LONDON’S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

HISTORY WITH A EUROPEAN LANGUAGE BA /
UCAS CODE: V1R9
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/history
History with a European Language BA

This four-year flexible degree programme introduces you to anglophone and continental European traditions in academic history as well as to an ambitious range of themes, geographical areas and chronological periods. You will spend your third year studying at a European university, where teaching is conducted in another language.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Gain the experience of living and studying in another European country. In recent years countries have included France (Paris, the Sorbonne), Germany (Berlin, Humboldt Universität), Spain (Seville) and Italy (Venice, Università Ca’ Foscari).

// Develop a high level of linguistic competence, through the compulsory language requirement at UCL and through studying at a university on the continent that teaches in the applicable European language.

// Drawing upon UCL History, related UCL departments and relevant University of London colleges, the programme offers a wide variety of modules spanning extraordinary chronological breadth and geographical range.

// 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, at least nine months studying at a foreign institution in the third year, a final-year special subject, and options chosen from a range of full-year and half-year modules. You will take 1.0 credit of language modules in each of the first two years to prepare for the year abroad.

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

Teaching is delivered via lectures, seminars and one-to-one tutorials. 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
Language Module

Optional modules

// You will select one full-year module from the wide range of options available within UCL History, to the value of 1.0 credit. Options may include:
// The Near East 1200-336 BC: Empires and Pastoralists
Europe in the Early Middle Ages, 400-1000
Britain and the Wider World, 1878-1982
Building the American Nation: the United States 1789-1920
History and Politics in Latin America c. 1930 to the Present

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

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

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of history modules, including at least one full-year module taught in UCL History. Options may include:
// Britons Abroad: The British Experience in Continental Europe, 1689-1800
Queer Histories in Britain 1880s-1980s
The World on Film: Cinema History 1895-1929
Templars, Heretics, Hermits and Antipopes
African Cities - Past and Present
Year abroad key information

Students will follow modules over one academic year at another institution in lieu of modules they would have been taking at UCL. Students should not submit an application to study abroad until they have established that the host institution offers modules compatible with the requirements of their UCL degree. No allowances will be made for non-native speakers by our partner institutions, so students must be confident operating in the target language at an advanced level. Students will receive guidance for their year abroad from the History department during the Autumn Term of the second year. Work placements are not offered.

Year abroad: further details

In recent years host institutions for this programme have included:

- Université de Paris Sorbonne (Paris IV)
- Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia
- Universidad de Sevilla

Note: students cannot study at an institution where UCL does not have a bilateral exchange set up.

Visit UCL Study Abroad for further details including passports and visas, accommodation, and tuition fees.

Download departmental study abroad information sheet.

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 of up to 1.0 credit from another department or discipline. History Special Subject options may include:
  - Mechanisms of Power: Running the Roman Empire c. 70BC-AD 275
  - Antipodean Encounters: Aborigines, Convicts and Settlers in New South Wales c. 1770-1850
  - 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

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:

- Self-Employed Business Owner, myInternSwap
- Full-time student, MA in European History, UCL
- Full-time student, MA in Transnational Studies, UCL
- Business Development Executive, More2
- Financial Consultant, McKinsey & Company

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*AA-AAA

Subjects
History and a European language required.

GCSE

English Language and 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
38-39 overall.

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