History, Politics and Economics BA

History, politics and economics are brought to life in the exciting context of Russia and Eastern Europe, and combine some of the most important approaches for understanding the social, cultural, economic and political world around us. Students on this programme will develop skills essential for a wide range of future careers and activities.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// This degree programme gives you the opportunity to combine insights from three different subjects.

// It further provides ample scope for specialisation in topics that are of interest to you.

// The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and the post-Soviet countries. The SSEES Library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

// Our staff are active in research and consultancy at the frontiers of their subjects. Your teaching will draw on their comprehensive knowledge.

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 History, Politics and Economics BA is carefully structured to give all students a solid foundation in each of the three subject pathways, while promoting increasing specialisation as the degree progresses. Students will choose two specialist disciplines in year two and one specialist discipline in the final year, including a research dissertation. This programme structure enables students to tailor their studies to their evolving interests, while also encouraging them to explore the interface between history, economics and politics in years two and three.

The programme will involve the acquisition of knowledge concerning the histories, economies and societies of the wider European region. It will do so with particular reference to Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and the post-Soviet world.

By seeking to understand this area from the vantage point of its global interconnectedness and significance, this programme will foster perspectives which are global in their reach.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Frontiers of History
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Politics: The Big Questions
- Introduction to Politics: How Politics Works

Optional modules

- You will select 30 credits from a wide range of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Foundation Language Module
  - Other History, Politics, or Economics modules offered within SSEES
  - Subject to approval, credit may be taken in another UCL department.
  - At the end of year one students select two specialist tracks.
  - "Students interested in pursuing further economics courses in their second and third years are strongly encouraged to take the 0-credit module Mathematics for Economists"

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Depending on the specialist tracks selected, students will take one of the following modules:
  - Economic History and Ideas
  - Comparative Political Analysis
  - European Macroeconomics
  - History of Political Ideas
  - Topics in Microeconomics

Optional modules

- Optional modules for year two may include:
  - Central European Politics and Society
  - Crown, Church and Estates in Central Europe 1500-1700
  - Econometrics
  - Emerging Market Economies
  - European Macroeconomics
  - Media, Culture and Society in the Soviet Union from Stalin to 1991
  - Political Economy of European Integration
  - Post-Soviet Politics and Society
  - Russian Politics and Society
  - Short Taught Dissertation with Coursework
  - South-East European Politics and Society
  - Successors to the Habsburgs: East-Central Europe 1914-1945
  - The Fall and Rise of the Polish Nation 1648-1921
  - The Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia 1918-1991
  - Topics in Microeconomics
**FINAL YEAR**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- 1989: Crisis and the New Global Revolutions
  - Dissertation (must be in one of the specialist disciplines from year two)

**Optional modules**

- You will select 60 credits from a wide range of module options, including a language if studied in a previous year.
- 30 credits must be related to your dissertation.

**Your learning**

You will be taught via a combination of interactive lectures and small-group tutorials. Tutorials will involve discussion, exercises, presentations and experiments. You will be set regular written work, including essays, policy analyses, exercises, online activities and posters.

**Assessment**

Your assessment will be based on various types of written coursework, presentations, some unseen written examinations, and a final-year 10,000-word dissertation. Throughout the programme you will receive detailed feedback to help you develop your skills. For the dissertation you will have an individual supervisor to provide support and advice.

**Your career**

We expect graduates of this degree to have a multitude of transferable skills, combined with specialist knowledge of the region.

This degree might lead to careers in government service (UK and other EU states), international agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), consultancy (economic, political risk, security, marketing), banking, financial services, law, media, teaching and the leisure industry, as well as to further study.

**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.

We use your qualifications, predicted grades and personal statement to assess your suitability for this programme. Your personal statement should explain your motivation for applying for this multidisciplinary programme. It should also provide evidence of your interest in history, politics and economics in the context of Russia, the former Soviet Union and in Central and Eastern Europe.

On the basis of our assessment of your application we will decide whether to make you an offer and if you are successful you will be invited to a post-offer open day (if you live in the UK).
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**
Contextual Offer: ABB. Mathematics preferred.

**GCSE**
English Language at grade B or 6, Mathematics at grade C or 5 and an ancient or modern foreign language at grade C or 5 (to be attained prior to admission).

**IB DIPLOMA**
Standard Offer: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects, preferably including Mathematics, with no score below 5.
Contextual Offer: 34 points. A total of 17 points in three higher level subjects, preferably including Mathematics, with no score below 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.

**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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