The BSc Sociology blends local and global sociological perspectives to examine contemporary social issues and transformations, ranging from environmental risks and climate change, to the intensification of inequalities, the rise of new nationalisms, the impacts of new technologies, and imaginings of the future. Students will graduate with the skills and mindset appropriate to tackling the challenges of 21st century society.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

Sociology is indispensable for understanding today’s interconnected yet unequal world. Our degree offers a truly global, de-centred and yet historically grounded curriculum, enabling students to flourish as independent and critical thinkers, capable of tackling urgent global challenges.

The degree includes core modules on social change, urban sociology, global issues, sociological perspectives on identities and research methods, complemented by options on topics including media, politics, youth, race, gender, sexuality, migration, work, technology, science and the future.

Our research-led curriculum is taught by world-leading sociologists. It will help you develop your own sociological identity and make you an asset to a range of 21st century employers as they navigate the dramatically changing socio-economic environment of the future.

Studying and living in the global city of London offers a unique opportunity for engaging with businesses, councils and third sector organisations through guest lectures, site visits and a work-based project in year 3; building skills, knowledge and networks invaluable for future employment.

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 three-year degree offers a strong grounding in sociological theory and research methods, with a focus on how sociology can be applied to important contemporary issues. Our degree emphasises the strong inter-linkages between the local and the global, while giving you the ability to engage with and undertake qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research. Completing a work-based project and a dissertation enables you to enhance your employability and tailor your study in your own areas of interest.

In Year 1, you will take three core modules each term and one optional module.

Year 2 consists of two core modules in Term 1 and three core modules in Term 2.

Finally, in Year 3, you will take the work-based study module and complete a dissertation.

A wide range of optional modules are available on the programme including Sociology of Media (Year 1), and Sociology of the Future (Year 3). You will also be able to take modules from across UCL such as Social Inequality and Mobility; Political Sociology; Sociology of Social Movements; Sociology of Gender; Sociology of Childhood; Sociology and Politics of Science; Migration and Society; Public Health in Context; Work and Employment Relations; London Lab; Social Networks; Ageing and Society, and more.
Your learning

Our innovative teaching and assessment methods include the use of photo diaries, narrative walks, multimedia, and other approaches that will enable you to interact with the built and social environment.

Assessment

Assessment is through a mix of essays, photo-diaries, written examinations, practical exercises, a work-based report and a dissertation in the final year of study. The weight given to each assessment method varies across modules to ensure a manageable workload throughout the programme.

Your career

This degree will give you the edge in a dramatically changing world of work. The skills and mindset you develop will not only continue to be needed in an increasingly digital world, but will help you equip your employers to survive these and other social transformations.

A work-based project will help you to work collaboratively to apply theoretical approaches to real-world applications. Sociologists are employed in government and public administration, non-governmental organisations, charities and international development, teaching and research, business, innovation and design sectors, media, journalism and publishing, health and welfare services, human resources and marketing and much more.

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAA. No specific subjects.
Contextual Offer: ABB. No specific subjects.

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 score of 18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5.
Contextual Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, 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 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 (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
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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