Disability, Design and Innovation MSc

The MSc in DDI is the flagship programme for the newly established Global Disability Innovation Hub (www.disabilityinnovation.com), which brings together world leading expertise in disability, technology and innovation from across the three founding partners: UCL, Loughborough University London and the London College of Fashion. It naturally blends hard engineering skills with the necessary understanding of the global policy and societal contexts of disability.

Degree summary

The first term will equip you with the core research methods, combined with a solid base in Future Global Technologies for Disability and Development. In the second term you will take part in a group project, take an option from a restricted range and develop your ability to build both marketing and business strategies to ensure your products, services or programmes are capable of delivering a sustainable, positive difference to disabled peoples’ lives.

The MSc DDI has been designed to appeal to a wide range of students, focussing on engineers wishing to enter the international development job market; and those working in international development wishing to understand how ICT and technology more generally can be harnessed to improve the lives of the world’s 1 billion disabled people. This multidisciplinary programme will create a new breed of graduates able to apply design thinking to the complex problem of disability.

The programme aims to be inclusive from the outset. You will learn from through a mixture of group projects, individual making, lectures and seminars. You will have access to experts and practitioner communities to support their learning and we also expect our student cohort to learn from each other’s life experiences.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year
Location: London, Hackney Wick (Here East)
Students undertake modules to the value of 180 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

- Future Global Technologies for Disability and Development @ UCL (30 credits)
- Design Thinking @ Loughborough University Stratford (15 credits)
- Research Methods & Making Skills @ UCL (15 credits)
- Applied Business and Marketing strategy for Disability Developments @ London College of Fashion (30 credits)
- Collaborative Project @ Loughborough University Stratford (15 credits)

OPTIONAL MODULES

Students must choose an option module (15 credits)
- Accessibility & Assistive Technology @ UCL (15 credits)
- Disability and Development @ UCL (15 credits)
- Inclusive Design & Environment @ UCL (15 credits)

All choices are subject to timetabling and resource constraints.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All students will undertake a dissertation (60 credits). Supervision will be provided by staff from UCL, London College of Fashion or Loughborough University.

There will be fieldtrips as part of the Inclusive Design and Environments module.
Your career

Employability

On Graduation you will be equipped to move into jobs in international development, create start-ups or work within larger corporations in the field of computing, accessibility and assistive technologies. You will understand how technology can be harnessed to improve the lives of the world’s 1 billion disabled people.
Entry requirements

1) A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Social Sciences from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. 2) Five years' experience of working in international development, design or assistive technology development. Students entering via route 2 will be required to attend an interview before being offered a place. For students without an engineering background, successful completion of an online preparatory course is compulsory. This will be delivered over the summer and will fully prepare students for the technical components for the course.

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

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

UK: £12,750 (FT)
EU: £12,750 (FT)
Overseas: £28,410 (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.

Snowdon Trust scholarships are available to disabled students with a passion for learning, the closing date for applications is 15th May 2019. Please complete a UCL application before applying for the scholarship. Click here to apply for the scholarship.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 14 June 2019

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

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EU referendum

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