THEORETICAL PHYSICS MSci / UCAS CODE: F345 2020 ENTRY

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This four-year programme offers an additional year of study on top of the Theoretical Physics BSc, during which students have the opportunity to specialise further by taking advanced optional modules, and undertaking a research project.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2020

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

// A science degree from UCL is a strong asset across the whole range of careers where basic scientific skills are required, from accountancy to astrophysics, and computing to cryogenics.

// The programme is accredited by the Institute of Physics (IOP) and includes the very latest developments and discoveries in the field, based on our highly rated research.

// Collaborative links with both industry and international research laboratories provide insight into the practical application of your studies.

// A wide range of optional modules are available, including modules from other University of London colleges, which allows for individual preferences and specialisations within your degree.

**Accreditation**

This programme is accredited by the Institute of Physics. Holders of accredited degrees can follow a route to Institute of Physics membership and the Chartered Physicist (CPhys) professional qualification. Graduates of accredited Integrated Master's (MPhys or MSci) degrees have fulfilled the educational requirements for CPhys status, while graduates of accredited Bachelor's (BSc) degrees have partially fulfilled these requirements.
**YEAR THREE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Year 3: 120 credits (at least 90 credits at Level 6)
- Compulsory module(s) (75 credits)
  - PHAS0038 Electromagnetic Theory (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0040 Nuclear and Particle Physics (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0041 Solid State Physics (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0042 Quantum Mechanics (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0052 Physics Group Project (Level 6) 15 credits

**Optional modules**

- You will select 45 credits in total from options that may include the following (choices must be approved by your Programme Tutor)
  - GEOL0022 Physics of Oceans, Ice Sheets and Climate (Level 6) 30 credits
  - MATH0025 Mathematics for General Relativity (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0037 Physical Cosmology (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0039 Physics Education (IoE) (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0049 Theory of Dynamical Systems (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0050 Energy and Climate (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0053 Lasers and Modern Optics (Level 6) 15 credits
  - PHAS0048 Project (Level 6) 30 credits

**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Year 4: 120 credits at Level 7 in total
- Compulsory module
  - PHAS0097 Physics Project (45 credits) (Level 7)

**Optional modules**

- Select 75 credits from options that may include (needs Programme Tutor approval)
  - PHASM047 Physics of Advanced Materials (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHASM048 Theoretical Condensed Matter (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0061 Advanced Topics in Statistical Mechanics (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0069 Advanced Quantum Theory (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0105 Atom and Photon Physics (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0089 Molecular Physics (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0072 Particle Physics (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0073 Quantum Field Theory (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0074 Space Plasma and Magnetospheric Physics (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - PHAS0075 Order and Excitations in Condensed Matter (15 credits) (Level 7)
  - MATH0078 Boundary Layers (15 credits) (Level 7)

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**Your learning**

Teaching is delivered through lectures, laboratory (and as appropriate, observatory) practical sessions, and supervised problem-solving tutorials. These tutorials are designed to deal with lecture-based questions, enlarge on topics addressed in lectures, and allow clarification and in-depth discussion of new concepts.

**Assessment**

Assessment will normally involve end-of-year examinations, and an element of assessed coursework. Practical work you will be continuously assessed.

**Your career**

Your scientific training will equip you with an understanding of mathematics, and of physical principles and techniques, as well as transferable skills in analysis, rational argument and innovative problem solving. *Surveys by the Institute of Physics* indicate that physicists’ versatility is welcomed by a wider range of professions than any other subject.

Around half our graduates choose to pursue further study for an MSc or PhD. A PhD opens up the possibility of an academic or research career in a university or research institute. Alternatively, like many of our graduates, you may consider employment in research, design, development, computing, finance, marketing and teaching, among others.

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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 the subjects and grades specified in the qualifying examinations, we are also looking for evidence of self-motivation and an enthusiastic interest in the subject. This may be demonstrated through paid or voluntary work experience, academic project work, or your interests and hobbies beyond the school curriculum.

Your application will be carefully assessed based on your UCAS form and reference. If you are made an offer, you will be invited to a Physics Offer Holder’s Day. This will include presentations, a tour of facilities and an opportunity to meet current students and staff members. Attendance is strongly recommended as we cannot provide private tours of the department at the moment.
Entry requirements

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GCSE
English Language and 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
Standard Offer: 39 points. A total of 19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7, 6 in Mathematics and Physics, in any order, with no score below 5.

Contextual Offer: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7, 6 in Mathematics and Physics, in any order, with no score below 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

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)
UCL 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 2019/20 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £26,740 (2019/20)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional costs
You will require the approved model of calculator for use in exams. For details please see the Exams and Assessment page of the UCL website. There are some optional activities in which you may like to participate that incur an additional cost, for example membership of the Student Physics Society, or the department’s annual weekend away at Cumberland Lodge. If you are concerned by potential additional costs on t

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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Brexit
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/brexit

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