LONDON'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

LINGUISTICS BA
UCAS CODE: Q100
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/linguistics
Linguistics BA

Linguistics is the study of the capacity to use language. This includes phonetics and phonology (how sounds are produced and received), morphology (how words are built from smaller elements), syntax (how words are combined to form sentences), and semantics and pragmatics. The Linguistics BA focuses on these aspects while the Experimental Linguistics BSc focuses, additionally, on the experimental methodologies for studying them.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

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. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 30 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). 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.

In the first year your modules are all compulsory, providing a foundation in linguistics and helping you assess where your own interests and strengths lie. In the Linguistics BA pathway you will take an additional module covering the acquisition of language by children while the Experimental Linguistics BSc pathway replaces this with a module in experimental methods.

In year two, Linguistics BA students take at least four intermediate modules covering the core areas of semantics and pragmatics, phonetics or phonology, and syntax. They will also take a further 2.0 credits of modules from any area of linguistics, or substitute 1.0 credit with modules taken more widely across UCL.

Experimental Linguistics BSc students take at least three intermediate modules from the core areas of semantics and pragmatics, phonetics and phonology, and syntax. They will also take modules on statistical methods, language acquisition, psycholinguistics, and neurolinguistics.

In their final year, students on both pathways undertake a research project, involving a deep and sustained study of a subject in which they are especially interested. Students on the Linguistics BA pathway take three advanced modules from the core areas of linguistics and one other intermediate or advanced module offered in any area of linguistics. Experimental Linguistics BSc students take one advanced module in a core area of linguistics, one further linguistics module of their choice, one laboratory-based module, and one experimental module.

In years two and three all students take further modules, which can include modules offered outside Linguistics; for example, many students choose to take language courses taught by the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education.

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.

74% 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.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- All students entering the programme will study:
  - Core Issues in Linguistics
  - Introduction To Generative Grammar
  - Introduction To Phonetics And Phonology
  - Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics
  - Linguistics BA students will additionally study:
    - Introduction to Children’s Language Development
  - Experimental Linguistics BSc students will additionally study:
    - Research Methods

Optional modules

- All first-year modules are compulsory.
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Linguistics BA students will study Semantics, Pragmatics, Syntax, and either Phonetics or Phonology at an intermediate level amounting to 2.0 credits. You will also select 1.0 credit of further modules within linguistics. Some possible choices are listed below:
  - Animal Communication
  - Language Acquisition
  - Linguistics of Sign Language
  - Neurolinguistics
  - Sociolinguistics
  - Sluttering

- Experimental Linguistics BSc students will elect 1.5 credits of modules in Semantics, Pragmatics, Syntax, Phonetics, and Phonology at an intermediate level. You will also study Statistics, Child Language Acquisition, Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics.

Optional modules

- Linguistics BA students select 1.0 credit and Experimental Linguistics BSc students select 0.5 credits of further modules in Linguistics not already taken or any available modules at UCL.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- All students complete the Long Essay/Project worth 1.0 credits.
- Linguistics BA students select 1.5 credits of advanced modules in Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Phonetics, and Phonology and 0.5 credits of advanced or intermediate modules in linguistics not already taken.
- Experimental Linguistics BSc students take a practical laboratory-based course and one experimental course. In addition they select 0.5 credits of advanced modules in Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Phonetics, and Phonology and 0.5 credits of advanced or intermediate modules in linguistics not already taken.

Optional modules

- All students select 1.0 credit of further intermediate or advanced modules in linguistics or any intermediate or advanced modules available at UCL.

Your learning

Teaching is mainly delivered through lectures, workshops and small-group teaching (tutorials in which you meet with a group of between five and 12 students and a staff member to discuss topics covered in the lecture) as well as a virtual learning environment. Some modules also involve workshops.

Assessment

Each module is assessed and examined separately, often by a combination of essays, exercises and examinations. Your performance in a module is always assessed in the same academic year in which you take it.

Your career

In addition to subject-specific skills, you will also acquire the analytical, investigative and study skills essential for most graduate careers, which could include law, computing, commerce and industry. Recent national surveys show that Linguistics graduates have above average employment rates and starting salaries after graduation.

Many Linguistics graduates from UCL carry on with the subject at graduate level often with a view to pursuing an academic career. Linguistics connects with many other disciplines and a number of graduates go on to work in these areas, e.g. teaching languages, especially English as a first or foreign language, speech therapy, advertising or the media.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
AAA-ABB. Experimental Linguistics BSc pathway: AAA-AAB

Subjects
One or more subjects from English Language, Mathematics or science preferred. Experimental Linguistics pathway: at least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.

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
34-38. Experimental Linguistics BSc pathway: 36-38. overall.

Subjects
A score of 16-18 points in three higher level subjects preferably to include English Language, Mathematics or a science subject, with no score lower than 5. Experimental Linguistics pathway: A score of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects including one from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Psychology 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.

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: £17,190 (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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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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