POLITICS, SOCIOLOGY AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES WITH A YEAR ABROAD BA /
UCAS CODE: LRF7
2018 ENTRY

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Politics, Sociology and East European Studies with a Year Abroad 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. You will spend the third year abroad at a university in the region.

### 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 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—including modules on the political developments of Russia and Eastern Europe—in years one and two, with a dissertation based on an independent research project in your final year. Beyond this you can choose additional 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.

Your third year is spent abroad studying at a university in the region. During your year abroad you will be expected to develop your language skills where appropriate, to take modules (in English) related to your degree and to develop an enhanced understanding of relevant country-level issues.

#### YEAR ONE

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<td>Understanding Politics: How Politics Works</td>
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<td>History of Eastern Europe since 1856</td>
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<td>Introduction to International Relations</td>
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<td>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 &amp; International Education (CLIE).</td>
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#### YEAR TWO

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<td>Comparative Political Analysis</td>
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<td>Researching Politics and Society</td>
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<td>Plus at least two modules from:</td>
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<td>Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe</td>
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<td>Post-Soviet Politics and Society</td>
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<td>Contemporary Polish Cinema</td>
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<td>Culture in Eastern Europe: Anthropological Approaches</td>
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<td>Democracy and Democratization</td>
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<td>History of European Political Ideas</td>
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<td>Language Module</td>
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<td>Migration and Health</td>
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<td>Political Economy of European Integration</td>
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<td>Topics in Microeconomics</td>
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YEAR THREE

Year abroad
- Students spend year three abroad studying at a university in the region. Students take courses equivalent to four credits including:
  - Performance Certificate
  - Progress Portfolio
  - Self-Evaluation
  - Year Abroad Assignment

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Dissertation

Optional modules
- You will select 3.0 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Corruption and Governance
  - European Security
  - Poland in the UK
  - History of European Political Ideas
  - Political Economy of European Integration
  - Soviet and Russian Foreign Policy
  - Baltic Politics and Society
- Other optional modules will be available in Russian, history, and east European languages and culture.

Your learning
You will be taught through a combination of lectures and classes. You will be expected to prepare presentations and papers on selected topics for classes, sometimes as an individual and sometimes as part of a group, followed by class discussion. You will also receive regular written work, including essays, exercises and case study analyses.

Assessment
You will receive feedback from tutors on both your oral and written work and your presentation skills to help develop your analytical ability in these areas. Your assessment will be based on unseen written examinations, coursework and a supervised final-year dissertation.

Your career
You will acquire a solid understanding of politics and sociology, specialist knowledge of a region whose changing politics, economics and international relations are rapidly reshaping our understanding of the world, as well as a raft of transferable skills.

Career destinations of previous graduates include government service, international agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), consultancy (economic, political risk, security, marketing), banking, financial services, law, media, teaching and the leisure industry, as well as further study.

First destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme at UCL include:
- Consultant, MHB Health
- Management Consultant, PwC
- Local Government Adviser, Local Authority Housing Department
- Full-time student, MA in European Studies at UCL
- Consultant, MHB Health

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 use your qualifications, predicted grades and personal statement to assess your suitability for this programme. Your personal statement should explain your motivation for applying for this programme, what it is that interests you about the study of Russia and central and Eastern Europe, and provide evidence of an interest in politics (for example, from background reading).

On the basis of our assessment of your application we will decide whether to make you an offer. If you are successful, you will be invited to a post-offer open day (if you live in the UK).
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

*Grades*
AAA-AAB

*Subjects*
No specific subjects.

**GCSE**

English Language at grade B, plus Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C 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 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

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<td>UK &amp; EU</td>
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<td>Overseas</td>
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The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current 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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