The Comparative Business Economics MA at UCL is focused principally at company-level study and offers the chance to examine: the role of multinationals; corporate governance and finance; privatisation; entrepreneurship, and the determinants of innovation and technological change within the European area.

**Degree summary**

The programme offers discipline-based training combined with empirical application, drawing on the experience of the 28 nations that have emerged from the former Soviet block in Europe and Asia. Students are equipped with strong foundations in both international business and economics as well as in finance and corporate governance.

- The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is one of the largest national centres in the UK, for the study of central, Eastern and south-east Europe and Russia.
- Located in Bloomsbury, SSEES offers an ideal location for scholars. The British Library, British Museum, University of London Library and other similar research centres are all close by.
- Our unique specialist library and central London location provide an ideal environment for research, while our close contacts with employers, policymakers, embassies and alumni afford excellent opportunities for networking and career development.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and seminars. Students will be assessed by unseen written examinations, coursework and the research dissertation.

**Degree structure**

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

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (60 credits), plus a compulsory choice of four additional modules (30 credits), a selection of optional modules to the value of 30 credits, and a research dissertation (60 credits).

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

- 60 credits of core modules:
  - Quantitative Methods
  - Advanced Quantitative Methods
  - Political Economy of International Business

### OPTIONAL MODULES

- At least 30 credits must be taken from Optional A courses. (Corporate Governance; Corporate Finance and Investment in Emerging Markets; The Economics of Property Rights; Financial Development)
  - Corporate Governance
  - Corporate Finance and Investment in Emerging Markets
  - Causes, Consequences and Control: Corruption and Governance
  - Economic Development and Policies
  - Financial Development
  - Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies
  - International Macroeconomic Policy
  - Public Choice-Private Interest
  - The Economics of Property Rights
  - Trade and FDI Policy with reference to Eastern Europe
  - SSEES language course (subject to approval)

### DISSERTATION/REPORT

All MA students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of approximately 12,000 words.
Your career

With their specialist knowledge and language skills, SSEES graduates can be found in business, finance, the media, international agencies, charities, diplomacy, international security organisations, the law, and academia.

Employability

The Comparative Business Economics MA prepares our graduates for both further research, and for work in international business, for European and national government institutions, and for developing their own entrepreneurial ventures. Networking is facilitated by two major collaborations led by SSEES: CEELBAS and the International Master's in Economy, State and Society (IMESS). Scholarships, internship opportunities and excellent links with other universities in the region provide further benefits.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Applicants are usually expected to have studied one term of both microeconomics and macroeconomics in their undergraduate degree.

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 Comparative Business Economics at graduate level
- why you want to study Comparative Business Economics at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging and truly international academic environment
- 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: £15,810 (FT), £8,350 (PT)
EU: £15,810 (FT), £8,350 (PT)
Overseas: £25,150 (FT), £12,510 (PT)

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.

Fee deposits for this programme are as follows: Overseas full time students £4,000; Overseas part time students £2,000.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 March 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