GEOSPATIAL SCIENCES
(GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
SCIENCE AND COMPUTING)
MSc /
2019/20 ENTRY

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The Geospatial Sciences (GIS and Computing) MSc teaches students the theory, tools and techniques for working with geospatial data, from acquisition to processing to analysis. Students have the opportunity to engage and work with academics and industrial partners on cutting-edge research through seminars and a dissertation.

Degree summary

This specialist GIS and Computing programme educates students in the theoretical, scientific and practical aspects of geographic information science, with a strong focus on the technical and analytical aspects of the discipline. The pathway covers a range of topics from spatial analysis and geocomputation to programming and app development. Our graduates become GIS professionals rather than simply GIS users.

UCL Civil, Environmental & Geomatic Engineering is an energetic and exciting multidisciplinary department with a tradition of excellence in teaching and research, situated in the heart of London. This exciting new MSc programme consolidates the department’s expertise in the geospatial sciences into a single degree, giving students the chance to specialise in their chosen area.

Students studying the Geospatial Sciences (GIS and Computing) MSc will benefit from the department’s excellent research and industry links, including attending our industrial and research seminar series, and carrying out a research project with one of our many industrial partners.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, computer sessions, seminars and field classes. Assessment is via coursework (individual and group), presentations, written examinations and the dissertation.

Accreditation

The Geospatial Sciences (GIS and Computing) MSc is accredited by RICS. RICS works in partnership with universities to ensure that their accredited degree courses are relevant to industry. This means that when you study on an accredited degree this will be recognised by employers as the benchmark of quality.

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 six compulsory modules (90 credits) and two optional modules (30 credits). All students carry out a 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

- Students will take the following compulsory modules (term indicated in brackets):
  - Geospatial Science (T1)
  - Geospatial Programming (T1)
  - Spatial Analysis & Geocomputation (T1)
  - Spatial Databases & Data Management (T1)
  - Web & Mobile Apps & Programming (T2)
  - Spatio-Temporal Analysis & Data Mining (T2)

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Students must choose at least one of the following optional modules in term 2:
  - Applied BIM
  - Sensors & Location

- One of the optional modules may be exchanged for an elective at the discretion of the programme director.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000–12,000 words and a poster presentation (60 credits).

Some modules may contain an element of fieldwork using specialist equipment in an applied setting.

There is no additional cost for fieldwork.
Your career

Students graduating with a degree in Geospatial Sciences (GIS and Computing) will be equipped for a diverse range of roles, including GIS professional/officer, data scientist, geospatial software developer and consultant. Graduates go on to work for a variety of organisations including engineering consultancies, GIS software companies and national mapping agencies. Our students establish strong links with industry through the industrial seminar series and industrial research projects. Additionally, many graduates from our programmes go on to PhD research at UCL or elsewhere.

Employability

Students will gain a range of technical skills in geospatial science that are highly valued by employers, including the use of specialist software for GIS (ArcMap, QGIS, FME, Revit, PostGIS); programming, web and software development (Python, R, Java, Javascript, HTML/CSS, PHP); geospatial data acquisition, processing and management; geospatial data visualisation and analysis.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline (such as engineering, architecture, geography, urban planning, mathematics, surveying, marine and earth sciences, computer science) from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Normally only candidates with either a first or upper second-class degree will be accepted, although applicants with a lower second-class degree supported by extensive work experience will also be considered.

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: Standard.

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 Geospatial Sciences (Geographic Information Science and Computing) at graduate level
- why you want to study Geospatial Sciences (Geographic Information Science and Computing) 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.

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- UK: £12,750 (FT), £6,375 (PT)
- EU: £12,750 (FT), £6,375 (PT)
- Overseas: £26,660 (FT), £13,340 (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: 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

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