Bulgarian and East European Studies BA /  

Bulgaria has a rich cultural heritage and a strongly developing economy where specialists in Bulgarian are needed. This programme provides the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Bulgaria’s literature, history and culture – combined with an in-depth understanding of the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**  
September 2020

**Location**  
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- You will gain a thorough grounding in the Bulgarian language and culture, supplemented by a choice of optional cultural, historical, and social science modules. You will spend your third year abroad.
- The UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of Central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia. The SSEES Library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.
- You will benefit from frequent visits and lectures by prominent political, artistic and academic figures—prime ministers, foreign ministers, professors and writers.
- You will be able to make the most of the huge benefits of studying in London, a global city with sizeable east European communities. This city hosts a wide range of cultural events with an east European dimension.

**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).

Your degree will train you to the highest level of proficiency in speaking, writing and understanding in your chosen language(s), whether you begin with no prior knowledge or already have a good command of the language. As you progress through the degree, compulsory language modules are tailored to your existing knowledge. You will also take compulsory modules on literature and culture.

You will be encouraged to develop and pursue your own interests by choosing your optional modules from within three pathways:

- Language and Literature
- Social Science
- History

Your third year is spent abroad. This will not only bring the language and culture you are studying to life, but also strengthen your resourcefulness and self-reliance. You will normally spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

**YEAR ONE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Bulgarian Language
- Literature and Memory
- War Trauma and Memory in East European Cinema

**Optional modules**

- You will select modules to the value of 60 credits credits from a wide range of options. These may include:
  - Languages in Contact along the Danube: Intercultural Frictions and Flows
  - Narratives of Exile
  - Frontiers of History
  - How Words Work: Sounds and Sense
  - Vampires, Society and Culture: Transylvania and Beyond
  - Understanding Politics: The Big Questions in Contemporary Europe

**YEAR TWO**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Bulgarian Language
- Writing from the Other Europe
- Intro to Bulgarian Culture and Literature

**Optional modules**

- You will select modules to the value of 60 credits credits from a wide range of options across SSEES.
- View SSEES UG Modules

**YEAR THREE**

**Year abroad**

- You will spend your third year abroad and take modules at a partner university.

**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Bulgarian Literature
- Bulgarian Language or Freestanding Dissertation

**Optional modules**

- You will select modules to the value of 60 credits credits from a wide range of options across culture, history and politics courses at SSEES.
Your learning

We have dedicated resources for language teaching, including technological support through computer-aided language learning facilities, video and DVD materials, and the Internet. The methods we will use to teach and assess you are varied, to ensure that they are best suited to the knowledge and skills being imparted or measured.

Assessment

Assessment will include written, oral and aural examinations, presentations, extended essays and a dissertation.

Your career

The programme is designed to equip you with language fluency, cultural competence, historical knowledge and social understanding. Your ability to consider issues from an international perspective will be greatly enhanced and you will learn how to conduct research and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

With developed skills in critical reasoning, independent thinking and application of theoretical concepts you will be strongly placed to find employment in international organisations, particularly careers which cross international boundaries and use languages. Career prospects are likely to include finance, media, diplomacy, education, translation, research, and consultancy.

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.

We will be particularly interested in your motivation for choosing this programme. In addition to academic requirements, you should demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in language study, and relate to us how your interest in Eastern Europe was initiated. Literature, history and culture are key elements of the degree, and your interest in and experience of these fields of study are important.

If you are successful in obtaining an offer, you will normally be invited to an applicant open day, comprising introductory talks about SSEES and your degree, as well as a tour of UCL. You will also meet with a member of the teaching staff for your chosen degree programme.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: ABB. No specific subjects.
Contextual Offer: BBB. No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5.

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32 points. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

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.

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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

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