COMPARATIVE EDUCATION
MA / 2019/20 ENTRY

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This programme provides an overview of the common controversies and contemporary debates in international and comparative education. We will engage in systematic analysis and comparison of education systems, processes and policies in many parts of the world.

Degree summary

The programme provides a rigorous multidisciplinary grounding in the comparative analysis of the relationship between education and society. Students are introduced to education policy and politics of international organisations, such as the OECD and the EU, and national governments in countries/regions such as the UK, Europe and Asia, discussing the effects education systems have on economic development, skill formation, and social inclusion.

The Department of Education, Practice and Society is a multidisciplinary department at UCL Institute of Education bringing together a diverse community of researchers with expertise in the social sciences who have a common interest in exploring education in all its guises: formal, non-formal and informal.

The department has extensive expertise and experience in research, knowledge transfer and consultancy in the UK, Europe and Asia, working closely with transnational bodies, such as, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, government departments, as well as with regional organisations, employer organisations, national institutes, and international organisations.

This programme is delivered via face-to-face evening sessions. Attendance may vary depending on your choice of optional modules. It is assessed by coursework assignments of 5,000 words, and a 20,000-word dissertation or 10,000-word report. If the report is opted for an additional optional module is required.

Degree structure

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

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) OR two core modules (60 credits) and three optional modules (90 credits) and a report (30 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**

- Comparative Education: Theories and Methods
- Education and Development in Asia
- Education Traditions and Systems in Europe

**Optional Modules**

- Innovation and Change in Higher Education
- Education and International Development: Concepts, Theories and Issues
- Education and Muslim Communities
- Learners, Learning and Teaching in the Context of Education for All
- Minorities, Migrants and Refugees in National Education Systems
- Higher Education: Comparative and International Perspectives
- Understanding Education Policy
- Debates in the History of Education

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 undertake an independent research project which culminates in a 20,000-word dissertation or 10,000-word report.
Your career

The MA Comparative Education will help you to develop key employability skills, which will make you attractive in both the public and private sector, e.g. international organisations, government departments, think tanks and consultancies, education businesses, and in research and teaching. We also offer an Mphil/PhD in Comparative Education (integrated route). We supervise across a broad range of areas within the comparative social sciences, comparative politics of education, and education development.

Employability

Recent career destinations for this degree:

The OECD and the European Commission
Think tanks, education businesses, and consultancies in Europe, Asia and the USA.
Government bodies
PhD scholarships
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is required.

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 Education at graduate level
- why you want to study Comparative Education 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: £8,680 (FT), £4,470 (PT)
- EU: £8,680 (FT), £4,470 (PT)
- Overseas: £18,790 (FT), £9,570 (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.

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

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 26 July 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