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; Human Geography Fieldclass
  - 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.

Your learning

Your timetable will include lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes and fieldwork. As you progress, the focus shifts to independent and critical learning, with student-led discussions and presentations becoming more important.

Assessment

First year assessment combines independent coursework completed throughout the year, with end-of-year written examinations. In years two and three, assessment may vary - some modules combine written examinations with independent projects, some assessed solely by written examination. Your dissertation carries significant weight in your final year.

Your career

Having developed skills associated with both the sciences and the humanities, UCL geographers are particularly adept at taking different perspectives on an issue or problem. These skills make our graduates highly attractive to employers.

UCL geographers have a particularly good track record of securing excellent employment. This may be partly because of the significant project management skills they develop by undertaking their supported dissertation research.

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

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.
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. 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
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 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.

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\text{UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)} \\
\text{Overseas: £23,710 (2017/18)}
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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.

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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