History BA /

Studying history at UCL gives you opportunities to explore the subject which are probably unrivalled anywhere else in the UK or Europe. This flexible degree programme offers an exceptional range of modules, enabling you to study ancient, medieval and modern history, from the third millennium BCE to the contemporary world.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Drawing upon UCL History, related UCL departments, including the Institute of the Americas and the School of Slavonic & East European Studies, and relevant University of London colleges, the programme offers a wide variety of courses spanning extraordinary chronological and geographical range.

// Specialisms of the department include the history of the ancient Near East, the history of the Americas, the cultural and intellectual history of Europe, and transnational history.

// The flexible programme structure allows you to pursue your own intellectual passions. You are encouraged to study languages and can take courses in related subjects such as archaeology or anthropology.

// Exceptional resources, including the British Museum and the British Library, are within walking distance, and other London-based museums and organisations provide unrivalled opportunities for accessing primary source material.

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.

// 82% 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 programme includes three first-year core modules, a further core module and a research project of 5,000 words in the second year, and a dissertation, a special subject, and options chosen from a range of full-year and half-year modules in the final year.

We strongly encourage all our students to gain maximum benefit from the chronological range of expertise in the department by taking at least one module in each of ancient history; medieval or early modern history; and modern history.

Beyond these requirements the syllabus is very flexible. You may take up to 1.0 credit a year from another discipline, such as archaeology, geography, history of art, or a language.

In your second and third year you may choose specialist history courses offered throughout the University of London.

Teaching is delivered via lectures and seminars, and one-to-one tutorials provide personal feedback on essays. All seminar groups are capped at a maximum of 15; final-year dissertation subjects at a maximum of 10.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Writing History
Making History
Concepts, Categories and the Practice of History

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits of optional modules, including at least 1.0 credit from a wide range of options in History. Options may include:

Remaining credits can be selected from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Evolving History
Research Seminar (5,000-word research project)

Optional modules

// You will select 3.0 credits of optional modules, including at least 2.0 credits from a wide range of options in History. Options may include:

Up to 1.0 credit can be selected from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.
**FINAL YEAR**

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Dissertation

Optional modules

- You will select 3.0 credits of optional modules, including at least 1.0 credit from a History Special Subject, at least 1.0 credit from History full-year and half-year modules (which may include an approved intercollegiate module) and up to 1.0 credit from another department or discipline.
- History Special Subject options may include:
  - Mechanisms of Power: Running the Roman Empire c. 70 BC-AD 275
  - Antipodean Encounters: Aborigines, Convicts and Settlers in New South Wales c. 1770-1860
  - A Perfect Dictatorship? State and Society in Mexico, 1940-1982
  - Between Order and Disorder: Cities in the Late Medieval Mediterranean World
  - Moving the World: The Automobile as the Fetish of the Twentieth Century

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**Your learning**

Many of our modules include lectures, but our approach to learning mainly places emphasis on active student participation in seminar discussion (usually in groups of 15). Essays you write will be returned to you in individual face-to-face tutorials to provide constructive, personal feedback.

**Assessment**

Your work will be assessed by a mixture of examinations and written coursework. Significant weight is given to an extended essay, based on original sources, produced in your final year.

**Your career**

The programme is designed to teach many transferable skills: how to gather and organise evidence; how to analyse it and present a structured argument; how to express yourself clearly both in writing and orally.

UCL’s History graduates have excelled in a wide range of occupations, as lawyers, financial advisers, stockbrokers, television producers, diplomats, journalists, bankers, teachers, and in the health service, the police and overseas development programmes, as well as in progressing to further study.

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

- Analyst, Goldman Sachs
- Full-time student, MA in Politics, Security and Integration at UCL
- Advertising Account Executive, Blac Agency
- Business Analyst, Deloitte
- Full-time student, MA in History at UCL

**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.

Each candidate’s profile is considered as a complete picture, taking into account your interest in and suitability for the degree, as shown in your personal statement and referee’s report, as well as achieved and predicted grades. Your ability to present an argument, evidence of intellectual curiosity and your enthusiasm for and commitment to studying history will also be assessed.

Promising applicants will be asked to complete and return a questionnaire to help us in determining whether to offer a place.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
A*A-A

Subjects
History 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
38-39 overall.

Subjects
A score of 18-19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in History, 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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