The International Master's in Economy, State and Society is a unique, innovative, dynamic yet firmly established postgraduate programme offered by a consortium of leading European universities. It leads to the award of a highly prestigious double degree. All students will spend their first year at UCL SSEES and their second year at a partner university of their choice.

**Degree summary**

The programme combines rigorous research methods training, discipline-based and area studies training and intensive language tuition. Students develop cultural and linguistic knowledge of Eastern and Western Europe, and acquire the skills to identify and critically analyse key factors shaping the economies, states and societies of the expanding European region. All students will spend their first year at UCL SSEES and their second year at a partner university of their choice.

- The International Master’s in Economy, State and Society is a good pathway for students with a serious interest in the economies, states and societies of the wider European region.
- Students benefit from an integrated study programme, with the first year spent at UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) and the second year at one of the partner universities in the Czech Republic (Prague), Estonia (Tartu), Finland (Helsinki), Hungary (Budapest), Poland (Kraków), Serbia (Belgrade) and Russia (Moscow).
- Our specialist library is unrivalled in the UK and our central London location provides an ideal environment for research. Our close contacts with employers, policymakers and alumni afford excellent opportunities for networking and career development.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and research supervision. Assessment is by written examination, coursework and dissertation; language courses involve an oral examination.

**Degree structure**

**Mode:** Full-time: 2 years

**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to a total value of 120 ECTS, with 60 ECTS taken in year one at UCL and 60 ECTS taken in year two at their chosen institution.

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.

**YEAR ONE COMPULSORY MODULES**

- Quantitative Methods* (6 ECTS) OR Understanding and Analysing Data (6 ECTS) OR Qualitative Methods (6 ECTS)
- Political Analysis (6 ECTS) OR Development Economics and Policy (6 ECTS)
- Language**

* Quantitative Methods must be taken by students who are planning on taking the following Economics modules: Financial Development, Public Choice - Private Interest, Trade and Foreign Direct Investment.

**If not taken in year one, a Language module is compulsory in year two.

**OPTIONAL MODULES INCLUDE**

- 36 ECTS or 48 ECTS if no language taken in year one. At least one module should be taken from Economics modules and at least one from Politics modules
- Corporate Finance and Investment in Emerging Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Economic Development and Policies
- Financial Development
- Political Economy of International Business
- Public Choice-Private Interest
- The Economics of Property Rights
- Trade and FDI Policy with reference to Eastern Europe
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Anthropology, Politics, Intimacy
- Baltic Politics and Society
- Causes, Consequences and Control: Corruption and Governance
- Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies
- Migration in the European Union
- Year 2 modules will vary depending on second year destination choices. Please visit the IMESS website for further information.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All students undertake an independent research project in their second year, which culminates in a dissertation of approximately 20,000–25,000 words.
Your career

Graduates of this programme are qualified to progress to doctoral research in the European area; others may advance to careers in governmental or international organisations, and may specialise in finance, commerce, analysis or consultancy. Other career destinations include diplomacy, journalism, or non-governmental organisations. Indeed, the scope of IMESS is broad and so too, correspondingly, are the post-IMESS possibilities.

Employability

Graduates of the programme have taken leadership positions in distinguished private and public sector organisations (including the IMF, EBRD, OSCE, NATO, United Nations, in risk control, banks and financial institutions, diplomacy and media, and the civil service) and many have also continued to doctoral studies. Scholarships, internship opportunities and excellent links with other universities in the region provide further benefits.
**Entry requirements**

Normally 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 Economy, State and Society at graduate level
- why you want to study Economy, State and Society 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.

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**FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY**

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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.

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Scholarship applicants: 24 March 2019

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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

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