A unique programme which combines a rigorous economics curriculum with a year of study at a university overseas. Our highly regarded department offers a stimulating learning environment in central London, close to one of the world’s largest financial centres.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2021

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Gain the knowledge and skills necessary to research answers to economic and social problems. You will learn how to make use of economic theories, empirical analysis and the ideas of other researchers to find solutions to questions. You will also gain transferable skills such as adaptability, flexibility and sensitivity to cultural differences.

// Learn from economists who run leading centres for research and provide policy advice to international governments and agencies, such as the United Nations and the World Bank.

// We are recognised for our internationally distinguished research, and in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF2014), UCL received the highest percentage in the UK for research in Economics and Econometrics, 99% rated either 4* (world-leading) or 3* (internationally excellent).

// Benefit from a range of lectures presented by eminent economists including our Gorman Lectures and from the activities of student societies including the Economist’s Society which publishes The Drayton Tribune magazine and the UCLU Economics and Finance Society.

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 department’s fundamental premise is that students should learn how to do economics themselves, rather than just learn how the academic staff or other economists do it. In the first year you take compulsory modules on the core concepts of economics, applied economics, mathematics and statistics, and have the opportunity to take optional modules.

In your second year, principles of model-building, problem-solving and quantitative techniques are emphasised, and you will take compulsory core modules in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics.

Your third year will be spent at a university overseas.

Most final-year modules introduce you to research papers and current research, including that of staff members. You will benefit from instruction by staff whose research impacts directly on the policy process, for example via contact with the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. You are required to undertake an assessed independent research project in at least one final-year module, using the tools and knowledge developed in the curriculum.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BSc (Econ) (Hons) in Economics with a Year Abroad.

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.

YEAR ONE

Compulsory module(s)

// Applied Economics
// Economics
// Mathematics for Economics
// Statistical Methods in Economics

Optional modules

// You will select a total of 30 credits from a wide range of options.
YEAR TWO

Compulsory module(s)
- Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
- Microeconomics
- Quantitative Economics and Econometrics

Optional modules
You will select 30 credits from a wide range of options. Options may include:
- Computational Methods for Economists
- Economic History
- Economics of Development
- Economics of Education
- Economics of Finance
- Economics of Industrial Relations
- Economics of Labour
- Economics of Regulation
- Economics of Tax Policy
- Economics of the Public Sector
- Environmental Economics

YEAR THREE

Final Year at an approved university overseas. Previous student destinations have included: University of Chicago, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Università Bocconi.

FINAL YEAR

Compulsory module(s)
- A total of at least 60 credits from the list of third-year economics optional modules. You are required to take at least one economics final-year optional module that has a research project as part of the module assessment.

Optional modules
You will select 60 credits from a wide range of options, of which 30 credits must be taken from the list of second and third-year economics modules. Third-year economics modules may include:
- Advanced Economics of Finance
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Behavioural Economics
- Econometrics for Macroeconomics and Finance
- Economic Policy Analysis
- Economics Independent Research Project
- Economics of Financial Markets
- Economics of Information
- Economics of Money and Banking
- Economics UG Research Dissertation
- Ethics in Applied Economics
- Game Theory
- International Trade
- Issues in Economic Development
- Microeconometrics
- Urban Economics

Your learning
The cornerstone of each module is a lecture series. Through demonstration classes and small-group work you will learn how to put economic models together, how to analyse data, how to undertake quantitative analysis, and, potentially, formulate your own model to address a new problem. In the later parts of the programme, there is an increased emphasis on collaborative work and group presentations.

Assessment
Your progress is monitored throughout the year on a module-by-module basis, which will provide feedback aimed at improving your understanding and technique. You will be assessed by year-end written examinations and other forms of term-time assessment including, for example, multiple-choice quizzes, in-course essays and research project work.

Accessibility
Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAble. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

Your career
Many useful skills can be gained through the study of economics, for example: finding solutions to real-world problems, data analytics skills, mathematical skills and an enhanced understanding of contemporary political and economic events.

About one-third of our graduates move directly into graduate study, including MScs in Economics, MBA programmes and conversion courses in computing and law. Students have also proceeded to doctoral programmes including those in major US economics departments such as Columbia, Yale and Chicago.

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.

Academic entry requirements reflect the strong competition for places. In addition to academic qualifications we seek candidates who can demonstrate that they have researched what an economics degree involves, and how it is different from a business or management degree. Evidence that you keep yourself abreast of current economic issues and the economic press will be looked on favourably. Candidates should also show interest in and enthusiasm for the year abroad aspect of the programme.

UK-based applicants who have been made an offer are then given the chance to attend an open day. Each admissions cycle has open days with about 100 applicants attending on each occasion.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** A*AA. Mathematics grade A* required, plus grade A in Economics if offered.

**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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**Contextual Offer:** A*AB. Mathematics grade A* required, plus grade A in Economics if offered.

**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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Standard Offer:** 39 points. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics and grade 6 in Economics if offered with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 38 points. A score 18 in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics and 6 in Economics if offered 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/upc).

---

**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2021/22 academic year. The UK 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 2021/22 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- UK: £9,250 (2021/22)
- Overseas: £25,800 (2021/22)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the [UCL Students website](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Additional costs include the purchase of books and a UCL-approved calculator. A laptop computer is also required for online assessments.

A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the [UCL Fees and funding pages](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs). If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

In addition, please note that if you wish to study abroad during your programme at UCL, this is likely to incur additional costs. Studying abroad may cost between £200–£1000 per month depending on where you choose to study. The cost of studying abroad can be difficult to predict as it will depend on your priorities and choices. There is more information available on the [UCL Study Abroad website](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad).

**FUNDING**

Robins Bursary awarded on the basis of financial need to one new UK or EU undergraduate. Total value of the award is £46,980 (£15,660 a year for three years).

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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs) for more details.

**CONTACT**

Dr Malcolm Pemberton

Email: econ-ug-admissions@ucl.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)20 3549 5379

Department: Economics

---

UK withdrawal from the EU

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: [www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit).