Human Sciences BSc /

UCL is one of the few universities in the UK to offer a Human Sciences programme. This interdisciplinary degree draws on teaching from a range of departments, and offers enormous flexibility and opportunity for you to develop your own areas of interest and specialisation in the study of humankind.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- You will benefit from being exposed to a variety of disciplinary approaches in the contributing departments and access to outstanding departmental resources.
- The programme offers a wide choice of individual module combinations from life sciences, social and historical sciences and physical sciences.
- This degree programme has strong pastoral and academic support. The Human Sciences Tutor and your Personal Tutor will be available for consultation on structuring your programme.
- A student committee organises academic and social events for Human Sciences students, such as a guest speaker series.

**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.

- Interdisciplinary programme: see contributing departments

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).

In your first year you will mostly follow a common syllabus, taking modules in human structure and function (anatomy, physiology, cell biology, molecular biology, and genetics) and in human interactions (anthropology and psychology). Students may also choose between the modules Human Ecology, Revealing Science, and a module in a modern foreign language.

In year two you will take the compulsory module, The Human Sciences in Society, in which you will work in a group to explore a topic of your group’s choice within the social sciences. You will also undertake Statistical Methods in Computing.

In year three your compulsory module will be the Human Sciences Seminar Project, wherein you design and carry out a small research project, which you will then write up as a dissertation.

You will choose your remaining modules in years two and three from the extensive range of options in biomedical, biological, environmental, social, historical or philosophical subjects.

**YEAR ONE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- Introduction to Genetics
- Introduction to Human Anatomy
- Introduction to Human Sciences
- Introduction to Psychology for Biologists
- Mammalian Physiology

**Optional modules**
- Either:
  - Human Ecology: Geographical Perspectives
  - Revealing Science
  - Modern Foreign Language
  - to the value of 0.5 credits.

**YEAR TWO**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**
- The Human Sciences in Society
- Introductory Statistical Methods and Computing

**Optional modules**
- You will select 3.0 credits from a wide choice of optional modules. Popular examples include:
  - Human Anatomy and Embryology
  - Drugs and the Mind
  - Human Behavioural Ecology
  - Immunology
  - Primate Behavioural Ecology
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.

**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**
- Human Sciences Seminar Project

**Optional modules**
- You will select 3.0 credits from a wide choice of optional modules. Examples include:
  - Ethics of Biomedical Research
  - Clocks, Sleep and Biological Time
  - Disease in History
  - Evolution and Human Behaviour
  - Modern Languages
  - Policy Issues in the Life Sciences

**Your learning**

The first year is taught through lectures, small-group tutorials, workshops, practicals and laboratory sessions. Your second-year core module will involve lectures, group work and debates. The optional modules taken in other departments will be taught in a variety of ways according to the nature of the module and the usual practice of the department concerned.

**Assessment**

Assessments include essays, web-based examinations, written examinations, practical reports, briefing papers and debating performance. The third-year dissertation is assessed solely on the basis of the written report. However, you will be required to make a short presentation of your topic in the second term.

**Your career**

The programme aims to provide wide and scientific knowledge of the life of humans. Graduates of the programme will be scientifically literate, numerate and easily able to communicate across a wide range of disciplines.

The Human Sciences BSc teaches a broad range of knowledge across many different subject areas. It is therefore no surprise that our graduates have entered a variety of careers: journalism, nutrition, science communication, management, accountancy, teaching and the finance industry.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:
- MSc Technology Entrepreneurship, University College London (UCL)
- Accounts Assistant, Batra Group
- Business Banker, Barclays
- Analyst Developer, Deloitte
- Project Manager, Invest Lithuania

**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.

The Human Sciences BSc is very popular, consequently entry to the programme is competitive. When assessing your application we will be looking for proven and predicted examination performance, and also for evidence of your interest in both sciences and humanities, for example in the breadth of your A level or other qualifying studies.

All candidates will be considered on the basis of their UCAS application. Criteria will include proven and predicted academic performance, a clear demonstration of your desire to study a broad-based interdisciplinary degree, your understanding of what the degree entails, and your initiative, motivation and communication skills.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**

AAA

**Subjects**

Science subject required, preferably Biology.

**GCSE**

English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. 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 overall.

**Subjects**

A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including science (preferably Biology at grade 6), with no score below 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.

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**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: £24,040 (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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