The EU is a major influence on public policy across all its member states and in global politics more broadly. It also remains a central issue within UK politics and policy-making following the Brexit decision in June 2016. Students are equipped with the knowledge, transferable skills and research experience necessary to analyse the complex challenges facing Europe's policymakers today. The programme includes a funded study trip to Brussels.

Degree summary

The programme provides in-depth knowledge of the EU's institutions, politics and policies. It covers legislative, executive, and judicial politics; introduces EU law-making and lobbying; and addresses key contemporary questions, such as Europe's global role, democratic legitimacy, the euro crisis and the EU's impact on member states. Students choose from a wide range of options in public policy, international politics and comparative government.

UCL Political Science is recognised as a centre of excellence in the field and offers a uniquely stimulating environment for the study of public policy in the EU and its member states.

The department acts as a bridge between the research community and policymakers in Brussels and Britain, and the programme's funded study trip to Brussels offers students first-hand insights into the EU's institutions as well as networking opportunities.

Launched in 2010, UCL's European Institute has become a new hub for cross-disciplinary research and public events on Europe, for our students to attend and engage in.

Teaching on the EU is interdisciplinary and pools the department's world-class expertise in European politics, public policy and international relations. The MSc is delivered through weekly lectures and seminars by experts, who all carry out innovative research in the field. Assessment is through unseen examinations, essays, policy-briefs and a dissertation. Several modules include negotiation games.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core modules (75 credits), three optional modules (45 credits) and a research dissertation (60 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

- European Union: Institutions and Politics (30)
- Public Policy Economics and Analysis (15)
- Qualitative Methods: Interviews, Observations and Mixed Methods (15)
- or Qualitative Methods: Texts and Images (15)
- or Qualitative Methods: Case Studies and Comparative Analysis (15)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods and Advanced Quantitative Methods (15)

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Choose one of the following 15 credit modules:
- Further modules can be chosen up to a value of 30 credits in total from a list available at our website: Political Science Department
- Choose one of the following 15-credit modules (the other module remains available as an option):
- Policy-Making and Regulation in Europe (15)
- The European Union, Globalisation and the State (15)

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a 10,000-word dissertation.
Your career

Most students choose the MSc as the foundation for a career in European affairs in the EU’s institutions; in central, regional or local government; in NGOs, business, lobby groups and public affairs consultancies.

Employability

The MSc puts a premium on training students in the systematic analysis of European public policies and policy-making. Our teaching therefore combines a rigorous academic programme and a focus on independent research with training in pre-professional skills, for example through negotiation games, the preparation of policy briefs and a visit to the EU’s institutions. Career events with alumni, topical workshops at UCL’s European Institute, the study trip to Brussels and established links with the EU communities in Brussels and London also offer our students excellent networking opportunities.
Entry requirements

As a minimum, an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university; or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Relevant practical or work experience in a related field may also be taken into account.

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: Advanced.

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 European Politics and Policy at graduate level
- why you want to study European Politics and Policy 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.

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: £13,340 (FT), £6,610 (PT)
// EU: £13,340 (FT), £6,610 (PT)
// Overseas: £21,790 (FT), £11,060 (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.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 23 August 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