POLISH AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES BA
UCAS CODE: R784
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/ssees-lang
Poland, with nearly 39 million citizens, is an increasingly important actor on the world economic and political stage. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Polish literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// You will gain a thorough grounding in the Polish language and culture, supplemented by a choice of optional culture, history and social science modules.

// The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of central, eastern and south-east Europe and Russia. The SSEES Library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

// You will benefit from frequent visits and lectures by prominent political, artistic and academic figures—prime ministers, foreign ministers, professors and writers.

// You will be able to make the most of the huge benefits of studying in London, a global city with sizeable east European communities. This city hosts a wide range of cultural events with an east European dimension.

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.

// 64% 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).

Your degree will train you to the highest level of proficiency in speaking, writing and understanding in your chosen language(s), whether you begin with no prior knowledge or already have a good command of the language. As you progress through the degree, compulsory language modules are tailored to your existing knowledge. You will also take a compulsory literature module each year.

You will be encouraged to develop and pursue your own interests by choosing your optional modules from within three pathways:

Language and Literature
Social Science
History

Your third year is spent abroad. This will not only bring the language and culture you are studying to life, but also strengthen your resourcefulness and self-reliance. You will normally spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Literature and Memory
// War Trauma and Memory in East European Cinema

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Intro to Polish Literature
// Staging Europe

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your third year abroad.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Polish Language or Freestanding Dissertation

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules.
Your learning

We have dedicated resources for language teaching, including technological support through computer-aided language learning facilities, video and DVD materials, and the Internet. The methods we will use to teach and assess you are varied, to ensure that they are best suited to the knowledge and skills being imparted or measured.

Assessment
Assessment will include written, oral and aural examinations, presentations, extended essays and a project undertaken during your year abroad.

Your career

The programme is designed to equip you with language fluency, cultural competence, historical knowledge and social understanding. Your ability to consider issues from an international perspective will be greatly enhanced and you will learn how to conduct research and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

With developed skills in critical reasoning, independent thinking and application of theoretical concepts you will be strongly placed to find employment in international organisations, particularly careers which cross international boundaries and use languages. Career prospects are likely to include finance, media, diplomacy, education, translation, research, and consultancy.

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from related SSEES programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

// Full-time Student, MSc in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science
// Fashion Assistant, Wonderland Magazine
// Freelance music journalist
// Full-time student, PGCE at the University of Cambridge
// Accountant, Takeda SCE

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.

We will be particularly interested in your motivation for choosing this programme. In addition to academic requirements, you should demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in language study, and relate to us how your interest in eastern Europe was initiated. Literature, history and culture are key elements of the degree, and your interest in and experience of these fields of study are important.

If you are successful in obtaining an offer, you will normally be invited to an applicant open day, comprising introductory talks about SSEES and your degree, as well as a tour of UCL. You will also meet with a member of the teaching staff for your chosen degree programme.

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB-ABB
Subjects
No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5.

IB DIPLOMA
Points
34-36 overall.
Subjects
A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 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: £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/eu-referendum

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