Modern Languages BA /

Our four-year Modern Languages degrees offer enormous choice and flexibility, with over 300 possible modern language combinations. You may choose from more traditional combinations, such as Portuguese and German, or explore more unusual choices such as Dutch and Hungarian. You will also split your Year Abroad between two different countries. NB for 2019 entry: You will apply for the combination you are interested in.

Key information

Programme starts  
September 2019

Location  
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

- UCL provides an ideal environment for language study. We offer an enormous range of languages and state-of-the-art facilities, including a well-equipped language learning suite.

- The Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Languages of the Wider World, run by UCL and SOAS, brings together the expertise of a wide range of language specialists.

- UCL has a very international population, meaning you will have opportunities to practise and speak your chosen languages and learn about the associated cultures and societies.

- Our location in a cosmopolitan city provides access to frequent and varied cultural events, a huge range of museums, galleries, specialist libraries and bookshops, theatres, cinemas, cuisines and cultural societies.

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).

You may choose two languages that you have studied previously, or take a language at beginner's level alongside one you already know*. Languages are offered through SELCS, SSEES and Hebrew and Jewish. Languages available include: Danish, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and Yiddish and East European Languages; Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak and Ukranian.

*It is possible to study two SSEES languages from scratch (including Russian).

In years one, two and your final year you will take language modules in your chosen languages, as well as cultural modules related to them. You may also take modules offered by the School of European Languages, Culture and Society (SELCs) focusing on literature, film, linguistics and history from an interdisciplinary perspective.

You will spend your third year abroad, split between two countries where your chosen languages are spoken. You will achieve the same linguistic competence regardless of whether you start a language from scratch or have previous knowledge of it.

You should apply for the BA that you are interested in, not the Modern Languages BA; you can find a full list of combinations including UCAS codes and entry requirements on the SELCS website.

YEAR ONE

Core and compulsory module(s)

- Modules in your chosen languages
- Literature, culture, history and linguistics modules related to your chosen languages

Optional modules

- You will also choose an interdepartmental module offered by the School of European Language, Culture & Society (SELCs). Options may include, for example, the study of literature, linguistics, film, politics or history.

YEAR TWO

Core and compulsory module(s)

- Modules in your chosen languages
- Literature, culture, history and linguistics modules related to your chosen languages

Optional modules

- You will also choose an interdepartmental module offered by the School of European Language, Culture & Society. Options may include, for example, the study of linguistics, film or history.

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

- Your Year Abroad is split between two countries where your target languages are spoken. You can participate in a university placement with one of our partner universities, undertake a work placement or British Council language assistantship abroad or a combination of the two (subject to language choice/availability/approval).
- The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects.
- For further information on the Year Abroad please visit the SELCS Year Abroad website.
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)**

- Advanced language and other modules in your chosen fields.

**Your learning**

Your language classes focus on developing the active skills of speaking, listening, writing and reading through a variety of methods and media. You will be taught through a combination of lectures and seminars, as well as undertaking web-based study and group work.

**Assessment**

Modules are assessed by a mixture of written and oral examinations, essays and other forms of coursework.

**Your career**

There are many career opportunities for UCL’s modern language graduates. We seek to embed within our teaching the acquisition of transferable skills as well as linguistic and cultural knowledge.

Popular career paths for modern language graduates include the financial sector, the civil service, journalism, accountancy, publishing, education, advertising, the media and law. Some graduates pursue careers that make special use of their language skills, including translating, interpreting and teaching, while others continue with graduate training and research.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- Associate, Deloitte
- Full-time student, GDL (Graduate Diploma in Law), BPP University
- Full-time student, PGCE Teaching (French and German Studies), UCL Institute of Education (IOE)
- Digital Content Executive, Saatchi & Saatchi
- Full-time student, MSc in Management at LSE (The London School of Economics and Political Science)

**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 the literature, culture and history of the languages you are proposing to study. Involvement in cultural activities in the languages (i.e. reading newspapers and magazines, watching television and films or engaging with relevant communities) is regarded favourably, as is travel to the country or countries 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 shall invite you to a Post Offer Open Day, where you will experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Standard Offer: AAB-ABB depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page for entry requirements by language combination). The following is required if part of the combination: French grade A; Spanish grade A. For all other combinations an A level or equivalent in one of your chosen languages is required.

Contextual Offer: BBB-ABB depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page for entry requirements by language combination). The following is required if part of the combination: French grade A; Spanish grade A. For all other combinations an A level or equivalent in one of your chosen languages is 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: 34-36 points depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page for entry requirements by language combination). A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, to include the following if part of degree combination: French at grade 6; Spanish at grade 6. For all other combinations a higher level in one of your chosen languages is required. No score below 5.

Contextual Offer: 32-36 points depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page for entry requirements by language combination). A score of 15-17 points in three higher level subjects, to include the following if part of degree combination: French at grade 6; Spanish at grade 6. For all other combinations a higher level in one of your chosen languages is required. No score below 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 2018/19 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 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
- Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Overseas fees for the 2019/20 academic year are expected to be available in July 2018. Undergraduate UK/EU fees are capped by the UK Government and are expected to be available in October 2018. 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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