HISTORY AND POLITICS OF THE AMERICAS WITH A YEAR ABROAD BA / UCAS CODE: T7V2 2018 ENTRY

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History and Politics of the Americas with a Year Abroad BA /

This new four-year programme offers an innovative curriculum that aims to provide understanding of the historical, political, social, and international issues concerning the Americas. Our teaching combines education in history, social sciences, research methods, and language competence to prepare students for a wide range of global careers. This programme enhances students’ learning and cultural awareness with a compulsory year abroad.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// The Institute of the Americas is the largest centre for the study of the Americas (including Canada, the US, Latin America, and the Caribbean) in the UK.

// Our programme provides a rigorous introduction to history and politics, as well as the possibility to specialise in one of these subjects after year one. You will gain new knowledge and expertise in your subject area as you take additional modules.

// You will enjoy an interdisciplinary environment designed for both home and international students who are interested in professional and academic careers in diplomacy, government, business, international charities, NGOs, and the education sector.

// You will spend your third year abroad in a top-ranked university in the Caribbean, Latin America, or North America.

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.

// 80% 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).

Our aim is to provide a thorough grounding and opportunities for specialisation in history and politics. Alongside the development of disciplinary expertise, the degree programme promotes cross-disciplinary insight. You will learn how politics and societies evolve, how different disciplinary perspectives relate to each other, and how these perspectives can combine to give a more nuanced understanding of the Americas and their global relevance.

In years one and two you will take two core modules each year plus options in history and politics. You will also have the opportunity to study a language relevant to your year-abroad destination.

You will spend year three studying relevant modules at a host institution in North America, Latin America or the Caribbean.

In your final year, you will take an advanced module, designed to encourage you to engage with contemporary issues and share your knowledge with audiences outside UCL. You will also complete a dissertation and take history and politics optional modules.

YEAR ONE

Core compulsory module(s)

// Key Concepts in the Study of the Americas
// Introduction to Politics

Optional modules

// Languages (Spanish, Portuguese, or French)
// History and Politics of Latin America, c. 1930-present
// The Making of Modern America: The United States since 1920

YEAR TWO

Core compulsory module(s)

// Research Methods for International Studies
// Politics and Society in the Americas

Optional modules

// Building the American Nation: The United States, 1798-1920
// The Making of Modern America: The United States since 1920
// History of Latin America, c. 1830-c. 1900
// History and Politics of Latin America, c. 1800-present
// London and the United States: The Difference a City Makes
// The History and Politics of US Popular Culture in the Twentieth Century
// Protest Politics in the USA from the New Deal to the Tea Party
// Political Economy of Latin America: Institutions and Economic Growth
// International Politics of Latin America
// Democratization in Latin America
// Power and Politics in Everyday Life: Topics in the Anthropology of Latin America
// Language (Spanish, Portuguese, or French)

YEAR THREE

Year abroad
**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Contemporary Issues and Texts in the Americas
- Dissertation

**Optional modules**

- The History and Politics of US Popular Culture in the Twentieth Century
- Queer USA: The Politics of Sexual Minorities in the United States since World War Two
- American Radicalisms 1945–1969
- We Shall Overcome: The Civil Rights Movement in America
- Protest Politics in the USA from the New Deal to the Tea Party
- Race and Resistance in Black Atlantic Thought
- Che Guevara: The Making of a Revolutionary
- Crime, Violence and Control in the Americas
- Money and Politics in the Americas
- Human Rights in the Americas
- International Politics of Latin America
- Democratisation in Latin America
- Political Ecologies of the Americas

**Your learning**

Teaching is based on lectures, seminar discussions, workshops, and individual coursework feedback. Core year one modules are taught comparatively, thematically and jointly by disciplinary and regional experts. As the degree progresses, seminars become smaller, more focused and students will follow their research interests to specialise in disciplines and regions of their choice.

**Assessment**

Assessment will be based on various types of written coursework and formal examinations, with learning also evaluated through speaking contributions and oral presentations. Students’ ability to engage with external audiences will be assessed in the year four core module. There is an emphasis on the acquisition of research skills via the completion of a research methods module (year two) and a 10,000-word dissertation (year four).

**Your career**

Our graduates, equipped with both multidisciplinary competences and area expertise, will be well situated for careers in the private and public sectors (in fields including finance, politics, diplomacy, teaching, NGOs, and international organisations). We also anticipate they will be well equipped to move on to further study and research.

As the first cohort of students for this programme will not graduate until 2022, there is no career destination information currently available. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from History programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

**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.

Your application will be considered on its merits, taking into account your interest in and suitability for the degree. This should be demonstrated through your personal statement, referee’s report, and achieved and predicted grades. You should be able to demonstrate an enthusiasm for the study of at least one region of the Americas covered by the degree (the Caribbean, Latin America, and the US), as well as curiosity about those areas with which you are less familiar.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**
Grades
AAA
Subjects
No specific subjects.

**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 overall.
Subjects
A score of 18 points in three higher level subjects, 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: TBC (2018/19)

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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