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International Pre-Master's (IPM)

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English



WELCOME TO UCL

London's Global University

University College London (UCL) is a world-leading multidisciplinary university with an international reputation for high-quality teaching and research, and is ranked in the top 10 universities worldwide.*

Based in Bloomsbury, central London, UCL's main campus is within walking distance of outstanding academic, social and cultural resources, as well as exceptional sporting facilities and entertainment, giving easy access to the best student city in Europe.**

01 MIT
02 Imperial College London
03 Stanford University
04 University of Oxford
05 Harvard University
06 University of Cambridge
07 ETH Zurich
08 National University of Singapore
09 **UCL**
10 California Institute of Technology*

A global top 10 university

The IPM is a preparatory course for international students aiming to study for a Master's degree at a leading UK university.

It provides you with the academic and English language skills required for successful Master's study.

79% of IPM students went onto a Master's degree at either UCL or another Russell Group University***

* QS World University Rankings 2026
** QS Best Student Cities 2026
***Destination statistics from 2024

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Why study the IPM at UCL?

Time to prepare

Our nine-month course allows you the time you really need to take full advantage of English-language training, a discipline-specific focus and support in completing your Master's degree application.

Discipline-specific focus

Learn academic skills relevant to your subject area to fully prepare you for Master's study.

Tailored university application support

You will receive Master's application support from experts in the field, including the IPM team and a dedicated adviser.

This support includes detailed help with writing a personal statement in the First Term, leaving you with enough time to write your statement before making university applications early in the Second Term.

Full university experience

We teach the IPM on our central London campus and use the same teaching methods as you'll encounter in Master's degrees. You're a UCL student from day one and can take advantage of UCL's academic, social and welfare resources.

London's global university

Join a welcoming, supportive environment of international students and staff, both on the IPM and in the wider-UCL community.

Overview

We've designed the IPM for international students aiming to study for a Master's degree at UCL or another top UK university.

This nine-month course is for you if you have an undergraduate degree that meets the academic requirements of your future degree, but you want to:

- enhance your academic ability and improve your English language level
- explore your academic interests and options for your future studies
- receive Master's application support from your teachers.

To ensure you are more academically confident and independent by the time you start your Master's degree, you will:

- be introduced to a new academic culture
- gain an insider's perspective on what it takes to be successful at UCL and other leading UK universities.

We'll do this by:

- Employing Master's-style teaching methods such as lectures, classes, peer study groups, workshops, personal tutorials and self-study tasks.
- Using authentic academic situations and tasks you will encounter in your future degree.
- Teaching you on UCL's Bloomsbury campus in central London, helping you settle into living in a new country.



Course structure

The course consists of three components:

1. English for Academic Purposes
2. Research, Argumentation and Criticality
3. Discipline-specific Research, Argumentation and Criticality.

Component three options

You choose one option below to further develop your research, critical and argumentation skills in your discipline (or a closely related one):

- Architecture and Urban Design
- Business, Economics, Management and Finance
- Education and Psychology
- Humanities, Social and Political Sciences
- Law
- Life and Medical Sciences
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The qualification

The IPM indicates your English language level and academic skills for studying a Master's degree in the UK.

It can be used to **fulfil UCL's English language requirement** for Master's study but cannot be used to fulfil the academic requirement at UCL or other universities.

Tuition fee

The course fee is £21,075.

Details of other costs associated with the course (e.g. living expenses and field trips) can be found on our website.

Applying

We recommend applying as early as possible.

You can find detailed guidance on applying to the IPM on our website.



Entry requirements

To be considered for the IPM, you will need to meet both our:

- Academic entry requirements
- English language entry requirements.

Academic entry requirements

Normally, you must show that you have a strong academic background by having a minimum of a lower second-class degree (2:2) or an overseas equivalent.

If you hold a Master's degree offer from UCL or another Russell Group university, we will accept that as meeting our academic requirement.

Please see our website for full details.

English language requirements

You must show that your English is sufficient for the course.

Qualification	Scores
IELTS Academic	5.5 overall & in each section

For details of other accepted English language qualifications, see our website.

Your English language qualification must be no more than two years old by the IPM start date.

If you have completed a degree in a country that UCL considers to be 'majority English speaking', you may meet our English language requirements. Please see our website for further information.

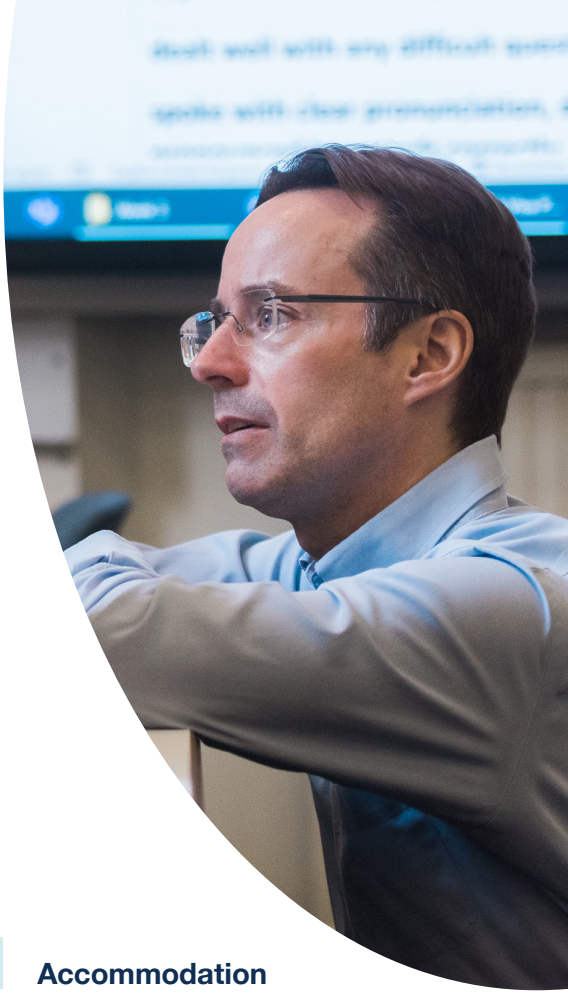
If you are currently studying an undergraduate degree, you may apply for the IPM, but you must fulfil the English language requirement when you submit your application.

UCL Master's offer holders

If you hold a 2026-27 UCL Master's degree offer and would like to start a year later so you can do the Pre-Master's, you will be able to request a deferral.

We will include information about how to request a deferral in your IPM enrolment letter, after you pay the tuition fee in full.

You must make your deferral request at least two weeks before the start date of the Master's degree you had applied to, and be deferring for the first time.



Accommodation

Once you've accepted your IPM offer and have received your student number, you can apply for UCL accommodation.

You must apply before the undergraduate accommodation deadline to be considered.

More information online:
ucl.ac.uk/accommodation

Disclaimer

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