Within a dynamic and changing European context, knowledge of another European national legal system and its law is a valuable asset, both academically and professionally. This four-year programme includes a year at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid and leads to the award of a Bachelor of Laws degree from UCL.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// You will spend your third year abroad studying Hispanic Law at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.

// You will be taught by distinguished academics who are cutting-edge researchers in their diverse fields. Their knowledge of law and their significant experience and influence will enrich your learning.

// The international scope of our degrees is reflected in the content of different topics, itself reflecting the expertise of our staff in international and comparative law.

Accreditation

All UCL Laws undergraduate programmes are recognised as qualifying law degrees (QLDs) by the two main legal professional bodies— the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority—for the purpose of exemption from the academic stage of their professional examinations.

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).

Prior to the start of teaching, you will be required to complete our two-week induction programme: Laws’ Connections: Legal Doctrine and Contemporary Challenges. Laws’ Connections is designed to be an inspiring introduction to the study of law here at UCL Laws, and to the role of law in addressing social challenges.

The first two years of study are the same as for the three-year LLB degree, with two exceptions:

First-year students are required to take a module in Hispanic Law, taught in Spanish and including law, legal institutions and legal terminology. The department does not offer language tuition and students will be responsible for maintaining, or, if necessary, improving their linguistic ability in Spanish to meet the academic demands of the degree.

Second-year students are required to take the European Legal Studies module, which includes tuition in Spanish about the law and legal system of Spain.

The third year of study is spent abroad at Universidad Carlos III in Madrid. The typical programme of study for a Certificate in Hispanic Law comprises four full-year courses or eight one-semester courses in Civil/Private Law, Public Law, and optional courses in Hispanic Law.

In the final year, you will return to UCL and will choose four modules from a list of options. One of them could be a research essay on a legal subject of your choice, subject to approval by the department.

Please note: students enrolled on this programme will only be permitted to transfer to the three-year LLB degree in exceptional circumstances.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Laws’ Connections
// Contract Law
// Criminal Law
// European Legal Studies (Spanish) I
// Property Law I
// Public Law

Optional modules

// All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// European Legal Studies (Spanish) II
// European Union and Human Rights Law
// Property Law II
// Tort Law

Optional modules

// All second-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your third year at the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid.
We are seeking dedicated candidates who have an aptitude for exploring arguments and ideas. Your ability to formulate and express thoughts and opinions is critical, as is demonstration of the reasoning skills that are at the heart of a legal education. You should possess an informed interest in current affairs and the world around you.

Candidates are assessed through their UCAS application, the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT) and, in some cases, by interview. You are required to take the LNAT as soon as possible after submitting your UCAS application and no later than 20 January in the year in which you are applying. Applicants must link LNAT registration details to UCL.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Contextual Offer: AAB. Spanish required.

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: 39 points. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects including Spanish at grade 6, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 36 points overall, and a combined score of 17 achieved in three higher level subjects with no score lower than 5. 6 in HL Spanish required.

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: £22,080 (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
For a full list of departmental scholarships available in Law, please visit our website for full information

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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