MATHEMATICS MSci / UCAS CODE: G107
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/maths
The four-year Mathematics MSci offers an additional year on top of the Mathematics BSc, allowing students to specialise further by taking more advanced modules, and undertaking a major final-year project.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Together with specialist mathematics options, you will have the opportunity to take modules from outside the department, such as economics, philosophy, a foreign language, classics or history of art.

// The MSci allows for additional in-depth study, providing the skills necessary for academic research in mathematics or to enter employment where mathematics is directly involved.

// Internationally renowned UCL Mathematics is home to world-leading researchers in a wide range of fields, especially geometry, spectral theory, number theory, fluid dynamics and mathematical modelling.

// Three of the six British winners of the Fields medal (the mathematician’s equivalent of the Nobel Prize) have associations with the department.

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).

You will gain a solid grounding in basic advanced mathematics - the core modules in the first year and a half of the programme. From then on you can specialise in your areas of interest. The study of the core modules is the prerequisite for the choice of options in the second half of the second year and the forty or so options in the third and fourth years. The fourth year includes a major project.

A large variety of interesting subjects can be studied, including geophysical fluid dynamics, mathematics in biological or financial contexts, number theory, probability and statistical applications, and geometry.

This programme is offered as a three-year BSc or a four-year MSci degree. The first two years of the programme are identical, and students are advised to apply for the MSci degree in the first instance, as it is possible to transfer to the BSc during the first three years.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Analysis 1
- Analysis 2
- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematical Methods 1
- Mathematical Methods 2
- Newtonian Mechanics

Optional modules

- All first year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Algebra 3: Further Linear Algebra
- Analysis 3: Complex Analysis
- Fluid Mechanics
- Mathematical Methods 3

Optional modules

- You will select four of the following:
  - Analysis 4: Real Analysis
  - Analytical Dynamics
  - Algebra 4: Groups and Rings
  - Computational Methods
  - Electromagnetism
  - Geometry and Groups
  - Mathematical Methods 4
  - Number Theory
  - Probability and Statistics
- One of the modules may be replaced by a half-credit option outside the department, subject to approval.

YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- All third-year modules are optional. Currently available mathematics options are described on the UCL Mathematics website.

Optional modules

- You will select:
  - 2.0 credits of designated third-year mathematics options
  - 1.0 credit of third-year mathematics options
  - 1.0 credit of third-year mathematics options or approved outside options
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)
- Project in Mathematics

Optional modules
- You will select:
  - 2.0 credits of fourth-year mathematics options
  - 1.0 credit of third- or fourth-year mathematics options or approved outside options.

Your learning
Teaching is mainly carried out through lectures and small-group tutorials. Problem classes allow you to exercise the skills you have learned. In addition, an ‘office hours’ system for each programme allows you to meet with tutors on a one-to-one basis to review parts of the degree you find interesting or that need clarifying. A Student Mentor scheme runs in the department offering support and advice to first-years.

Assessment
Most modules are assessed by two-hour written examinations in the third term, with a small element (10%) of coursework assessment.

Your career
We aim to develop your skills in mathematical reasoning, problem-solving and accurate mathematical manipulation. You will also learn to handle abstract concepts and to think critically, argue logically and express yourself clearly.

A mathematics degree is highly valued by employers due to the skills in logical thinking, analysis, problem-solving and, of course, numeracy, that it develops.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:
- Technology Analyst, Goldman Sachs
- Trainee Actuary, RSA Insurance Group
- Tax Investigator, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- Full-time student, Doctoral Training Centre in Partial and Differential Equations, University of Oxford
- Full-time student, PhD in Mathematics, UCL

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 addition to academic requirements, we expect you to demonstrate an understanding and enjoyment of the subject beyond the examined syllabus, through your reading and involvement in problem-solving activities. Evidence of your curiosity and perseverance in tackling puzzles, and your enjoyment of logical and abstract thinking, should be shown in your application.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
A* A*, or A*AA and a 1 in any STEP paper or distinction in Mathematics or AEA

Subjects
Mathematics and Further Mathematics required at A*, or Mathematics at A* and Further Mathematics at A if STEP or AEA offered.

GCSE
English Language and 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

Points
39-40 overall.

Subjects
A score of 20 points in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics, or 19 points in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics and a 1 in any STEP paper or a distinction in Mathematics or AEA, 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 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: £22,790 (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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