The English Education MA programme offers participants a stimulating combination of both academic and professional development, including guidance on conducting small-scale research. It is particularly helpful in enhancing practising English/literacy teachers' promotional prospects and 'leadership capital', and is relevant to practitioners from across all phases of education.

Degree summary

Updated annually, a carefully balanced programme of core and optional modules explores a wide range of contemporary topics relating to English as a curriculum subject; interactive seminars are designed to draw on participants' own experiences and increase awareness of the richness and scope of English as a field of study (including media and drama).

This programme at the UCL Institute of Education (IOE) is one of the few programmes in the country which offers a specialist Master's degree in English/media/drama as a curriculum subject.

Every year this well-established course attracts participants from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds. For written assignments students are encouraged to investigate aspects of their own practice which are of particular interest to them.

The programme is taught by an experienced team of subject specialists, most of whom are qualified teachers themselves, and students on this programme are offered individualised tutorial support throughout the duration of the course.

The MA is delivered through a combination of face-to-face seminars and online materials; sessions are always interactive, drawing on students' own interests and experiences. Most modules are assessed by means of written essays.

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 one core module (30 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits) or a report (30 credits), plus a choice from a wide range of optional modules (30 credits each) reflecting different interests within the field of English studies.

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

Contemporary Issues in English Education

OPTIONAL MODULES

Recommended optional modules include:

- Shakespeare in Education
- Creativity: from theory to practice in English Media Drama
- Teaching Controversial Issues
- Literacy Practice in Writing and Comprehension
- Assessment for Learning
- Assessment Issues and Practice
- International Perspectives on Educational Reform
- Gender, Sexuality and Education
- Developing Understanding in English, Media, Drama Studies

Whilst students are normally expected to choose modules from the published list of recommended options, in exceptional circumstances individual students may choose from a wider range of options, subject to approval.

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 either culminates in a dissertation of approximately 20,000 words (60 credits) or an investigative report of approximately 10,000 words (30 credits).
Your career

Graduates of this programme are currently working across a broad range of areas. Some are working as teachers of English (in the UK and internationally), while others have jobs as heads of English departments in UK schools. Graduates can also be found working as education advisers with cultural organisations.

Employability

The majority of our MA English Education students are already employed as practising teachers who are thinking about the next steps in their professional careers, for example as Heads of Department or taking up whole school literacy development posts.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of a second-class UK Bachelor's degree in English or a related area (e.g. media or drama) or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Knowledge and experience of teaching English language/literature as a curriculum subject (primary, secondary or tertiary) is essential. NB. applicants do not have to be qualified teachers, but these applicants would need to demonstrate substantial relevant postgraduate work experience - for example, at least a year working as a Teaching Assistant or similar role in a school or college.

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 English Education at graduate level
// why you want to study English 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