HISTORY WITH A EUROPEAN LANGUAGE BA / UCAS CODE: V1R9 2017 ENTRY

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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
Location

Degree benefits

// Gain the experience of living and studying in a European city, normally France (Paris, the Sorbonne), Germany (Berlin, Humboldt Universität), Spain (Seville) or 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 courses 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:

// Building the American Nation: the United States 1789-1920
Enlightenment and Revolution: Europe 1715-1805
Europe in the Early Middle Ages
History and Politics in Latin America c. 1930 to present
The Near East 1200-336 BC: Empires and Pastoralists

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Evolving History
Research Seminar (6,000-word research project)
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 2.0 credits from a wide range of history modules, including at least one full-year module taught in UCL History. Options may include:

// Law’s Empire: Legal Cultures in the British Colonial World
Penal Era or Golden Age? Ireland 1689-1801
The Human and Its Others: Enlightenment Ideas of Ethnicity and Race
The United States and International Human Rights since 1941
Women in Antiquity
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

- Institutions currently open to the programme include:
  - Université de Paris Sorbonne (Paris IV)
  - Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
  - Universiteit Leiden
  - 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:
  - Antipodean Encounters: Aborigines, Convicts and Settlers in New South Wales c. 1770-1850
  - Abraham Lincoln and the Crisis of the Union, 1854-65
  - Great Britain and the American Colonies
  - Mechanisms of Power: Running the Roman Empire

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 (2010-2013) of this programme include:

- Full-time student, MA in History with Economics at the University of Cambridge
- Trainee Accountant, Ernst & Young
- Social Worker, Frontline
- Trainee Accountant, Lloyds
- Full-time student, MSc in International Public Policy 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 supply further information to help us in determining whether to offer a place.

*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 2012-2014 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.*
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
A*AA-AAA

**Subjects**
History and a European language 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 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 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2017/18)
- **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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