Italian Studies: UCL-Venice Double Degree BA /

The unique UCL-Venice Double Degree in Italian Studies integrates two different learning experiences, teaching methods, and modes of assessment, spanning two different countries and cultures. This challenging programme, taught between London and Venice, represents a new model for the teaching of language and literature in higher education. As the first two years of this programme are taught in Italy, prior knowledge of Italian is essential.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// You will gain an enhanced linguistic competence and the ability to mediate between different cultural contexts. These are qualities that are sought after by global employers.

// Venice, one of the most important cities of the medieval world, offers unparalleled cultural experiences in the form of history, art, architecture, and literature.

// Exceptional resources for Italian studies are available in the UCL Library, including five special collections on Italian studies. UCL also hosts a substantial video library of Italian films. The Warburg Institute Library is within short walking distance of the Italian department.

// The department regularly welcomes distinguished visitors, including academics, critics, and writers. These visitors conduct seminars and workshops and otherwise contribute to the academic environment. You will be able to make the most of a partnership with Filmitalia.

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).

During the first two years enrolled at Ca’ Foscari, you will take compulsory modules in Italian literature, linguistics and history. You will also be able to choose from a range of optional modules, allowing you to develop areas of personal interest. The majority of teaching will be in Italian.

In your first two years you will be a fully enrolled University of Venice student.

During the last two years at UCL, you will have the opportunity to consolidate your learning by choosing from a vast range of modules available from the Italian Department and SELCS. These modules may focus on literature, history, linguistics and film.

Your final dissertation will be supervised by both UCL and Ca’ Foscari. You will have the benefit of resources available to students at both universities.

You will be fully supported and supervised during your studies in Venice and London by a Director of Studies and through a tutor system. This structure is there to help you choose a coherent curriculum and enable you to get the most out of both locations.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Letteratura italiana Istituzioni di filologia Linguistica italiana I Storia della lingua italiana

Optional modules

// You will choose one History module, subject to availability, from:
  // Storia Romana
  // Storia Contemporanea
  // Storia Greca
  // Storia Medioevale
  // Storia Moderna

// and two Performing Arts modules, subject to availability, from:
  // Critica musicale
  // Fondamenti di storia della fotografia
  // Storia del cinema europeo
  // Storia del teatro e dello spettacolo

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Critica e Teoria Letteraria Letteratura Italiana Contemporanea Italiano professionale Analisi del film e del linguaggio audiovisivo Co-tutoring of the final project

Optional modules

// You will choose two Italian Literature modules, subject to availability from:
  // Letteratura italiana 1 (Mediavale)
  // Letteratura italiana 2 (Umanistica)
  // Letteratura italiana 3 (Rinascimentale e Barocca)
  // Letteratura italiana 4 (lluministica e Romantica)

// and one Latin or Classical Culture subject from:
  // Lingua e letteratura latina
  // Introduzione alla cultura classica
YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- You will take a linguistics module offered by UCL, and either English Academic Writing and Translation Skills or Second-Year Italian Language.

Optional modules

- You will choose modules in Italian Literature, History, Sociology, and Culture from a selection that may include:
  - Dante, Purgatorio Renaissance Authors
  - Italian Literature 1860-1925
  - The Italian Novel
  - (*at least two Italian Literature modules must be taken over Year 3 and Final Year)
  - Fascist anti-Semitism and the Race Laws of 1938
  - Docudrama in Contemporary Italian Cinema
  - Futurism in Italy
  - (*at least three Cultural/History/Sociology modules must be taken over Year 3 and Final Year)

Please note that these will be subject to availability.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- You will take a Final Year linguistics module offered by UCL and Final Year Italian Language. You will also complete a Final Year dissertation.

Optional modules

- You will choose modules in Italian Literature, History, Sociology, and Culture from a selection that may include:
  - Dante: Divina Commedia
  - Dante and Petrarch
  - Poesia Italiana tra Otto e Novecento
  - The Contemporary Italian Novel
  - Michelangelo: Painter, Sculptor and Poet
  - (*at least two Italian Literature modules must be taken over Year 3 and Final Year)
  - Marriage and Divorce Italian Style (1861-1975)
  - Nation, Culture and Society
  - Cultures of Tradition and Modernity
  - (*at least three History/Sociology modules must be taken over Year 3 and Final Year)

Please note these are subject to availability.

Your learning

The first two years are studied at Ca’ Foscari and follow their degree structure. This will consist of 70% compulsory modules and 30% selected optional modules. Teaching is conducted via classroom teaching and in workshops — there is also the opportunity for internships.

The final two years are taught at UCL and will include language and cultural modules. Teaching is delivered in lecture and seminars. Final dissertations are overseen by both UCL and Venice.

Assessment

You will be examined through continuous assessment, take-home essays, presentations and oral and unseen examinations. For some modules, you may choose between an extended essay and a formal examination. The final dissertation is optional; and if selected, it is written in English.

Your career

By the final year, we aim to equip you with spoken and written language skills similar to those of an educated Italian. The language and transferable skills developed throughout the degree can be applied in a wide variety of professions both in the UK and abroad.

Our graduates find employment in numerous areas, including teaching, media, journalism and other arts-related fields as well as in the commercial and industrial sectors. Some students may continue studying Italian at graduate level by way of taught MA programmes and research leading to an MPhil and PhD.

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.

In your application, you should demonstrate an interest in developing an international understanding of literature, culture and history. A reasonably mature approach to studies, the capability to face the challenges of living abroad, and an interest in Italian are all of paramount importance. Involvement in cultural activities in the language (i.e. reading newspapers and magazines, watching television and films or engaging with relevant communities) is regarded favourably, as is travel to the country in question.

If your application demonstrates that your academic ability and motivation make you well suited to our degree and you receive an offer, then we will invite you to a Post Offer Open Day where you can experience the sort of teaching we offer as well as life in SELCS. There is the possibility of interviews for students who know Italian but have no formal qualifications in order to verify that their competences are sufficient to enrol on this degree.
Entry requirements

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Standard Offer: AAB. Italian required.

Contextual Offer: BBB. Italian required.

GCSE

English Language at grade B or 6, plus 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: 36. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including Italian, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 32. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects including Italian, with 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/ug-reqs

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 at UCL) 1st and 2nd year students pay fees directly to Ca’Foscari Venice; for 2019 entry are still to be confirmed (details: http://unive.it/); 3rd and 4th year fees are paid to UCL.

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Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional 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).

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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