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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (UCL QATAR) MA /
2019/20 ENTRY

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The MA in Library and Information Studies at UCL Qatar provides access to a world class programme. UCL established the first programme in librarianship in the UK in 1919. The unique strength of the UCL Qatar programme is the possibility to specialise according to a student's specific interests in management and leadership in libraries, Arabic and Islamic librarianship or librarianship for the education sector.

Degree summary

The programme provides students with an awareness of current issues and trends in library and information work. It fosters understanding of the processes by which information is produced, disseminated, controlled and recorded. Students develop as leading professionals through research-based learning and international work-placement opportunities.

// The MA in Library and Information Studies at UCL Qatar has become the first degree programme of its kind in the region to be formally accredited by CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. This accreditation carries reciprocal recognition from the most influential professional communities worldwide, including the American Library Association (ALA) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

// Students have the opportunity to undertake a fully funded two-week professional placement locally in Qatar or overseas. This opportunity enables students to apply course knowledge in a professional setting, to learn new methods and gain valuable work experience.

// Qatar is investing heavily in libraries, infrastructure and capacity building. This is an exceptionally exciting period for students and professionals who are looking to develop their career in the region.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, private reading, seminars, practical classes, small group work, group project work, computer laboratory sessions, essay writing, and independent research. Except for short courses, all programmes are delivered in afternoon sessions. Students can access and use the virtual learning environment (Moodle) at UCL, which provides the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of UCL staff both in London and Qatar. Intensive short courses will also be delivered by visiting lecturers. Assessment takes a variety of forms including: essays, portfolios, prepared practical work, individual and group project work, report writing, policy writing, presentations, peer assessment and the dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year

Location: Doha, Qatar (UCL Qatar)

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (45 credits), five optional modules (75 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time nine months) is also offered. Students complete all modules except the dissertation.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

COMPULSORY MODULES
// Knowledge Organisation and Access (UCLQG0016, 15 credits)
// Research Methods in Information and Library Sciences (UCLQG0020, 15 credits)
// Reference and Information Services (UCLQG0022, 15 credits)
// Dissertation (Term 2, UCLQ0026, 60 credits)

OPTIONAL MODULES
// Students choose five modules from the following:
// Cultural Institutions Management
// Collections Care and Management
// Cultural Institutions Management
// Services to Children and Young People
// Information Literacy Education
// Introduction to Archives and Preservation
// Arabic Cataloguing
// Islamic Manuscripts
// Introduction to Archives and Preservation
// Metadata and Data Management
// Library System and Data Management
// Professional Awareness
// Digital Resources in the Humanities
// The Book in the World

DISSERTATION/REPORT
// All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 12,000 words.

Your career

Graduates will be equipped to work in a wide network of settings including school libraries, libraries based in government ministries, and many more libraries in institutions such as museums and societies, and countless business libraries and archives.

Entry requirements

A second-class Bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject from a UK university or an international qualification of an equivalent standard.

Students should normally have a minimum of one year's experience in a relevant field, but those who do not will be able to acquire relevant experience in a range of other ways.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Library and Information Studies at graduate level
- why you want to study Library and Information Studies at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

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// UK: See Fees Note (FT)

// EU: See Fees Note (FT)

// Overseas: See Fees Note (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Programme run by UCL Qatar. Fees for this programme are available on request from the department.

Departmental funding and scholarship opportunities are available. For further information please check our programme website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 27 June 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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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