GERMAN AND HISTORY BA / UCAS CODE: RV21
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/elcs
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 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 and include one of the leading British historians of the German Democratic Republic as well as acknowledged experts on medieval comedy, 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. 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 Institute of Historical Research.

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 from SELCS, which will allow you to study literature, film, art and culture 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. You will take half your modules in each discipline.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

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

Optional modules

// You will select one module from:
// An Introduction to German Film since 1945
An Introduction to German History
An Introduction to German Linguistics
ELCS First Year Level modules
// In addition you will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of history modules taught in SSEES.
can then be discussed in small-group teaching.

You will also attend oral and translation classes in groups of 10 to 15 students.

Six months after graduation.

Data taken from the 'Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education' survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts.

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 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 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 in Newspaper Journalism at Cardiff University (Prifysgol Caerdydd)
- Primary School Class Teacher (Year 5), Unspecified Primary School
- Full-time student, MA/MLitt in German and Comparative Literature, Universität Bonn
- Full-time student, College of Law
- Heritage and Publicity Intern, City of London Corporation

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. There, you will be able to experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB

Subjects
History required, foreign language preferred.

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 History and preferably a foreign language, 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 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.

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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