SECURITY AND CRIME SCIENCE
BSc /
UCAS CODE: L311
2018 ENTRY

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Security and Crime Science BSc

This new BSc aims to create a generation of leaders in the crime, intelligence and security sectors. Using science from different disciplines (psychology, political science, statistics, computer science, and forensic sciences) you will learn to tackle real-world crime problems and develop creative and ethical ways to increase security in a changing world.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL Security & Crime Science is the first university department in the world devoted specifically to reducing crime and other risks to personal and national security.

// You will learn to critically examine traditional approaches to thinking about and responding to crime, and explore new ways to address crime and security problems worldwide.

// You will be taught by academic experts in security and crime reduction, with input from practitioners and policymakers to provide a focus on real-world relevance and impact.

// The problem-solving and critical thinking skills you will acquire will enhance your employability in this constantly changing area.

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 the first year all your modules are compulsory, providing a good grounding in security and crime science and an introduction to systems analysis. In years two and three, in addition to compulsory modules, you will be able to choose from a range of options, according to your specific area of interest, including a work placement based module (subject to availability). Compulsory modules follow specific strands; for example, crime theories, where you will study the causes of, and responses to, crime through modules such as Understanding the Crime Event (year one) and Psychology and Crime (year two).

You also learn about statistics, data collection and analysis methods, GIS and programming tools in the analytical techniques strand.

Each term you will apply newly gained skills to examine crimes such as terrorism and cybercrime, and develop effective strategies to prevent them.

In the final year you will explore the multidisciplinary nature of crime analysis, detection and prevention further during a six-month project.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Crime and Society
// Crime Mapping
// Introduction to Security and Crime Science
// Probability, Statistics and Modelling I
// Qualitative Methods
// Systems and Problem Solving
// Terrorism
// Understanding the Crime Event

Optional modules

// All first year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Introduction to Research
// Probability, Statistics and Modelling II
// Programming
// Psychology and Crime
// Preventing Crimes

Optional modules

// You will choose 1.5 credits of optional modules from a range. Please see departmental website for further details about optional module combinations. Options may include:
// Perspectives on Organised Crime
// Project in Security and Crime Prevention
// Project in Investigative Decision Making
// Forensic Psychology
// Security Technologies
// Work placement-based module (subject to availability)
**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**
- Advanced Crime Analysis
- Cybercrime
- Forensic Approaches to Investigation
- Situational Crime Prevention
- Dissertation

**Optional modules**
- Criminal Intelligence
- Forensic Psychology
- Offender-focused Prevention
- Policing
- Security Technologies
- Sex Crimes
- Work placement based module (subject to availability)

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**Your learning**

A combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, individual and group projects will form your learning experience, which also includes problem-based learning methods, outcome-based analysis and research activities.

**Assessment**

A wide range of assessment methods are used by this programme, including unseen examinations, coursework assignments, practical assignments, oral presentations and the dissertation.

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**Your career**

You will gain the necessary insight and skills, both intellectual and practical, to take up a wide range of crime and security-relevant positions throughout the world. The multidisciplinary approach gives you a competitive edge in the job market through your ability to work across disciplines in the service of crime reduction.

With the increasingly technologically driven and international nature of crime and security problems, law enforcement, government, and the private sector are now looking for a new generation of professionals with broad disciplinary backgrounds, strong analytical skills and practical experience to adapt their security strategies in continuously evolving environments.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Security and Crime Science BSc is due to graduate in 2019. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available.

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**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 addition to academic requirements, we will also use your application to assess your motivation for studying security and crime science. We will be seeking applicants committed to studying at the highest level, and who are eager, and able, to rise to the challenges presented both by the programme and by a career in this field.

You will be invited to an applicant open day which will provide an excellent opportunity to talk to departmental staff before making a final decision.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAA

Subjects
No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and 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
38 overall.

Subjects
A total of 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.

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.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £19,390 (2017/18)

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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