Educational Leadership (International) MBA /

The degree is for senior leaders in education in all phases of educational provision, from pre-school settings through to those working at the tertiary level, as well as those with a system-wide role.

Degree summary

This programme provides students with the opportunity to develop as a strategic thinker, a leader of learning and educational improvement, and a manager of resources, exploring important national and international debates in and around educational reform, leadership, teaching and learning.

The research and development work carried out by the Department of Learning and Leadership at the UCL Institute of Education (IOE) has an outstanding reputation. The department is at the forefront of promoting new knowledge for and about leadership, nationally, and internationally.

The department supports educational and public sector leadership to improve the life chances of individuals and communities, working in partnership with practitioners and policymakers at the critical edge of research and practice.

The Educational Leadership (International) MBA provides a full overview of contemporary education leadership issues and allows participants to apply that theory and research to practice.

This programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, online materials and tutorial support involving module leaders and guest speakers. Assessment is through assignment submission and final dissertation. The programme is delivered through intensive two-day contact periods and tutorial support can be offered in person, via Skype or online.

Accreditation

The MBA was revised in 2018 to ensure the learning outcomes were aligned to AMBA guidelines.

Degree structure

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

The taught programme is organised in blocks for Fridays and Saturdays. For each module you would need to attend two blocks of teaching.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core modules (120 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits). Students with an NPQH qualification awarded no more than five years before the planned start date can claim recognition of prior learning to the value of 30 credits, and complete four core modules (120 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

- Strategic Leadership and Resource Management
- Leading People for Effective Learning
- System Leadership
- International Perspectives on Accountability and Evaluation in Education

OPTIONAL MODULES

- There are no optional modules for this programme.
- Visit the UCL Institute of Education website for more information, including module descriptions, which can be seen by clicking on the module title.

DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PROJECT

- Students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a research dissertation (20,000 words). Students with an NPQH qualification awarded no more than five years before the planned start date can claim recognition of prior learning and complete a research report instead of a dissertation (10,000 words).
Your career

Graduates of this Master’s degree are currently working as:

- Executive leaders and trustees of academies and multi-academy trusts
- Headteachers/Principals of state-maintained, independent and international schools
- Heads of early childhood settings
- Senior education consultants working within national and international contexts
- Local authority leaders
- Senior leaders aspiring to executive leadership roles in education.

Employability

This Master’s degree provides the opportunity to:

- develop as a strategic thinker, leader of learning and educational improvement, and manager of resources
- explore important national and international debates in and around educational reform, leadership, and teaching and learning.
Entry requirements

A second-class UK Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, or equivalent senior leadership experience. Applicants who have earned the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) certificate within the last five years will gain 30 credits towards the MBA. All applicants must have relevant professional experience.

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 Educational Leadership (International) at graduate level
- why you want to study Educational Leadership (International) 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: £8,060 (PT)
- EU: £8,060 (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: 9 September 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