ANCIENT HISTORY BA
UCAS CODE: V110
2020 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus
Ancient History BA /

Studying history at UCL gives you opportunities to explore the subject which are unrivalled anywhere else in the UK or Europe. This degree focuses on the history of ancient Greece, Rome, the Middle East and Egypt from the third millennium BC to late antiquity.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL’s exceptional strength and formidable range of expertise in ancient history means that students on this degree programme are offered great scope for choice.

// Whilst this degree programme has an emphasis on ancient history, students are also encouraged to take advantage of the range of expertise in the department and explore later historical periods.

// Drawing upon UCL History, related UCL departments and relevant University of London colleges, the programme offers a wide variety of modules spanning extraordinary chronological breadth and geographical range.

// Exceptional resources, including the British Museum and British Library, are within walking distance, and other London-based museums and organisations provide unrivalled opportunities for accessing primary source material.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The programme includes three first-year compulsory modules, a research project in the second year, a final-year special subject, dissertation, and options chosen from a range of full-year and half-year modules.

Credits can be chosen from the wide range of modules in ancient history, archaeology and classics as appropriate. Students are encouraged to gain maximum benefit from the chronological range of expertise in the department by choosing at least one module in modern, early modern and medieval history.

Teaching is delivered via lectures, seminars and one-to-one tutorials. All seminar groups are capped at a maximum of 15, final-year dissertation subjects at a maximum of 10.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Writing Ancient History
- Approaching History or an Ancient Language (Ancient Greek, Latin, Akkadian or other ancient language)

Optional modules

- Ancient Greek, Latin, Akkadian or other ancient language (level dependent upon ability)
- Ancient and Medieval China
- The Greek World c. 800-386 BC
- The Hellenistic World from Alexander to the end of the Attalid Kingdom
- The History of Political Thought
- Bronze Age States in the Ancient Middle East
- The Near East 1200 BC-336 BC: Empires and Pastoralists
- The Roman Empire from Augustus to Theodosius
- Remaining credits can be selected from a wide range of options in history, ancient languages or from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Research Seminar

Optional modules

- You will select 90 credits of optional modules, including at least 30 credits of ancient history options. Options may include:
  - Ancient Greek, Latin, Akkadian or other ancient language (level dependent upon ability)
  - Understanding the Early Mesopotamian World
  - Cities and Kings in the Hellenistic World
  - Roman Democracy: Myth or Reality
  - Ancient Anatolia Through Material Culture
  - Asia, the Aegean, Europe: Dividing the World in Ancient Greece
- Remaining credits can be selected from a wide range of options in history, ancient languages or from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.
FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

//

Dissertation

Optional modules

// You will select 90 credits of optional modules, including at least 30 credits in an Ancient History Special Subject. Options may include:
// Ancient Greek, Latin, Akkadian or other ancient language (level dependent upon ability)
// Slavery in the Classical World
// Ancient Greek Religion of the Archaic and Classical Period
// Rome, AD 300-1000: Portrait of a City, Reflections of a Changing World
// Cultures of War in Ancient Greece
// Death and Dying in Ancient Mesopotamia
// Remaining credits can be selected from a wide range of options in history, ancient languages or from another approved interdepartmental or intercollegiate module.

Your learning

Our approach to learning places emphasis on active student participation in seminar discussion, always in groups of fifteen or fewer. Some modules, particularly in your first year, will also include lectures. Essays you write will always be returned to you in individual face-to-face tutorials in which you will receive constructive, personal feedback.

Assessment

Your work will be assessed by a mixture of examinations and written coursework. Significant weight is given to an extended essay based on original sources produced in your final year.

Your career

The programme is designed to teach many transferable skills: how to gather and organise evidence; how to analyse it and present a structured argument; how to express yourself clearly, both in writing and orally.

UCL’s History graduates have excelled in a wide range of occupations, such as lawyers, financial advisers, stockbrokers, television producers, diplomats, journalists, bankers, teachers, and in the health service, the police and overseas development programmes, as well as in progressing to further study.

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Each candidate’s profile is considered as a complete picture, taking into account your interest in and suitability for the degree, as shown in your personal statement and referee’s report, as well as achieved and predicted grades. Your ability to present an argument, evidence of intellectual curiosity and your enthusiasm for and commitment to studying history will also be assessed.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**
**Standard Offer:** AAA. History, Ancient History or Classical Civilisation required.
**Contextual Offer:** ABB. History, Ancient History or Classical Civilisation required.

**GCSE**
English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**
**Standard Offer:** 38 points. A score of 18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in History, with no score lower than 5. A minimum of 5 is required at standard level in a modern or ancient European language.
**Contextual Offer:** 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in History, with no score lower than 5. A minimum of 5 is required at standard level in a modern or ancient European language.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

---

**TUITION FEES**
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2020/21 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2020/21)
- **Overseas:** £21,260 (2020/21)

Full details of UCL's tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

**Additional costs**
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**FUNDING**
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

**CONTACT**
Mr Ben Karniely

Email: b.karniely@ucl.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)20 3108 4231

Department: History

**Brexit**
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

**Disclaimer**
This information is for guidance only. It should not be construed as advice nor relied upon and does not form part of any contract. For more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL Undergraduate Prospectus at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus