LANGUAGE AND CULTURE BA / UCAS CODE: R991 2020 ENTRY

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This distinctive and highly flexible programme provides great scope for you to customise your degree according to your interests. With a broad focus on cultural studies and sociolinguistics, the programme allows you to explore topics ranging from film to history, from gender to translation studies. Central to the degree is the study of two languages, with the possibility of changing language after the first year.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**  
September 2020

**Location**  
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- We provide an ideal environment for language study. We offer a wider range of languages and state-of-the-art facilities, including a well-equipped language learning suite, and many of our academic staff are world-leaders in their fields.

- You will spend a year abroad in a country where your main target language is spoken. During this time you will finesse your language skills in your target language(s) and gain valuable experience which will enhance future learning as well as career prospects.

- UCL has a very international population, meaning you will meet people from all over the world, which provides numerous opportunities to practise and speak your chosen languages with native speakers and learn about the associated cultures and societies from them.

- Our location in London provides access to frequent and varied cultural events, a huge range of museums, galleries, specialist libraries and bookshops, theatres, cinemas, cuisines and cultural societies.

**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).

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You will spend your third year abroad on an academic placement in a country where your main language is spoken.

In your final year at UCL you will continue with your language studies either in both your languages, or concentrate on your main language only. You will select cultural modules in fields of your choice.

You will initially choose two languages (one as a ‘major’ language, the other as a ‘minor’ language) from the following wide range of languages taught at UCL:

Ancient Greek (may only be studied as a minor language); Arabic (may only be studied as a minor language); Bulgarian; Croatian; Czech; Danish; Dutch; Finnish; French (beginner’s French may only be studied as a minor language); German; Hebrew; Hungarian; Icelandic; Italian; Japanese (may only be studied as a minor language); Latin (may only be studied as a minor language); Mandarin (may only be studied as a minor language); Norwegian; Polish; Portuguese; Romanian; Russian; Serbian; Spanish (beginner’s Spanish may only be studied as a minor language); Slovak; Swedish; Ukrainian.

Some language courses including Arabic, Mandarin, Japanese and beginner’s French and Spanish are taught in the Centre for Languages and International Education (CLIE) and may be subject to availability.

Areas of cultural study offered include: history; film studies; linguistics; literary studies; translation.

In your first, second and final years you will take modules in your chosen language and the literature, culture, history and linguistics related to it, as well as modules in your other discipline. You may also take modules offered by the School of European Languages, Culture & Society (SELCs), which offer an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing on the full range of specialisms within the school.

**YEAR ONE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Modules in your chosen languages
- Literature, culture, history and linguistics modules related to your chosen languages

**YEAR TWO**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Modules in your chosen languages
- Literature, culture, history and linguistics modules related to your chosen languages
YEAR THREE

Year abroad

- You will spend your Year Abroad at a university in the country where your main target language is spoken, studying alongside native speakers, to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion. British Council language assistantships are available subject to approval.
- 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 please visit the SELCS Year Abroad website.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Advanced language and other modules in your chosen fields.

Your learning

This programme and the first-year core module are run by the Language and Culture BA Programme Tutor. Languages are taught intensively, and you will be trained in speaking, reading, writing and translating in your target languages. Students on this programme develop their skills in both languages and interdisciplinary and cultural studies.

Assessment

Language modules are normally assessed by coursework and written and oral examinations. Other modules are normally assessed through a combination of written coursework and examinations.

Your career

There are many career opportunities for UCL’s modern language graduates. We seek to embed within our teaching the acquisition of transferable skills as well as linguistic and cultural knowledge.

Popular career paths for modern language graduates include the financial sector, the civil service, journalism, accountancy, publishing, education, advertising, the media and law. Some graduates pursue careers that make special use of their language skills, including translating, interpreting and teaching, while others continue with graduate training and research.

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, you should demonstrate an interest in the literature, culture and history of the languages you are proposing to study. Involvement in cultural activities in the languages (i.e. reading newspapers and magazines, watching television and films or engaging with relevant communities) is regarded favourably, as is travel to the country or countries in question.

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Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** AAB. Foreign language required, to include the following if studied as the main language: French or Spanish grade A.

**Contextual Offer:** ABB. Foreign language required, to include the following if studied as the main language: French or Spanish grade A.

**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, with no score lower than 5. Higher level subjects to include the following if studied as main languages: French or Spanish at grade 6.

**Contextual Offer:** 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Higher level subjects to include the following if studied as main languages: French or Spanish at grade 6.

**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: £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/prospectus/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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