ENGINEERING (BIOMEDICAL)
BEng
UCAS CODE: HC60
2020 ENTRY

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This exciting programme provides a grounding in the practical application of engineering principles and design concepts to healthcare technologies. It draws on the research strengths of UCL and its excellent links to local hospitals, and prepares graduates to work in a wide range of technology areas from imaging and diagnosis to monitoring and treatment.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Academic lectures are supported by practical problem-solving tasks which develop understanding of teamwork, the design process and communication.

// We have close links to several major teaching hospitals and our staff work side-by-side with doctors and health professionals. Their expert knowledge will directly benefit your lectures and teaching sessions.

// Students in their final year have the opportunity to carry out an individual, innovative project within a world leading research group in the department, putting their knowledge into practice.

// The programme is highly interdisciplinary, drawing not only from the highly rated UCL Medical Physics & Biomedical Engineering, but also from a range of engineering and science subjects across UCL Engineering.

Accreditation

The BEng in Engineering (Biomedical) has been accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and partially satisfies the educational requirements for registration as a Chartered Engineer (an additional accredited MSc is required to fully satisfy the educational requirements).

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).

We offer the option of studying a three-year Engineering (Biomedical) BEng or a more in-depth four-year Engineering (Biomedical) MEng programme. The first two years of study for both programmes are identical and transfer between the two is possible up to the end of the second year. We advise applying for the MEng initially which makes it easier to defer your decision.

In your first year, you will receive an introduction to biomedical engineering, including electronics and mechanics, with mathematical modelling and analysis, which are needed to design and develop complex medical technologies.

In year two, you will build upon the skills and knowledge you have already gained and take modules in areas of biomedical engineering such as anatomy and physiology, physics and biomechanics. You will also select an optional minor from a range offered across UCL Engineering and beyond, including programming, entrepreneurship or a foreign language.

In your third year you will study further modules from biomedical engineering and from your optional minor stream, and undertake a major project linked to research strengths across UCL Engineering and UCL’s substantial healthcare partners.

This degree is part of the Integrated Engineering Programme (IEP), a teaching framework that engages students in specialist and interdisciplinary activities designed to create well-rounded graduates with a strong grasp of the fundamentals of their discipline and a broad understanding of the complexity and context of engineering problems. Students register for a core discipline, but also engage in activities that span departments so the development of fundamental technical knowledge takes place alongside specialist and interdisciplinary research-based projects and professional skills. This creates degrees encouraging professional development, with an emphasis on design and challenging students to apply knowledge to complex problems.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Engineering Challenges
// Design and Professional Skills
// Mathematical Modelling and Analysis
// Medical Instrumentation 1
// Cardiac Engineering
// Materials & Mechanics
// Medical Imaging
// Physics of the Human Body

Optional modules

// All first year modules are compulsory.
YEARS TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Design and Professional Skills
- Mathematical Modelling and Analysis
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Clinical Engineering
- Fundamentals of Biomechanics
- Medical Instrumentation 2
- Physics for Biomedical Engineering

Optional modules
- Modules from across UCL Engineering and beyond

FINAL YEAR

Compulsory modules (full-time)
- Biofluids
- Computing in Medicine
- Medical Electronics & Neutral Engineering
- Solid Biomechanics
- Individual Research Project

Optional modules
- Modules from across UCL Engineering and beyond

Your learning

As well as attending lectures, you will also undertake tutorials and practical work, including projects. Projects are conducted in active, well-equipped research groups, often involving collaborations with local hospitals. Many biomedical engineering lectures and projects are taken by a mix of biomedical engineering, medical physics and medical students, reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of the work.

Assessment

Modules are normally assessed by a combination of coursework and end-of-year examination.

Your career

Engineers tend to be logical, numerate problem solvers and there is a demand for people who have developed such skills in a wide range of careers.

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.

Your application will be especially interesting to us if you can demonstrate your interest in the medical applications of physics and engineering. You should be motivated by a desire to apply your training to the pursuit of improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Relevant work experience, project work and your knowledge of issues and current affairs surrounding this field will assist your application.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to tour UCL and the departments in which your teaching will take place. During your visit you will be able to view our facilities and meet staff and current students.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAA. Mathematics and Physics required at grade A
Contextual Offer: AAB. Mathematics and Physics required at grade A

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 overall in three higher level subjects, including grade 6 in Mathematics and Physics, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 36 points. A score of 17 points overall in three higher level subjects, including grade 6 in Mathematics and Physics, 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: £28,610 (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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