HISTORY WITH A EUROPEAN LANGUAGE BA /
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2019 ENTRY

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Studying history at UCL gives you opportunities to explore the subject which are unrivalled anywhere else in the UK or Europe. 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 2019

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.

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).

The programme includes three first-year core modules, a further core module and a research project 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 30 credits 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
// Approaching 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 30 credits. Options may include:
// The Hellenistic World from Alexander to the End of the Attalid Kingdom
// The Medieval Universe
// British History 1850-1990
// Building the American Nation: The United States 1789-1920
// History of Latin America c.1830-c.1930

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Research Seminar
// Language module
// During the Spring Term students will participate in the Study Abroad Preparation Programme, the successful completion of which is a prerequisite for progression to the year abroad.

Optional modules

// You will select 60 credits from a wide range of history modules, including at least one full-year module taught in UCL History. Options may include:
// Enlightenment and Revolution: Europe 1715-1805
// London in the Twentieth Century: From Imperial to Global City
// American History in Hollywood Film
// Islamic Empires in a Comparative Perspective: The Foundations of Mediterranean Politics in the Age of Crusades
// Africa, Decolonization and Internationalism
YEAR THREE

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 90 credits of optional modules, including at least 30 credits from a History Special Subject, at least 30 credits from History full-year and half-year modules (which may include an approved intercollegiate module) and of up to 30 credits from another department or discipline. History Special Subject options may include:
  - Competitive Men: The Politics of Competition in Ancient Greece
  - Passages to Jerusalem: The Crusades and the Medieval World
  - Great Britain and the American Colonies, 1760-1776
  - Che Guevara: The Making of a Revolutionary
  - Race and Resistance in Black Atlantic Thought

Your learning

Our approach to learning places emphasis on active student participation in seminar discussion (always in groups of fifteen or fewer). Some modules, particularly in your first year, will also include lectures. Essays you write will always be returned to you in individual face-to-face tutorials in which you will receive 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 of this programme include:

  - Self-Employed Business Owner, myInternSwap
  - MA European History, University College London (UCL)
  - MA Transnational Studies, University College London (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.

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 six months after graduation.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Standard Offer: AAA. History and a European language required.

Contextual Offer: ABB. A in History, plus 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

Standard Offer: 38. A score of 18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in History and a European language, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 34. A score of 16 points in three higher level subject including grade 6 in History plus a European language required, 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/prospectus

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.

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.

Additionial 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). Information regarding funding for the Year Abroad element of the course can be found on the UCL Study Abroad 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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