SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH QUANTITATIVE METHODS
BSc / UCAS CODE: LG33
2018 ENTRY

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Social Sciences with Quantitative Methods BSc

This BSc focuses on understanding the social and economic forces shaping our world. Crucially, it combines this with a rigorous training in the highly valued quantitative techniques and data analysis skills needed to examine them. You will study at least three social science disciplines including sociology and economics.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

The UCL Institute of Education (IOE) is a world-leading centre for education and social science, ranked first in the world (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016).

A multidisciplinary programme (drawing on different social science subjects) which allows you to choose from a wide range of modules and tailor the programme to your own interests.

Part of the UCL Q-Step Centre - a new and advanced training centre offering students unique opportunities for interdisciplinary learning.

You will be trained in specialist quantitative skills, which are in short supply in the labour market and are highly rewarded in a range of professions including government, academia, journalism, financial analysis and marketing.

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.

78% 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).

Year one provides a firm foundation in the core disciplines of sociology, economics, psychology. It also covers the principles and practice of social inquiry, and the basics of data analysis.

In all years you will choose optional modules from other social science subjects across UCL.

In years two and three you continue with advanced modules in quantitative data analysis, study subjects across the social sciences, and undertake a dissertation. You may also opt to spend your third year abroad, returning to UCL for your final year of study.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

Introduction to Economics 1
Introduction to Economics 2
Introduction to Sociology
Social Change in Contemporary Society
Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Principles and Practice of Social Inquiry

Optional modules

You will choose 1.0 credit of optional modules, including but not restricted to the following:

Psychology: The Science of Behaviour
Understanding Social Policy
Epidemiological Transition (or other Population Health module)

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

Data Analysis

Optional modules

You will choose 3.0 credits of optional modules, including but not restricted to the following:

Social Inequality and Mobility
Demography and the Life Course
Economics of Public Policy
Economics of Children and Families
Health and Social Epidemiology
Work and Employment Relations
Sociology of Childhood
Social Psychology

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

Dissertation
Causal Analysis
Advanced Topics in Quantitative Data Analysis

Optional modules

You will choose 2.0 credits of optional modules, including but not restricted to the following:

Randomised Control Trial
International Comparison for the Social Sciences
Economics of Higher Education
Your learning

Teaching will be delivered through lectures, seminars allowing in-depth discussion, computer laboratory classes analysing a range of different social science data, group work, and UCL’s virtual learning environment.

Placement

The UCL Q-Step Centre was set up in the UK as part of a £19.5 million programme to combat the shortage of quantitative skills in the social sciences. You will have access to summer courses, six-week paid internships, specialist training, workshops and conferences, and personal tutoring throughout the programme.

Assessment

Assessment is through a mix of examinations, practical exercises, essays, individual and group presentations and a dissertation in the final year of study. The weight given to each assessment method will vary across modules to ensure manageable workloads throughout the programme.

Your career

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Having a quantitative degree will increase your job opportunities as graduates with strong quantitative skills and social science insights are in short supply. Professions include government departments, academia, journalism, financial analysis and marketing. The breadth and depth of the social science subjects and the methodological training provided by this degree will also equip students for Master's or PhD study.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Social Sciences with Quantitative Methods BSc is due to graduate in 2019. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available.

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 personal statement you should demonstrate a genuine interest in social science issues. You should be interested in exploring key issues such as those related to education, inequality, health and illness, poverty, social mobility or social welfare. A preference for a multidisciplinary approach rather than limiting yourself to one discipline will also be an advantage.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAA-AAB
Subjects
No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. 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 score of 17-18 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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