The Master of Teaching (MTeach) is a higher degree for education practitioners designed to enhance their professional learning. Participants’ own educational contexts are central to enabling situated learning and critical engagement with theory, practice and policy. It provides intellectually challenging practice-based development opportunities.

Degree summary

Using their own experience of everyday educational activities (e.g. teaching) students develop a critical understanding of research, scholarship, learning and policy contexts. Students can import up to 60 Master’s-level credits from Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes taken within the last five years. A total of 180 credits are required to gain the Master of Teaching.

UCL Institute of Education has been providing first-class teacher education, in partnership with schools and colleges in the London region for over 100 years. Centrally located in London, we are the preferred choice for Master’s-level professional development for many classroom practitioners.

Participants are all current educational practitioners who are interested in the classroom as a focus for professional learning. The mixed-mode approach of the programme takes account of the demanding lives of teachers.

The programme provides ongoing support through its tutorial group system. This interactive environment fosters the development of a ‘learning community’ based on pedagogical and evidence-based practice.

Teaching is module and pathway dependent. The course is mixed mode utilising a combination of face-to-face, distance and online learning. You may choose to do distance learning alone. The MTeach pathways reflect students’ career stages and/or professional interest. Tutorial groups share and critically analyse professional practice. This process is central to the development of a deeper understanding of subject pedagogy and the ways young people learn. Assessment includes critical evaluation of everyday teaching, portfolios, reflective journals and evidence studies.

Degree structure

Mode: Part-time: 3 years; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Many students import 60 credits from ITE (e.g. PGCE) so they start with 60 of the total 180 credits required allowing to finish the degree sooner. Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of both core and optional modules (120/150 credits), and a dissertation/report (60/30 credits). Students can also import up to 60 Master’s-level credits from Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes. A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits) is offered. A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits) 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 MODULES

Compulsory modules are dependent on your MTeach pathway. Pathways include: New Teachers (less than 2 years experience), Experienced Teachers (more than 2 years experience), English Teachers, and Mandarin Teacher pathway.

Please contact us for more information about which pathway and modules would be most suitable.

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Understanding Teaching
- Developing Understanding in English, Media, Drama Studies
- Leading Learning
- Understanding the Teaching and Learning of Chinese Mandarin in Schools
- Research and Professional Practice
- Professional Development Portfolio 1
- Professional Development Portfolio 2

Students may also select approved optional modules from other IOE programmes, subject to availability.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in either a Practice Based Enquiry Report (9,000/10,000 words) or a Practice Based Enquiry dissertation (18,000/20,000).
Your career

Master of Teaching graduates progress to a range of educational careers. Some are working as teachers, while others have roles in management or as senior leaders and teacher educators. Graduates have also found positions as local authority advisers and as lecturers within universities.

Employability

The programme focuses on teachers’ practice and leadership, and encourages teachers to learn from and with colleagues in other schools. At a time when the recruitment and retention of excellent teachers are key issues for many schools, award-bearing professional learning acts as an incentive for both schools and teachers.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is required, together with strong references from appropriate referees. Participants should be teaching in Europe for the duration of the programme. If already a UCL Institute of Education (IOE) PGCE, GTP or Schools Direct graduate, students need to provide a satisfactory written reference from your PGCE IOE tutor.

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 education at graduate level
- 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: £3,015 (PT)
EU: £3,015 (PT)

The part-time tuition fees shown are for Year 1 only. Fees for Years 2 and 3 will be higher, in accordance with UCL's fees policy. Any increases in fees will not exceed 5% annually. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the online UCL Students website. Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate part-time Master's fee taken in an academic session. The total fees for any academic year will therefore be determined by the number of credits taken.

Many MTeach participants receive sponsorship through their schools to support their studies. If your application is successful, we would be happy to offer a letter in support of such sponsorship.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 5 September 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