In years 1 and 2 students pay fees directly to Sciences Po (for details please refer to: www.sciencespo.fr/admissions); in years 3 and 4 fees are paid to UCL.

**Overseas:** £TBC (2017/18) - in years 1 and 2 students pay fees directly to Sciences Po (for details please refer to: www.sciencespo.fr/admissions); in years 3 and 4 fees are paid to UCL.

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

Details about financial support for 2016 entry are available at Sciences Po: Bursaries and financial aid.

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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