Built Environment: Sustainable Heritage MSc /

Designed for a new generation of heritage leaders, this programme provides the interdisciplinary skills needed to deliver the heritage programmes and projects of the future. The programme combines aspects of cultural heritage - historic buildings, museums, collections, sites and landscapes - with the best heritage management and preventive conservation policies, projects, methodologies and practices.

Degree summary

Students are encouraged to take a long view of preservation and heritage management and challenged to define problems, set objectives and explore a range of sustainability issues and strategies. Concepts of value, sustainability, life expectancy, stewardship, ownership, vulnerability and risk are interwoven with the scientific study of historic materials, assemblies, technologies and systems.

The UCL Bartlett is the UK’s largest multidisciplinary Faculty of the Built Environment, bringing together scientific and professional specialisms required to research, understand, design, construct and operate the buildings and urban environments of the future.

Students on this programme benefit from: international, interdisciplinary teachers who are leading professionals in their field real-life heritage case studies as the basis for discussing complex and demanding issues access to public stewards and private owners of heritage - in order to learn from practice and leading heritage stakeholders a fully funded study visit to Malta project placement opportunities with leading international heritage organisations.

The programme is taught using a variety of media and strategies including problem-based and case-based learning, discussion groups, project work, exercises, coursework and reports. Assessment is through written assignments, oral examination and the 10,000-word dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: 2-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Full-time students study for 37.5 hours per week during term time. Typically, lectures and seminars occur on two days per week. Flexible students normally attend half this amount.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (90 credits), two optional modules (15 credits each), a dissertation (60 credits) and an optional project placement (not credit bearing).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time nine months) is 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

- Students must take at least one of the optional modules on the programme and may take both. If they only take one, they should also choose a relevant and compatible 15 credit module from a different programme in order to tailor their career path.
- Sustainability and Heritage Value
- Heritage Materials and Assemblies
- Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Strategies for Sustainable Landscapes
- Strategies for Sustainable Buildings

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All MSc students submit a 10,000-word dissertation on a topic related to the main themes of the programme. The topic can be chosen to enhance career development or for its inherent interest.

A two-week study visit to Malta forms an integral part of the degree. This is hosted by Heritage Malta, the national agency responsible for the management of national museums, heritage sites and their collections in Malta and Gozo. A video of the 2016 Malta field trip can be seen here. Costs of travel and accommodation are covered by the programme.

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Your career

94% of graduates from this programme are in work and/or further study six months after graduating (The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17).

Graduates may find themselves assuming responsibility for directing major projects within museums, libraries, archives, or organisations responsible for historic buildings and archaeological sites; or as a part of interdisciplinary architectural, engineering or project management practices. Additional career enhancement may be achieved by using the MSc as a foundation for PhD research.

Employability

The programme, which is accredited by RICS, is an internationally recognised qualification from a world-leading university that equips students with the skills and expertise needed to contribute to heritage projects at an advanced level. There is an opportunity to undertake a placement at a leading heritage organisation or practice during the programme and students gain access to an extensive alumni network of professionals who have studied on the programme and are currently leaders in the field.

Please see the departmental Sustainable Heritage MSc careers page for more information.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Applicants with degrees of a lower classification but with considerable senior-level professional experience may also be accepted, and for applicants without a first degree or full professional membership, but with relevant and substantial work experience in the field, a special qualifying examination may be set; details can be obtained from the Bartlett’s Graduate Faculty Office.

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: Standard.

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 Sustainable Heritage at graduate level
- why you want to study Sustainable Heritage 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 an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £12,750 (FT)
- EU: £12,750 (FT)
- Overseas: £25,150 (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.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session.

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Bursary enables heritage professionals to study on the MSc Sustainable Heritage. Up to £20,000 (to cover fees and a stipend) is available for Home applicants (as defined by UCL General Regulations) who have the offer of a place for either full-time or part-time/flexible study on this course. For more information, please visit the programme website.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 26 July 2019
Flexible/Modular: 30 August 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