The Applied Educational Leadership and Management MA is designed for education leaders or managers who work in a school or college, or an educational planning, development or inspection role for a national or regional organisation. It will enable students to contribute towards the improvement of educational systems and institutions, and to reflect on the quality of the learning and teaching they manage.

**Degree summary**

As an applied programme, this MA will improve a student's understanding of educational management and leadership theory, enable them to apply it to their own working environment, and to undertake research in their settings. It will foster a student's continuing professional development, allowing them to consider issues related to the policy context of education. It will also give them the chance to contribute towards the improvement of educational systems and institutions.

- The Department of Learning and Leadership’s excellent reputation stems from the quality, depth and breadth of its research and development work, and from its promotion of educational leadership both nationally and internationally.
- The department is at the forefront of developing research, new knowledge and publications for and about leadership and learning. This informs the content of the AELM course.
- AELM has an outstanding team of tutors with long experience as educational leaders and researchers in the field.

This programme is delivered via online learning, allowing you to study flexibly whilst balancing work and personal commitments.

The learning strategy for this programme is collaborative in that students share their skills and experience with others. Students are supported by an online learning environment which incorporates focused conferencing and work spaces linked to specific activities for each module. There are also informal discussion areas and links to online resources including library support. Study materials and readings are provided.

Study time is estimated at about 10-15 hours a week.

**Accreditation**

The MA AELM is administered and accredited by University of London, and taught by the UCL Institute of Education.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Flexible: 3-5 years

Location: London, Bloomsbury

The course is designed to be completed in 3 years, but its modular format allows for flexible deferral in response to students’ circumstances up to the 5 year limit.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two core modules (60 credits), two optional modules (60 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits) consisting of two core modules (60 credits) and two optional modules (60 credits) is also offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) consisting of two core modules is also offered.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**COMPULSORY MODULES**

- Leadership for the Learning Community
- Learning and Managing Educational Change and Improvement

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

Students choose two of the following:

- Developing Personal Leadership Skills
- Exploring Educational Policy
- Finance and Resource Management
- Values, Vision and Moral Purpose

Visit the UCL Institute of Education website for more information, including module descriptions, which can be seen by clicking on the module title.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All students submit a dissertation of 15,000 words.
Your career

Graduates of this programme are currently working across a broad range of areas. Some are working as senior and middle leaders in education institutions worldwide, while others have jobs as government ministers and advisers. Graduates can also be found working as local government leaders and consultants.

Employability

The applied nature of the course prepares and supports students for transition into more senior leadership roles in education; for those in senior positions, it helps to develop their leadership of their institutions.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, in any subject, and at least two years’ relevant work experience. Word processing, Internet and email skills are all basic requirements of this programme. You must have regular access to a computer (or mobile device*) with an internet connection to use the University of London International Programmes website and the Student Portal. These are where your programme’s study resources are located. (*Full mobile access is not available for all programmes).

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good. Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Applied Educational Leadership and Management at graduate level
- why you want to study Applied Educational Leadership and Management at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is no application fee for this programme.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: See Fees Note (FT)
// EU: See Fees Note (FT)
// Overseas: See Fees Note (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

The fee for this programme is set by, and payable to, the University of London. Further details can be found on the University of London International Programmes website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 2019 entry: 1 March 2019
September 2019 entry: 19 July 2019
January 2020 entry: 1 November 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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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/brexit