ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY
BSc (Econ) / UCAS CODE: LL17
2020 ENTRY

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Economics and Geography BSc (Econ) /

Economics and geography have been moving ever closer in their concerns. The fields of development and the environment are obvious examples. This challenging combined-studies programme is designed to equip students with a thorough grounding in the theoretical principles and techniques of application in both fields.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// You will acquire a distinctive mix of theoretical and practical skills (including a range of analytical techniques, independent research skills and project work) and specialised knowledge.

// At the end of the programme you will be able to analyse and evaluate policy choices in the fields you have studied and carry out research on a sound basis.

// Resources include: computer clusters, together with specialist facilities for geographical information and satellite image analysis; science laboratories; a reference map collection; a dedicated reading room and first-class library facilities.

// Both UCL Geography and UCL Economics receive consistently high scores for the quality of their research. You will therefore be taught by leading thinkers in their respective fields for both disciplines.

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 degree gives equal weight to both disciplines, although the balance can be modified in the final year. In each year you will receive regular programme-related classes in economics and in geography.

In the first year, you will take two compulsory modules in Economics and one optional module. In Geography, you take two compulsory modules and two optional modules.

In the second year you will take two compulsory modules in Economics. You may choose any four modules from the Geography second-year options, or take an additional module in Economics and three modules in Geography.

In the final year you will choose 120 credits from a wide range of second- or third-year optional modules. A minimum of 90 credits must be taken in both Economics and Geography over the second and third years. Most students do not take a dissertation in their final year but exceptions may be made - this would have consequences for second year module choices.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Economics
   Introduction to Mathematics for Economists
   Thinking Geographically I and II

Optional modules

// You will select 15 credits of optional modules from Economics and 30 credits of optional modules from Geography.
// Economics options may include:
// History of Economic Thought
// Statistical Methods in Economics
// The World Economy
// Introduction to Economic Thinking
// Geography options include:
// Human Ecology
// Global Events
// Space and Society
// Environmental Change
// Earth: An integrated system
// Geography in the Field I (which includes the fieldclass)
// Geography in the Field II
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)
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Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
Microeconomics

Optional modules
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Students can take 60 credits of Geography Year Two modules, or choose one more 15 credit module from Economics plus 45 credits of Geography modules.
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Human Geography: Cultural and Historical Geography; Development Geography; Environment and Society; Economic Geography; GIS and Geodemographics; Political Geography and Geopolitics; Urban Geography; Human Geography Fieldclass
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Physical Geography: Ecological Patterns and Processes; Environmental Remote Sensing; Geomorphology; Hydroclimatology; Reconstructing Past Environments; Statistics for Environmental Geographers; Physical Geography Fieldclass.
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Normally, students will not take a dissertation in their final year. Students wishing to do so must take The Practice of Geography and Methods in Human Geography plus two other Geography modules.

FINAL YEAR

Optional modules
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You will select 120 credits from a wide range of optional modules in Economics and in Geography, ensuring that a minimum of 90 credits has been taken in each subject over years two and three.

Your learning

Your timetable will include lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical classes. As you progress, the focus shifts to independent and critical learning, with student-led discussions becoming more important. While the structure of the degree is well defined, it is still possible to make some changes to this - to allow for dissertations and fieldclass work, for example.

Fieldwork

Joint degree students do not normally take part in the first-year fieldclass, but they may do so by choosing the module Geography in the Field I. They may also choose suitable second- and third-year fieldwork modules, as long as this does not conflict with the general rules on option choices outlined below.

Assessment

First-year assessment combines independent coursework completed throughout the year with written examinations taken at the end of the year. In the second and third years, the assessment may vary between modules, some combining written examinations with various types of independent projects, some assessed solely by written examination.

Your career

Having been trained in both sciences and humanities, UCL geographers are skilled in taking different perspectives on an issue, working independently and adapting to changing circumstances. Skills gained through the further study of economics include finding solutions to real-world problems, mathematical skills and an enhanced understanding of political and economic events.

A degree combining economics and geography has proved attractive to many employers, particularly those in business and commerce, the public sector and international organisations.

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.

In the selection process we aim for there to be two-way communication so both you and the department can make the right choices. In addition to looking at your qualifications we will also be examining your personal statement for evidence of your interest in and enthusiasm for geography and for proficiency in key skills.

Most students are invited to attend an open day once they have been made an offer based on their predicted or actual A level (or equivalent) performance and their potential and aspirations. Our open days include student-led seminars, a short tour of UCL, a chance to talk with representatives of all our different research groups, and introductory masterclasses run by key members of staff.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Contextual Offer: A*AB. Mathematics and Geography required, with A* in Mathematics.

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: 39 points. A total of 19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics and grade 6 in Geography, with no score below 5.

Contextual Offer: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics and 6 in Geography, with no score below 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: £23,290 (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 Geography in the Field I is chosen, UCL Geography will cover all accommodation and travel costs. The Department currently makes a significant contribution to the costs of second and third year fieldtrips. The exact cost of each fieldtrip will vary. Bursaries will also be available. Further details are available on our website.

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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