MODERN LANGUAGES BA / UCAS CODE: R000
2018 ENTRY

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Modern Languages BA /

The four-year Modern Languages BA offers enormous choice and flexibility, with over 300 possible modern language combinations. You may choose from more traditional combinations, such as Italian and German, or explore more unusual choices such as Dutch and Hungarian. You will also spend your Year Abroad in two different countries.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

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 countless 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.

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.

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).

In your first, second and final years you will take language modules in your chosen languages, as well as modules in the literature, culture, history and linguistics related to them. You may also take interdisciplinary modules offered by the School of European Languages, Culture & Society (SE LCS). This will allow you to study literature, film, art and culture from an interdisciplinary perspective, focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches, and draw on the full range of specialisms within the school.

You may choose two languages that you have studied previously, or take a language at beginner’s level alongside one you already know. It is possible to study two SSEES languages from scratch (including Russian). Please refer to the SE LCS website for more details

Students spend their third year abroad in an academic placement, split between two countries where your chosen languages are spoken. We expect graduates to achieve the same linguistic competence regardless of whether they started a language from scratch or had previous knowledge of it.

Any two of the following languages may be combined (subject to entry requirements and availability): Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Scandinavian (one of: Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish), Spanish, East European* (two of: Bulgarian, Czech, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Serbian/Croatian, Slovak, Ukrainian), Yiddish.

(* languages are taught at the School of Slavonic & East European Studies - SSEES).

Importantly, you should note that the final degree awarded to you on completion will reflect whichever combination you choose, for example French and Italian BA, Dutch and German BA, Russian and Yiddish BA.

YEAR ONE

Core or 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 TWO

Core or 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

- The year abroad is split between two countries where your chosen languages are spoken. You can participate in a university exchange with one of our prestigious partner universities, undertake a work placement abroad or a combination of the two (subject to approval).
- Whether they undertake an internship or a university placement, students on their year abroad will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of their cultural and linguistic immersion.
- For further information on the year abroad please visit the SELCS year abroad website.

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:

- Client Reporting Analyst, Threadneedle Investments
- Business Analyst, Accenture
- Editorial Assistant Intern, Hachette UK
- English Language Assistant, British Council
- Full-time student, MSc in Management at the 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. There, you will experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
AAB-ABB depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page on entry requirements).

**Subjects**
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**

**Points**
34-36 points depending on the language combination (see the SELCS web page on entry requirements), overall.

**Subjects**
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.

**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.

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**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: £19,390 (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/ue-referendum

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