Classics BA /

This three-year programme offers the opportunity to develop expertise in two ancient languages simultaneously, focusing on the study of Ancient Greek and Latin languages and literature. Essay work helps students to develop a sophisticated approach to the ancient world.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

- UCL is ranked in the top three universities in the UK for Classics by the Guardian University Guide 2018.
- You will have access to an unparalleled range of options, from Roman Love Poetry to Greek Palaeography, from Ancient Greek Religion to Roman Epic.
- UCL has excellent library facilities, and is ideally situated, close to world-renowned resources such as the British Museum, the British Library and the Institute of Classical Studies.
- The lively student-run Classical Society organises an annual Classics play (a Greek or Latin drama in translation), which is shown at the nearby Bloomsbury Theatre, as well as other events.

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 main emphasis of the programme is on the study of Latin and Greek texts in the original language. The choice of options is very wide, but the language element follows a set pattern. Students must take at least 30 credits of Latin-based modules, and at least 30 credits of Greek-based modules per year. In addition, there are some compulsory modules in the first and second years involving texts in translation. The wide range of optional modules includes philosophy and science, ancient history and the various branches of archaeology.

The programme also allows you to take modules from outside the Classical World area, for example in medieval or modern history, history of science or computing (in Year 2 and Year 3 together, candidates may take up to 30 credits, in total, not per year, of modules entirely outside the Classics field of study).

In the second and third years, in certain circumstances, you may drop either Latin or Greek to concentrate on one or the other, leading to a qualification title of Greek with Latin BA or Latin with Greek BA.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)
- CLAS0005 Interpreting Greek Literature (15 credits, level 4)
- CLAS0006 Interpreting Latin Literature (15 credits, level 4)
- 30 credits of Latin (LATN*) modules at level 4 or above
- 30 credits of Greek (GREK*) modules at level 4 or above
- Modern Foreign Language Requirement
- At least 15 credits of a modern foreign language (depending on prior proficiency)

Optional modules
- Up to 30 credits of modules at level 4 or above (for a total of 120 credits for the programme for the year) either within the Classics field of study or outside of it.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)
- CLAS0020 Classics and Literary Theory (15 credits, level 6)
- 30 credits of Latin (LATN*) modules at level 5 or above
- 30 credits of Greek (GREK*) modules at level 5 or above

Optional modules
- 45 credits of modules at level 5 or above either within the Classics field of study or outside of it.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)
- 30 credits of Latin (LATN*) modules at level 6
- 30 credits of Greek (GREK*) modules at level 6

Optional modules
- 60 credits of modules at level 5 or above either within the Classics field of study or outside of it.
Your learning
You will be taught through lectures, seminars and small-group work. Some sessions involve direct study of artefacts, including access to the collections of the British Museum.

Assessment
Most modules combine both continuous assessment and end-of-year written examinations, although a few modules are assessed solely by one or other of these methods.

Your career
Knowledge of languages such as Latin and Greek may allow you to develop mental agility and versatility, equipping you with the ability (amongst other things) to learn modern languages with comparative ease, opening up a wider range of possibilities in the future.

The Classics BA is a rigorous and broad-ranging degree which qualifies you for a remarkably wide variety of jobs. The Classical Society hosts regular talks from former students which may help guide you in your future career choices.

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.

Entry to the degree is competitive so it is important you highlight your interest in and passion for the subject in your application. In addition to meeting the academic standards stated, we look for dedication and self-motivation, good communication skills and a real enthusiasm for your chosen area of study.

Each application is carefully assessed. Those candidates being considered for an offer will be invited to an applicant open day, which will include a lunch with staff and current students where you can discuss the degree programme, living in London and studying at UCL, and take a tour of the campus.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAB. Greek or Latin at grade A required.

Contextual Offer: ABB. Greek or Latin at grade A required.

GCSE
English Language at grade B or 6, plus 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: 36 points. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including Greek or Latin at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including Greek or Latin at grade 6, 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
(Unternational 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 2019/20 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 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £19,970 (2019/20)

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
There may be site visits within central London, incurring costs. Some modules may require the purchase of specific books. Module descriptions and recommended texts are outlined each year on the Greek and Latin website, normally from February of the preceding year.

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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