GERMAN AND HISTORY BA
UCAS CODE: RV21
2019 ENTRY

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This four-year programme combines study of the language and culture of the German-speaking countries with a wide range of history modules offered by UCL’s School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES).

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

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 and include acknowledged experts on medieval comedy, modern German literature and film, Austrian literature, German history, linguistics and psychology.

// Students play an active role in the department, organising an annual German play and hosting high-profile events. Recent examples have included a summit on the future of Anglo-German relations.

// Resources within ten minutes’ walk include the British Library, Senate House Library, the Institute for Modern Languages Research, the German Historical Institute and the Institute of Historical Research.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Years one and two are essentially ‘contextual’, providing you with a broad overview and a methodological framework for your studies. Modules can be divided into the following broad areas:

Language - discussion and essay-writing, reading 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 will also take SELCS interdepartmental modules focusing on literature, film, history and linguistics from outside your subject areas. This will enable you to focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing 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)

// German for Beginners (for students who have not taken German at A level or equivalent)
or
Modern German Language (for post-A level students)
// Introduction to Modern German Literature
or
Introduction to German Language and Literature up to 1740

Optional modules

// You will choose one module (subject to availability) from:
// An Introduction to German Film since 1945
// An Introduction to German History
// An Introduction to German Linguistics
// SELCS interdepartmental first-level modules which usually focus on literature, history, linguistics.
// In addition you will select 60 credits from a wide range of history modules taught in SSEES.
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Metropolen and Modern German Language II
- The Modern German Language - depending on your language level

You will also select one module from the following list (subject to availability):

- The Challenge of Modernity: Literature and Culture 1870-present
- Debating Enlightenment: Literature and Culture 1745-1870
- Love - Violence - Laughter: Medieval and Early Modern Literature and Culture

Optional modules

- You will select 30 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Aspects of Twentieth Century German History
  - History of the German Language
  - An Introduction to German Film since 1945
  - An Introduction to German Linguistics
  - Politics, Culture and Society in Germany since 1945
  - SELCS interdepartmental Intermediate modules
- In addition you will select 60 credits from a wide range of optional modules taught in SSEES, which may include:
  - Between Politics and Culture: German Ideas 1890-1970
  - Fascism and Authoritarianism in Eastern Europe 1918-1945
  - History of Modern Germany

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

- You will spend your third year abroad in a German-speaking country.
- You can participate in a university placement with one of our partner universities, undertake a work placement or British Council language assistantship abroad (subject to availability/approval), to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion. The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects.

Optional modules

- You will select 45 credits from a wide range of optional modules within the German department, which may include:
  - Austrian Literature 1890-1938: From Empire to Republic
  - Black Germany
  - German Fiction and German History
  - German Literature and Psychology
  - German Political and Social Thought
  - Imperial Germany
  - Language, Power and Ideology
  - Reading Modern Novels
  - Empathy
  - Surveillance
  - SELCS interdepartmental advanced modules
- You will also select 60 credits from a wide range of optional modules taught in SSEES, which may include:
  - East and West through Travel Writing: The Limits and Divisions of Europe
  - The Russian Revolution
  - Urban Culture and Modernity: Vienna-Prague-Budapest, 1857-1938

Your learning

Teaching is delivered primarily through small seminar groups, often including individual and group presentations and small-group exercises. Lectures are less frequent, and are used to convey information which can then be discussed in small-group teaching.

Assessment

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

Your career

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 of German-related programmes have been very successful in gaining employment with companies such as Deutsche Bank, Google, the Wall Street Journal and with organisations such as the British Council.

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

- Full-time student, MA/MLitt in German and Comparative Literature, Universität Bonn (University of Bonn)

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. We will hope to discover how you became interested in history and in German language, literature, culture or society, what you are doing to further your interests, and why you wish to study these subjects at degree 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.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** AAB. History required, foreign language preferred.

**Contextual Offer:** BBB. History required, foreign language preferred.

**GCSE**

English Language at grade B or 6, plus 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**

**Standard Offer:** 36. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including History and preferably a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 32. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects including History and preferably a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**

As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**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)**

UCL 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.

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**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2019/20 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2019/20)
- **Overseas:** £19,970 (2019/20)

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**

If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**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/ucl-and-europe

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