FINNISH AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES BA
UCAS CODE: RR67
2018 ENTRY

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Finnish and East European Studies BA /

The Finnish language is a member of the Uralic language family, which also includes Estonian and Hungarian. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Finnish culture, history, society and literature that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL is the only university in the UK where you can take a full-time degree in Finnish language and culture.

// The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of central, eastern and south-east Europe and Russia. The SSEES Library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

// You will benefit from frequent visits and lectures by prominent political, artistic and academic figures—prime ministers, foreign ministers, professors and writers.

// You will be able to make the most of the huge benefits of studying in London, a global city with sizeable east European communities. This city hosts a wide range of cultural events with an east European dimension.

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.

64% 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).

Your degree will train you to the highest level of proficiency in speaking, writing and understanding in your chosen language(s), whether you begin with no prior knowledge or already have a good command of the language. As you progress through the degree, compulsory language modules are tailored to your existing knowledge. You will also take a compulsory culture module each year.

You will be encouraged to develop and pursue your own interests by choosing optional modules from within three pathways:

Language and Literature
Social Science
History

Your third year is spent abroad. This will not only bring the language and culture you are studying to life, but also strengthen your resourcefulness and self-reliance. You will normally spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

YEAR ONE
Core or compulsory module(s)
  // Finnish Language
  Histories and Cultures of the Nordic Region

Optional modules
  // You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.

YEAR TWO
Core or compulsory module(s)
  // Finnish Language
  Finland: Environment, Society, and Culture

Optional modules
  // You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.

YEAR THREE
Year abroad
  // You will spend your third year abroad.

FINAL YEAR
Core or compulsory module(s)
  // Finnish Language or Freestanding Dissertation
  Finnish Society and Culture

Optional modules
  // You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.
Your learning

We have dedicated resources for language teaching, including technological support through computer-aided language learning facilities, video and DVD materials, and the Internet. The methods we will use to teach and assess you are varied, to ensure that they are best suited to the knowledge and skills being imparted or measured.

Assessment

Assessment will include written, oral and aural examinations, presentations, extended essays and a project undertaken during your year abroad.

Your career

The programme is designed to equip you with language fluency, cultural competence, historical knowledge and social understanding. Your ability to consider issues from an international perspective will be greatly enhanced and you will learn how to conduct research and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

With developed skills in critical reasoning, independent thinking and application of theoretical concepts you will be strongly placed to find employment in international organisations, particularly careers which cross international boundaries and use languages. Career prospects are likely to include finance, media, diplomacy, education, translation, research, and consultancy.

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from SSEES BA programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

// Full-time Student, MSc in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science
// Freelance music journalist
// Full-time student, PGCE at the University of Cambridge
// Accountant, Takeda SCE

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.

We will be particularly interested in your motivation for choosing this programme. In addition to academic requirements, you should demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in language study, and relate to us how your interest in the region was initiated. Literature, history and culture are key elements of the degree, and your interest in and experience of these fields of study are important.

If you are successful in obtaining an offer, you will normally be invited to an applicant open day, comprising introductory talks about SSEES and your degree, as well as a tour of UCL. You will also meet with a member of the teaching staff for your chosen degree programme.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
AAB-ABB

**Subjects**
No specific subjects.

**GCSE**
English Language and a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5.

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Points**
34-36 overall.

**Subjects**
A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, 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: £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](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/fees).

**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](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/fees) 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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