HISTORY (CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN) AND JEWISH STUDIES WITH YEAR ABROAD
BA / UCAS CODE: VV23
2021 ENTRY

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History (Central and East European) and Jewish Studies with Year Abroad BA /

This four-year programme combines the study of Jewish cultural history with the study of the land (and associated languages and cultures) where many Jewish communities had their homes. The third year is spent abroad, in Jerusalem and/or in a relevant central or east European country.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2021

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

// UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies is the only department of its kind in the UK and is highly regarded worldwide.

// The programme is taught by acknowledged specialists in the field, all of whom are actively engaged in research. This will enable you to keep up-to-date with the latest debates, issues and discoveries.

// UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of central, east and south-east Europe and Russia. The SSEES library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

// You will have access to a remarkable collection of Hebrew, Yiddish, and Judaica books in the UCL Library, as well as to the special collections of the British Library, the Wiener Library, and the National Archives.

**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).

Year one introduces you to the study of central and east European history and Jewish studies at the university level. In years two and four you can focus on topics of specific interest to you by choosing modules that examine particular periods and themes in east European and Jewish history. You can also study one or more relevant languages such as Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Polish, or Ukrainian. Your third year is spent abroad, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and/or in a relevant central or east European country.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in History (Central and East European) and Jewish Studies with 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)**

- History of Eastern Europe since 1856
- Modern Historiography
- Seminars in History
- Introduction to Jewish Literature, History, and Culture in the Roman, Sassanid, and Islamic Periods
- Introduction to Modern Jewish History (1800 to the present)

**Optional modules**

You will select 30 credits from a wide range of optional modules, including:

- Elementary Yiddish
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Introduction to the Study of Judaism
- Introduction to the History and Literature of Ancient Israel
- Introduction to Jewish Literature, History, and Culture in the Roman, Sassanid, and Islamic Periods
- Introduction to Modern Jewish History (1800 to the present)
- Introduction to Israeli Culture, Society and Politics
- Introduction to Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism

### YEAR TWO

**Compulsory module(s)**

All second year modules are optional.

**Optional modules**

You will select 60 credits from a wide range of optional modules within the department of Hebrew & Jewish Studies. A further 60 credits will be selected from SSEES.

### YEAR THREE

Year three involves studying a full-time programme at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and/or a central or east European university of your choice.
Compulsory module(s)

All final year modules are optional.

Optional modules

You will select 60 credits from a wide range of optional modules in Hebrew & Jewish Studies and a further 60 credits from SSEES, including the option of taking a final-year dissertation of 10,000 words for the value of 30 credits.

Your learning

History modules are taught through lectures and seminars. Modern language study includes oral work, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, and translation exercises.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by an end-of-year written examination, several essays and/or other types of coursework. Language modules are also assessed by oral examinations.

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

Together with subject-specific knowledge, you will acquire discipline-based skills in historical research, methodology, and analysis, in addition to transferable skills such as working as part of a team, analysing and solving problems, organising your time and resources, and structuring and communicating your ideas verbally and in writing.

Our graduates take up employment in diverse fields including banking and finance, journalism, publishing, the museum sector, and librarianship. Many choose to pursue further study, either continuing within the field or training in law or teaching (primary and secondary).

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 particularly interested in your motivation to study the history of central and eastern Europe, and your interest in broad matters of language, literature, and culture. We will also be interested to learn of experiences you may have had relating to east European and Jewish studies, such as courses attended, travel, and wider reading.

The selection process is conducted on the basis of your UCAS application and personal statement. If you receive an offer for a place on a programme, you will be invited to visit UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and the UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies as well as tour the campus.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**
Standard Offer: ABB. History required.

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.

Contextual Offer: BBB. History required.

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: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including History, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 32 points. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects including History, 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 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: £23,300 (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.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS**
A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the UCL Fees and funding pages. 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.

**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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**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.