POLITICAL ANALYSIS
(RUSSIA AND EASTERN
EUROPE) MA /
2019/20 ENTRY

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This MA provides an opportunity to study political and social developments in post-communist Europe in breadth and depth, acquiring a mix of in-depth knowledge, analytical and research skills, and theoretical understanding. Regions covered include central and Eastern Europe, the western Balkans and most parts of the former Soviet Union.

Degree summary

The programme tackles issues such as democracy and authoritarianism, corruption, ethno-political conflict, foreign policy and security in both thematic and area/country-oriented modules. Students are able to either focus on one region or to study regions across the post-communist world. All students take a core module in political analysis and have the option of learning Russian or another East European language.

// The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is one of the largest national centres in the UK, for the study of central, Eastern and south-east Europe and Russia.

// Our MA allows you to study the political development of the region in unparalleled breadth and depth and to develop analytical and research capabilities, language skills and practical insights.

// Our nationally unequalled specialist library and central London location provide an ideal environment for research, while our close contacts with employers, policy-makers and alumni afford excellent opportunities for networking and career development.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, laboratory sessions, workshops and classes. Students will be assessed by a variety of methods: unseen examinations, long essays, coursework and the research dissertation.

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 two core modules (30 credits), optional modules (90 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

// Students take two core modules of 15 credits each, one of which must be 'Political Analysis'.
// Political Analysis
// And at least one chosen from:
// Qualitative Methods
// Understanding and Analysing Data
// Comparative Analysis in Social and Political Research
// Introduction to Discourse Analysis
// Quantitative Methods
// Advanced Quantitative Methods

OPTIONAL MODULES

// Optional Modules may include the following:
// Causes, Consequences and Control: Corruption and Governance
// Ethnopolitical Conflict in Central and Eastern Europe
// Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies
// Making of Modern Ukraine
// Nation, Identity and Power in Central and Eastern Europe
// Russian Politics
// Security, Identity, Polarity
// Governance and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe
// Russian Foreign Policy
// Baltic Politics and Society
// Democracy and Authoritarianism in Post-communist Europe
// Understanding 'Transitional Justice'
// Politics of South Eastern Europe
// Up to 30 credits from other SSEES MA modules or other approved departments.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

// All MA students undertake an independent research project, which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000-12,000 words.
Your career

With their specialist knowledge and language skills, SSEES Master’s graduates can be found in business, finance, the media, international agencies, charities, diplomacy, international security organisations, the law, and academia.

Some graduates advise the Russian, Polish, American, and other governments, and the European Commission.

Employability

The range of modules offered allows students either to focus on one region or to study regions across the post-communist world. The MA opens up a range of opportunities and previous graduates from this programme have gone on to work in think tanks; political parties; national, European and international private and public sector organisations; and in the media and in NGOs as political analysts. Other graduates have gone on to further academic study. Networking is facilitated by two major collaborations led by SSEES: CEELBAS and the International Master's (IMESS). Scholarships, internship opportunities and excellent links with other universities in the region provide further benefits.
Entry requirements

Normally an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

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 Political Analysis at undergraduate level
- why you want to study Political Analysis 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: £11,650 (FT), £5,800 (PT)
- EU: £11,650 (FT), £5,800 (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.

AHRC Scholarships may be available.

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