Latin and English BA

This three-year degree programme offers you the opportunity to study Latin and English in parallel, and to gain knowledge of two diverse bodies of language, literature and culture, and the relations between them. The programme allows you to develop your skills in criticism and expression, cultural self-awareness and comparison.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Study in two top-rated departments (Guardian University Guide 2018) in one of the world’s top-rated universities (QS World University Rankings 2018).

// You will have access to an unparalleled range of options, from Roman Love Poetry and Roman Satire to Renaissance Literature, Shakespeare, the Eighteenth Century and Modern Literature.

// UCL has excellent library facilities, and is ideally situated, close to world-renowned resources such as the British Museum, the British Library and the Institute of Classical Studies.

// The lively student-run Classical Society organises an annual Classics play (a Greek or Latin drama in translation) at nearby Bloomsbury Theatre. The English Society also supports theatre productions, as well as social activities, speaker events, and contributing to UCL Festival of the Arts.

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).

Each year you will take 4.0 credits, divided evenly between Latin and English.

You must take 1.0 credit in Latin at a level appropriate to your previous experience every year. In addition there are compulsory modules including: Interpreting Latin Literature, Narrative Texts, Intellectual and Cultural Sources in year one, Classics and Literary Theory in year two, and an interdisciplinary extended essay in year three.

Remaining optional modules may be selected from the range offered by UCL Greek & Latin and UCL English. Students on this degree programme may not take elective modules in other departments.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Greek & Latin Department modules:
- 1.0 credit in Latin at a level appropriate to your experience
- Interpreting Latin Literature

// English Department modules:
- Intellectual and Cultural Sources
- Narrative Texts

Optional modules

// Greek & Latin Department modules:
- 0.5 credits from Greek & Latin modules at the appropriate level, either in the original or in translation

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Greek & Latin Department modules:
- 1.0 credit in Latin at a level appropriate to your previous experience
- Classics and Literary Theory

Optional modules

// Greek & Latin Department modules:
- You will select 0.5 credits from all Greek & Latin modules, either in the original or in translation.

// English modules:
- You will select two 1.0 credit modules from the wide range of second- and third-year modules available in UCL English (excluding Critical Commentary and Analysis).

YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Greek & Latin Department modules:
- 1.0 credit in Latin at a level appropriate to your previous experience
- 0.5 credit Latin and English extended essay

Optional modules

// Greek & Latin Department modules
- 0.5 credits from all Greek & Latin modules, either in the original or in translation

// English Department modules:
- You will select two 1.0 credit modules from the wide range of second- and third-year modules available in UCL English (excluding Critical Commentary and Analysis).
Your learning

You will be taught through lectures, seminars and small-group work. Some modules will involve student presentations. You will be assigned a Personal Tutor with whom you will review your progress on a regular basis.

In the English Department students will be producing two tutorial essays a term (one for each of their English courses) for one-to-one tutorials with their Personal Tutor.

Assessment

The modules will be examined by a mixture of essays, end-of-year examinations, and a compulsory final-year extended essay. Some Latin-language modules involve in-class tests and grammar quizzes. The final-year extended essay is based on supervised independent research.

Your career

Graduates of Latin and English will acquire a thorough grounding in the skills of expression and analysis, and a refined sensibility of cultural appreciation and analysis.

The degree is rigorous and will open up a wide range of career possibilities including culture and the arts, media, law, finance, management and consultancy, government and politics.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Latin and English BA is due to graduate in 2019. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from Greek & Latin 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.

Entry to the degree is competitive so it is important you highlight your interest in and passion for the subject in your application. In addition to meeting the academic standards stated, we look for dedication and self-motivation, good communication skills and a real enthusiasm for your chosen area of study.

Each application is assessed carefully. Applications first shortlisted by UCL Greek & Latin will be passed to UCL English for consideration. UK-based candidates with strong UCAS applications will then be shortlisted for interview with two members of staff in UCL English.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAB. English and Latin at grade A required.

Contextual Offer: AAB. English and Latin at grade A 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 English and Latin at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 36. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including English and Latin at grade 6, 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/prospectus

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)
// Overseas: £19,970 (2019/20)

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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