HUMAN SCIENCES BSc /
UCAS CODE: BCL0
2020 ENTRY

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UCL is one of the few universities in the UK to offer a Human Sciences programme. This interdisciplinary degree draws on teaching from a range of departments, and offers enormous flexibility and opportunity for you to develop your own areas of interest and specialisation in the study of humankind.

**Key information**

*Programme starts*
September 2020

*Location*
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- You will benefit from being exposed to a variety of disciplinary approaches in the contributing departments and access to outstanding departmental resources.
- The programme offers a wide choice of individual module combinations from life sciences, social and historical sciences and physical sciences.
- This degree programme has strong pastoral and academic support. The Human Sciences Tutor and your Personal Tutor will be available for consultation on structuring your programme.
- A student committee organises academic and social events for Human Sciences students, such as a guest speaker series.

**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).

In your first year you will mostly follow a common syllabus, taking modules in human structure and function (Anatomy, Physiology, Cell and Molecular Biology, and Genetics) and in human interactions (Biological Anthropology and Psychology). Students may also choose between the modules Human Ecology, Social Anthropology, Revealing Science, and a module in a modern foreign language.

In year two you will take the compulsory module, The Human Sciences in Society, in which you will work in a group to explore a topic of your group’s choice within the social sciences. You will also undertake Statistical Methods in Computing.

In year three your compulsory module will be the Human Sciences Seminar Project, wherein you design and carry out a small research project, which you will then write up as a dissertation.

You will choose your remaining modules in years two and three from the extensive range of options in biomedical, biological, environmental, social, historical or philosophical subjects.

You will have the opportunity to study abroad in year three, returning to complete year three modules in year four.

### YEAR ONE

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- Introduction to Genetics
- Introduction to Human Anatomy
- Introduction to Human Sciences
- Introduction to Psychology for Biologists
- Mammalian Physiology

**Optional modules**

You will select 0.5 credits from the following optional modules:

- Human Ecology: Geographical Perspectives
- Introductory Social Anthropology
- Revealing Science
- Modern Foreign Language

### YEAR TWO

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- The Human Sciences in Society
- Introductory Statistical Methods and Computing

**Optional modules**

You will select 3.0 credits from a wide choice of optional modules. Popular examples include:

- Human Anatomy and Embryology
- Drugs and the Mind
- Human Behavioural Ecology
- Immunology
- Primate Behavioural Ecology
Final Year

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Human Sciences Seminar Project

Optional modules

You will select 3.0 credits from a wide choice of optional modules. Examples include:

- Clocks, Sleep and Biological Time
- Disease in History
- Evolution and Human Behaviour
- Modern Languages
- Policy Issues in the Life Sciences

Your learning

The first year is taught through lectures, small-group tutorials, workshops, practicals and laboratory sessions. Your second-year compulsory module will involve lectures, group work and debates. The optional modules taken in other departments will be taught in a variety of ways according to the nature of the module and the usual practice of the department concerned.

Assessment

Assessments include essays, web-based examinations, written examinations, practical reports, briefing papers and debating performance. The third-year dissertation is assessed solely on the basis of the written report. However, you will be required to make a short presentation of your topic in the second term.

Your career

The programme aims to provide wide and scientific knowledge of the life of humans. Graduates of the programme will be scientifically literate, numerate and easily able to communicate across a wide range of disciplines.

The Human Sciences BSc teaches a broad range of knowledge across many different subject areas. It is therefore no surprise that our graduates have entered a variety of careers: journalism, nutrition, science communication, management, accountancy, teaching and the finance industry.

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.

The Human Sciences BSc is very popular, consequently entry to the programme is competitive. When assessing your application we will be looking for proven and predicted examination performance, and also for evidence of your interest in both sciences and humanities, for example in the breadth of your A level or other qualifying studies.

All candidates will be considered on the basis of their UCAS application. Criteria will include proven and predicted academic performance, a clear demonstration of your desire to study a broad-based interdisciplinary degree, your understanding of what the degree entails, and your initiative, motivation and communication skills.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAA. Science subject required, preferably Biology.

Contextual Offer: ABB. Science subject required, preferably Biology, at grade A.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. 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 total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including science (preferably Biology at grade 6), with no score below 5.

Contextual Offer: 34 points. A total of 16 points in three higher level subjects including science subject (preferably Biology) at grade 6, 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.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2019/20 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 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £24,760 (2019/20)

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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