LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND HISTORY: GERMAN STUDIES
MA /
2019/20 ENTRY

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The German Studies pathway of the MA in Language, Culture and History offers a wide range of modules covering many aspects of German language, culture and history. This highly flexible programme allows students from a diversity of backgrounds to pursue topics in more depth, to acquire new areas of interdisciplinary expertise and to enhance their German language skills.

Degree summary

This MA enables further exploration of aspects of German literature, culture, history, politics, and social and political thought, within an explicitly thematic and theoretical framework. Students can specialise in particular areas of interest through the optional modules. Text-based language teaching is available for students wishing to develop their linguistic skills.

UCL is ranked third in the UK for Modern Languages in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.

UCL’s central location offers students easy access to excellent resources, including the British Library, the Institute of Modern Languages Research, the German Historical Institute and the Institute of Historical Research. The cultural offerings of the Goethe Institut, the Austrian Institute, and a wealth of exhibitions, films and theatrical performances are all nearby.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Formal teaching occurs in the first two terms and the third term is devoted to revision sessions, examinations and detailed supervision of the dissertation project. Student performance is assessed through coursework essays, a dissertation, and unseen written examinations.

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 offers two pathways: taught and research. Taught: one core cross-language module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits). Research: one core cross-language module (30 credits), two taught modules (60 credits), and a research dissertation (90 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, one core module (30 credits), three optional modules (90 credits), full-time nine months or part-time two years, is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate, one core module (30 credits), one optional module (30 credits), full-time three months, part-time six months, is offered.

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 MODULE

Language, Culture and History. This core module permits research into two areas of major contemporary interest; recent modules available have included Memory, The Past, Sexuality, Warfare.

OPTIONAL MODULES

Students choose from a range of optional modules on topics such as the following:

- Wolfram’s Parzival
- Reading Modern Novels
- Theoretical Issues in History and Literature
- Staging the Past: German Historical Drama since 1770
- Writing and Rewriting Marchen and other Fantastic Tales
- Discussion and Essay in German: Intensive Essay Writing
- Translation from and into German: Advanced Translation
- German Literature and Psychology
- Austrian Literature I
- The Writing of W. G. Sebald
- Black Germany
- Imperial Germany
- Empathy
- German-Language Writing and Culture after 1945

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a 60-credit dissertation of 12,000 words, or a 90-credit dissertation of 18,000 words.
Your career

The MA provides an excellent foundation year for subsequent doctoral research in all areas of the department’s research specialisms. Many students progress from one of our MA programmes to an MPhil or PhD research degree.

Employability

With their specialist knowledge and language skills, German Master’s graduates can be found in business, finance, the media, international agencies, teaching and academia.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. A knowledge of German at least equivalent to UK A level standard is required.

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 German Studies at graduate level
- why you want to study German Studies at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a 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: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (PT)
- EU: £10,440 (FT), £5,275 (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.

All full time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £1,000 for this programme. All part-time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £500.

For details of scholarships available to MA students in SELCS, please refer to the MA Scholarships webpage.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

UK/EU applicants: 26 July 2019
Scholarship applicants: 30 April 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