The four-year German BA encompasses intense study of German language and culture from the earliest times to the present. This programme combines a strong emphasis on linguistic competence with an exceptional breadth of research-led teaching, offering a detailed understanding of the development of German culture and society.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Studying German at UCL provides access to a broad range of subject areas, an innovative approach to learning and a rich tradition of research.

// Academic staff are prominent in their fields and include acknowledged experts on medieval comedy, modern German literature and film, Austrian literature, German history, linguistics and psychology.

// Students play an active role in the department, organising an annual German play and hosting high-profile events. Some recent examples have included a summit on the future of Anglo-German relations.

// Resources within ten minutes' walk include the British Library, Senate House Library, the Institute for Modern Languages Research, the German Historical Institute and the Wiener Library.

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 first two years are essentially 'contextual', providing you with a broad overview and a methodological framework for your studies. Modules can be divided into the following broad areas:

Language - discussion and essay, comprehension, translation, grammar
Literature and literary theory - authors, themes, textual criticism
Cultural Studies - interdisciplinary analysis, diverse forms of representation
Film - history, theory and analysis of film
History/Politics - German and Austrian politics, and history and social and political theory
Linguistics - linguistic theory, history of the language, sociolinguistics, political discourse

You may also take modules offered by SELCS, allowing you to study literature, history, film and linguistics from outside your subject area. This will enable you to focus on broad cultural movements, issues and approaches from an interdisciplinary perspective and draw on the full range of specialisms within the school.

You will spend your third year abroad in a German-speaking country: at a university, as an English language assistant within a school, or on an approved work placement. In your final year you will choose from a range of advanced options, allowing you to specialise in your own areas of interest.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)
- Modern German Language
- Introduction to German Language and Literature up to 1740
- Introduction to Modern German Literature

Optional modules
You will select 60 credits from German module options, including:
- An Introduction to German Film since 1945
- An Introduction to German History
- An Introduction to German Linguistics

You will also choose from a range of first-level Interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of linguistics, film and history.
YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Modern German Language II
- Debating Enlightenment: Literature and Culture 1740-1870
- Love-Violence-Laughter: Medieval and Early Modern German Literature up to 1740
- Metropolen
- The Challenge of Modernity: Literature and Culture 1870-present

Optional modules

You will select 45 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:

- Aspects of Twentieth-Century German History
- An Introduction to German Film since 1945
- An Introduction to German Linguistics
- Politics, Culture and Society in Germany Since 1945
- History of the German Language
- SELCS interdisciplinary intermediate modules

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

- You will spend your third year abroad in a German-speaking country.
- You can participate in a university placement with one of our partner universities, undertake a work placement or British Council language assistantship abroad (subject to availability/approval), to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion. The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects.
- For further information and a list of partner universities please see the SELCS year abroad website.

Optional modules

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Discussion and Essay in German
- Modern German Language

Optional modules

You will select 90 credits from a wide range of modules within the German Department. Options may include:

- Austrian Literature 1890-1938: From Empire to Republic
- Black Germany
- Empathy
- German Literature and Psychology
- German Political and Social Thought
- Imperial Germany
- Language, Power and Ideology
- Reading Modern Novels
- Surveillance
- Wolfram von Eschenbach: Parzival
- SELCS interdepartmental advanced modules

Your learning

This programme is delivered primarily through seminars, often including individual and group presentations and small-group exercises. You will also attend oral and translation classes in groups of 10 to 15 students. Lectures are less frequent, and are used to convey information which can then be discussed in the small-group teaching.

Assessment

The programme is examined in a variety of ways: timed examinations, assessed coursework, oral examinations, an assessed year abroad, assessed oral presentations, and take-home papers.

Your career

Thanks to a combination of intellectual training, articulacy and vocational skills, our graduates find employment in many areas of business and commerce, as well as in the public sector (especially, but not exclusively, in education and culture). While a significant number of our graduates choose to remain in the UK, others spend at least part of their working lives based elsewhere, often in German-speaking countries. Recent graduates have been very successful in gaining employment with leading companies such as Deutsche Bank, Google and the Wall Street Journal, and with organisations such as the British Council.

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 your application we will be looking for evidence of your aptitude for language learning, how you became interested in German language, literature, culture or society, what you are doing to further that interest, and why you wish to study this subject at degree level.

If your application demonstrates that your academic ability and motivation make you well-suited to our degree and you receive an offer, then we shall invite you to a Post Offer Open Day, where you will be able to experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** AAB. German required.

**Contextual Offer:** BBB. German 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 German, with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 32 points. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects, including German, 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.

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**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:** £21,260 (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.

**FUNDING**

Modern European Languages Scholarship https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/undergraduate/MELS

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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