The four-year German BA encompasses intense study of German language and culture from the earliest times to the present. This programme combines a strong emphasis on linguistic competence with an exceptional breadth of research-led teaching, offering a detailed understanding of the development of German culture and society.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- Studying German at UCL provides access to a broad range of subject areas, an innovative approach to learning and a rich tradition of research.
- Academic staff are prominent in their fields with expertise in medieval comedy, film and documentary-making, history, sociolinguistics, women’s writing and Austrian literature.
- Students play an active role in the department, organising an annual German play and hosting high-profile events. Some recent examples have included debates on EU expansion and Jewish identity in Germany.
- Resources within ten minutes’ walk include the British Library, the Institute for Germanic and Romance Studies, the German Historical Institute and the Wiener Library.

**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.

- 74% 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 first two years are essentially ‘contextual’, providing you with a broad overview and a methodological framework for your studies. Courses can be divided into the following broad areas:

- **Language** - discussion and essay, comprehension, translation, grammar
- **Literature and literary theory** - authors, themes, textual criticism
- **Cultural Studies** - interdisciplinary analysis, diverse forms of representation
- **Film** - history, theory and analysis of film
- **History/politics** - German and Austrian politics, and history and social and political theory
- **Linguistics** - linguistic theory, history of the language, sociolinguistics, political discourse

You may also take modules offered by SELCS, allowing you to study literature, film, art and culture from outside your subject area. This will enable you to focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective and draw on the full range of specialisms within the school.

You will spend your third year abroad in a German-speaking country: at a university, as an English language assistant within a school, or on an approved work placement. In your final year you will choose from a range of advanced options, allowing you to specialise in your own areas of interest.

**YEAR ONE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Introduction to German Language and Literature up to 1740
- Introduction to Modern German Literature
- Modern German Language I

**Optional modules**

- You will select 2.0 credits from German module options, including:
- An Introduction to German Film since 1945
- An Introduction to German History
- An Introduction to German Linguistics

**YOU will also choose interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include:**

- Aspects of Twentieth-Century German History
- Politics, Culture and Society in Germany Since 1945
- History of the German Language

**YEAR TWO**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Debating Enlightenment: Literature and Culture 1740-1870
- Love-Violence-Laughter: Medieval and Early Modern German Literature up to 1740
- Modern German Language II
- The Challenge of Modernity: Literature and Culture 1870-present

**Optional modules**

- You will select 1.5 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
- Aspects of Twentieth-Century German History
- An Introduction to German Film since 1945
- An Introduction to German Linguistics
- Politics, Culture and Society in Germany Since 1945
- History of the German Language
- SELCS interdisciplinary Intermediate Level modules
YEAR THREE

Year abroad

You will spend your third year abroad in a German-speaking country. Students currently complete:

- Any assessment required by a host university (if participating in a university exchange);
- A British Council Assistantship or work placement abroad.
- Whether you undertake an internship or a university placement, while you are on your year abroad you will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion.
- For further information and a list of partner universities please see the SELCS year abroad website.

Year abroad: further details

Institutions currently open to the programme include universities in Innsbruck, Berlin, Hamburg and other prestigious universities with whom UCL has partnership agreements.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Discussion and Essay in German
- Translation from and into German

Optional modules

You will select 3.0 credits from a wide range of modules within the German department. Options may include:

- Austrian Literature 1890-1938: From Empire to Republic
- Black Germany
- German Literature and Psychology
- German Political and Social Thought
- Imperial Germany
- Language, Power and Ideology
- Reading Modern Novels
- Surveillance
- Wolfram von Eschenbach: Parzival

ELCS Advanced Level modules

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from European Culture, Languages and Society programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers for this programme.

- Exhibitor Relations Assistant, Frieze Art Fair
- Associate Contract Specialist, EMC
- Archives Assistant (Graduate Trainee), Parliamentary Archives
- Graduate Account Executive, The Marketing Store

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.

In your application we will be looking for evidence of your aptitude for language learning, how you became interested in German language, literature, culture or society, what you are doing to further that interest, and why you wish to study this subject at degree level. Please note that single-honours German is not available from beginner’s level.

If your application demonstrates that your academic ability and motivation make you well-suited to our degree and you receive an offer, then we shall invite you to a post-offer open day, where you will be able to experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.

Your learning

This programme is delivered primarily through seminars, often including individual and group presentations and small-group exercises. You will also attend oral and translation classes in groups of 10 to 15 students. Lectures are less frequent, and are used to convey information which can then be discussed in the small-group teaching.

Assessment

The programme is examined in a variety of ways: timed examinations, assessed coursework, oral examinations, an assessed year abroad, assessed oral presentations, and five-day take-home papers.

Your career

Thanks to a combination of intellectual training, articulacy and vocational skills, our graduates find employment in many areas of business and commerce, as well as in the public sector (especially, but not exclusively, in education and culture).

While a significant number of our graduates choose to remain in the UK, others spend at least part of their working lives based elsewhere, often in German-speaking countries. Recent graduates have been very successful in gaining employment with leading companies such as Deutsche Bank, Google and The Wall Street Journal, and with organisations such as the British Council.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB

Subjects
German required.

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
36 overall.

Subjects
A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects, including German,
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 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) |
| Overseas: £17,710 (2017/18) |

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the
2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter
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
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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more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL
Undergraduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus