HISTORY WITH A YEAR ABROAD
BA /
UCAS CODE: V104
2017 ENTRY

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Studying history at UCL gives you opportunities to explore the subject which are probably unrivalled anywhere else in the UK or Europe. This four-year degree combines the flexibility of the History BA programme with the opportunity to spend the third year studying abroad at an institution in North or South America, or Ireland.

**Key information**

### Programme starts

**Location**

### Degree benefits

- Spend your third year of study at the Catholic University of Chile, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA, the University of Texas in Austin, USA, University College Dublin, Ireland or the University of Toronto in Canada.
- 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.
- Specialisms of the department include the history of the ancient Near East, the history of the Americas, the cultural and intellectual history of Europe, and transnational history.
- Exceptional resources, including the British Museum and 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 courses. During the year abroad you will take the equivalent of 4.0 credits at your host university.

We encourage 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.

Beyond these requirements the syllabus is very flexible. You may take up to 1.0 credit a year from another discipline, such as a language, history of art, archaeology or geography. In your second and final year you may choose specialist history modules offered throughout the University of London.

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

#### Optional modules

- 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

Remaining credits can be selected from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.

### YEAR TWO

#### Core or compulsory module(s)

- Evolving History
- Research Seminar (5,000-word research project)
- 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 3.0 credits of optional modules, including at least 2.0 credits from a wide range of options in 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
- Up to 1.0 credit can be selected from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.
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. For students interested in the Chile exchange, Spanish is required. 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 and allocation of placements from the History department during the autumn term of the second year. Work placements are not offered.

Year abroad: further details

// Institutions open to the programme include:
// University of Pennsylvania
// University of Texas at Austin
// University of California
// John Hopkins University
// University of Michigan
// University of Toronto
// Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (UC-Chile)
// University of Leiden
// University College Dublin

// 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 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.

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
A*AA-AAA

Subjects
History 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, 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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This information is for guidance only. It should not be construed as advice nor relied upon and does not form part of any contract. For more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

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