European Social and Political Studies: Dual Degree BA /

Students on this dual degree will benefit from the reputation and teaching specialisms of both UCL and Sciences Po in France. The programme offers specialisation in a humanities or social science subject, combined with a broad base in history, law, politics and philosophy, and fluency in a European language.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Spend your first two years of study at Sciences Po, the most prestigious institution for social and political sciences in France.

// Benefit from UCL’s world-class teaching system and the insights of its renowned humanities, language and social sciences scholars.

// The complement of social science and humanities specialisms on offer at UCL and Sciences Po enables a cohesive programme of study throughout your degree.

// The programme offers international mobility and an overseas experience. These features have become invaluable assets for all young graduates starting a career.

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).

You will undertake language study throughout the programme, selecting one language on which to concentrate. The European languages available are French, German, Italian and Spanish. You will spend the first two years of study at Sciences Po, at one of the following five campuses: Paris, Poitiers, Menton, Nancy and Dijon. For each of these languages the destinations are as follows:

- French - Poitiers, Menton, Nancy or Dijon
- Spanish - Poitiers or Dijon
- German - Nancy, Dijon or Paris
- Italian - Dijon or Paris

Modules fall into three groupings: common core, language and social science electives. The European common core involves working in a multidisciplinary environment, gaining insights into a range of academic disciplines and engaging critically with competing analytical perspectives.

In the last two years at UCL you may specialise in any of these major subjects: Economics, History, International Relations, Law, Philosophy, and Politics. If you intend to specialise in Economics, Law or History while at UCL, you must take optional modules in the relevant discipline at Sciences Po.

YEAR ONE (SCIENCES PO)

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Core modules in law, economics, history, political science and sociology

Language-based modules

Optional modules
- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject.

YEAR TWO (SCIENCES PO)

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Core modules in law, economics, history, political science and sociology

Language-based modules

Optional modules
- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject.

YEAR THREE (UCL)

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Language-based modules

Optional modules
- Further modules in your chosen area of specialisation

FINAL YEAR (UCL)

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Language-based modules

Optional modules
- Extended research essay

Optional modules
- Specialisation via optional modules in a social science or humanities subject
Your learning

Your formal timetable will involve a programme of lectures, seminars and workshops. As well as the core modules and modules designed specifically for students of this dual degree at Sciences Po and UCL, you will choose options in other departments according to your area of specialisation. This gives you access to a range of UCL's successful teaching approaches.

Assessment

Your work will be assessed by written examination, assessed essay and presentation.

Your career

The Dual Degree gives you the wide-ranging employability of graduates in PPE or international relations, but with the added maturity of study in two different countries, and the advantage of fluency in a European language - essential for anyone seeking a career in a European context, and increasingly valuable for the financial sector or media posts.

ESPS and Sciences Po graduates combine specialised knowledge of a humanities or social science with a broad foundation in economics, law, history, sociology and politics and, importantly, proficiency in another language or languages. In addition, they have the independence gained by studying in two countries.

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.

You should state clearly on your UCAS application which modern European language you wish to study as your major language as well as the campus you wish to study at. Further information about the languages offered and their specific requirements can be found on the ESPS website.

When we assess your application, we will be looking for a firm interest in social and political issues, including a demonstration of your ability to grasp theoretical concepts and analyse social and political trends. Your achievement in examinations is crucial but we also pay careful attention to your motivation and interests as expressed in your personal statement, and your referee’s report.

If you live in Europe and you meet (or are expected to meet) our selection criteria, you will be invited to an interview conducted by staff from Sciences Po.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A LEVELS

Standard Offer: A’AA. A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) preferred. Mathematics at A* required for full Economics specialism if chosen. French or Spanish required at grade A if one of these is to be studied as a major language. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry.

Contextual Offer: A’AB or AAB. A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) preferred. Mathematics at A* required for full Economics specialism if chosen. French or Spanish required at A grade if one of these is to be studied as a major language. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry.

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: 39 points. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Higher level subjects to include French B or Spanish B at grade 6 if one of these is to be studied as a major language. A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) at higher level is normally a requirement. Mathematics at grade 7 at higher level is required for the full Economics specialism, if chosen. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry.

Contextual Offer: 36 points. A score of 17 in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Higher level subjects to include French B or Spanish B at grade 6 if either of these is to be studied as a major language. A humanities or social science subject (or Mathematics) at higher level is normally a requirement. Mathematics at grade 7 at higher level is required for the full Economics specialism, if chosen. Other language requirements may apply depending on the campus chosen - see www.ucl.ac.uk/r992-entry.

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: 1st and 2nd year students pay fees directly to Sciences Po (for details please refer to: www.sciencespo.fr/admissions); in the 3rd and 4th years fees are paid to UCL (£9,250 in 2020/21).

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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

Details about financial support for 2019 entry are available at Sciences Po: http://www.sciencespo.fr/en/admissions-financial-aid/fees-financial-aid

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.

CONTACT

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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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