POLITICS, SOCIOLOGY AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES BA / UCAS CODE: LR27
2018 ENTRY

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Politics, Sociology and East European Studies
BA /

This degree programme combines training in politics, international relations and security issues with specialist modules studying Russia and Eastern Europe. These are of contemporary relevance in the context of an enlarged EU and the changing international situation.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// This is an exciting time to study the almost continuously changing region. Many central European countries are now part of the enlarged European Union while Russia is re-emerging as an assertive power with major international consequences, not least on other countries in the region and the rest of Europe.

// You will learn about major approaches in social and political science and how to use them to understand political and social change in Russia, the former Soviet Union and central and Eastern Europe.

// You will be taught by leading experts in the field, all of whom speak one or more of the languages of the region.

// The department is regularly consulted by the media as well as organisations such as the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Union.

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).

You will take compulsory modules in politics, sociology and international relations in years one and two—including courses on the political developments of Russia and other parts of the former USSR, as well as central and south-eastern Europe.

In your final year you will write a dissertation based on an independent research project. You will choose additional optional modules in economics, history, language, politics and sociology to match your interests.

You are strongly encouraged to learn Russian or another East European language as part of your degree. As well as making use of our excellent language learning opportunities, you will also have access to the rich foreign language resources of the UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) Library.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
Understanding Politics: The Big Questions in Contemporary Europe
Understanding Politics: How Politics Works
Understanding Society: Introduction to Political Sociology
Understanding Society: Introduction to Social Theory

Optional modules

// You will select 1.5 credits of optional modules which may include the following:
Introduction to Macroeconomics
Introduction to Microeconomics
War, Trauma and Memory in East European Cinema
Introduction to International Relations

// Other optional modules are available in East European languages and culture, history, or Russian. Language module options are available within SSEES or the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education (CLIE).

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Comparative Political Analysis
Researching Politics and Society
Plus at least two modules from:
Post-Soviet Politics and Society
Russian Politics and Society
South-East European Politics and Societies
Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Optional modules

// You will select up to 2.0 credits from a range of additional modules. Options may include:
Contemporary Polish Cinema
Culture in Eastern Europe: Anthropological Approaches
Democracy and Democratization
History of European Political Ideas
Language Module
Migration and Health
Political Economy of European Integration
Topics in Microeconomics

// Other optional modules will be available in East European languages and culture, history or Russian.
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**
AAA-AAB

**Subjects**
No specific subjects.

**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**
36-38 overall.

**Subjects**
A total of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects, 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.

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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/eu-referendum

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