GEOGRAPHY BA / UCAS CODE: L700
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/geography
This integrated geography programme combines physical and human geography initially and then offers increasing opportunities for specialisation, including a Quantitative Methods pathway. Those choosing the BA will usually have studied social science or humanities subjects at A level or equivalent, but may transfer to the BSc if their interests develop in this direction.

Key information
Programme starts
September 2018
Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits
- You will gain a broad range of practical and project management skills, making you attractive to both the public and private sectors in the UK and around the world.
- We offer a wide range of optional modules and have a particularly low staff-to-student ratio, encouraging individual choice and personal supervision.
- We are proud of our consistently highly rated research record. You will therefore be working with thinkers at the cutting edge of developments in their fields.
- Resources include specialist GIS and satellite image analysis facilities; laboratories; a reference map collection; a dedicated reading room and first-class library resources.

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 Geography BA and BSc share core elements at the start, providing you with a strong geographical foundation on which to build. In year one you take two core modules and four optional modules, one of which can be outside the department.

In year two, compulsory modules are supplemented by six optional modules, including field research based courses, selected from a substantial pool. It is now possible to begin focusing on topics such as development geography, environmental and conservation management, urban geography, GIS and climate change.

Your dissertation is the main focus of year three. In this, you’ll work with a relevant academic to develop an original piece of research on a topic of your choice. In addition you take further optional modules, which may include participation in exchange programmes with universities in Australia, Canada, Europe or Singapore.

Fieldwork throughout the programme can take place both in the UK and abroad, and it is also possible to base your dissertation on an overseas project. Recent destinations include Australia, Belize, India, Montserrat and Papua New Guinea. Financial support for overseas fieldwork may be available through expedition funds.

YEAR ONE
Core or compulsory module(s)
- Thinking Geographically
- Geography in the Field

Core foundational modules
- You will select modules equivalent to 2.0 credits from a range including:
  - Global Events
  - Space and Society
  - The Earth
  - Environmental Change
  - Human Ecology
- You may also take one 0.5 credit module taught outside of Geography if you wish.

YEAR TWO
Core or compulsory module(s)
- Methods in Human Geography
- The Practice of Geography

Core intermediary modules
- You then select 3.0 credits of intermediary modules from the specialised areas below:
  - Human Geography: Cultural and Historical Geography; Development Geography; Environment and Society; Economic Geography; GIS and Geodemographics; Political Geography and Geopolitics; Urban Geography
  - Physical Geography: Ecological Patterns and Processes; Environmental Remote Sensing; Geomorphology; Hydroclimatology; Reconstructing Past Environments; Statistics for Environmental Geographers; Physical Geography Fieldclass
- You may also substitute an ancillary module from outside the department, allowing you (as in your first year) to continue developing particular language skills or start to become more specialised.
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.

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

// Disaster Resilience Officer, United Nations (UN)
// Retail Analyst, Tesco
// Graduate Analyst, Barclays
// Research Journalist, Daily Telegraph
// Transport Planner, Mott MacDonald

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAA-AAB

Subjects
Geography grade A required. For the Geography with Quantitative Methods stream, grade A in Mathematics is also required.

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
36-38 overall.

Subjects
A total of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in Geography, with no score below 5. For the Geography with Quantitative Methods stream, grade 6 in Mathematics at higher level is also required.

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: £24,040 (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.

Additional costs
Field courses in the second and third years are partly funded by the department, and partly self-funded by those students who choose to take them. The department does, however, provide bursaries for those students who are in receipt of a UCL bursary and who wish to undertake these courses. Further details are available on our 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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