HISTORY (CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN) AND JEWISH STUDIES BA
UCAS CODE: VV23
2018 ENTRY

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History (Central and East European) and Jewish Studies BA /

This four-year programme combines the study of Jewish cultural history with the study of the land (and associated languages and cultures) where many Jewish communities had their homes. The third year is spent abroad, in Jerusalem and/or in a relevant central or east European country.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies is the only department of its kind in the UK and is highly regarded worldwide.

// The programme is taught by acknowledged specialists in the field, all of whom are actively engaged in research. This will enable you to keep up-to-date with the latest debates, issues and discoveries.

// UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of central, east and south-east Europe and Russia. The SSEES library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

// You will have access to a remarkable collection of Hebrew, Yiddish, and Judaica books in the UCL Library, as well as to the special collections of the British Library, the Wiener Library, and the National Archives.

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.

// 78% 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).

Year one introduces you to the study of central and east European history and Jewish studies at the university level. In years two and four you can focus on topics of specific interest to you by choosing modules that examine particular periods and themes in east European and Jewish history. You can also study one or more relevant languages such as Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Polish, or Ukrainian. Your third year is spent abroad, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and/or in a relevant central or east European country.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// History of Eastern Europe since 1856
// Modern Historiography
// Seminars in History
// Survey of Jewish History 2: From Medieval to Early Modern Europe
// Survey of Jewish History 3: The Modern World

Optional modules

// You will select 1.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules, including:
// Elementary Yiddish
// Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
// Introduction to Biblical and Rabbinic Literature
// Introduction to Hebrew Literature: Medieval to Modern
// Introduction to Israeli Culture, Society and Politics
// Introduction to Jewish Languages
// Introduction to Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism
// Introduction to Modern Hebrew
// Introduction to Modern, Jewish Literature
// Introduction to the Study of Judaism
// Survey of Jewish History 1: The Ancient and Medieval Near East

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// All second year modules are optional.

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules within the department of Hebrew & Jewish Studies. A further 2.0 credits will be selected from SSEES.

YEAR THREE

// Year three involves studying a full-time programme at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and/or a central or east European university of your choice.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// All final year modules are optional.

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules in Hebrew & Jewish Studies and a further 2.0 credits from SSEES, including the option of taking a final-year dissertation of 10,000 words for the value of 1.0 credit.
Your learning

History modules are taught through lectures and seminars. Modern language study includes oral work, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and translation exercises.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by an end-of-year written examination, several essays and/or other types of coursework. Language modules are also assessed by oral examinations.

Your career

Together with subject-specific knowledge, you will acquire discipline-based skills in historical research, methodology and analysis, in addition to transferable skills such as working as part of a team, analysing and solving problems, organising your time and resources, and structuring and communicating your ideas verbally and in writing.

Our graduates take up employment in diverse fields including banking and finance, journalism, publishing, the museum sector, and librarianship. Many choose to pursue further study, either continuing within the field or training in law or teaching (primary and secondary).

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from Greek & Latin programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

- Full-time student, Graduate Diploma in Law at the BPP Law School
- Assistant Project Worker, Barnardos (2013)
- Librarian, Brunel University (2013)
- Librarian, the British Library (2012)
- Full-time student, PhD at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2011)

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 particularly interested in your motivation to study the history of central and eastern Europe, and your interest in broad matters of language, literature and culture. We will also be interested to learn of experiences you may have had relating to east European and Jewish studies, such as courses attended, travel, and wider reading.

The selection process is conducted on the basis of your UCAS application and personal statement. If you receive an offer for a place on a programme, you will be invited to visit UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and the UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies as well as tour the campus.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
ABB

Subjects
History required.

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
Points
34 overall.

Subjects
A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including 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 2018/19
academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the
programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that
will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the
programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential
increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans,
scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income
cfalls 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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advice nor relied upon and does not form part of any contract. For
more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL
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