ADVANCED AUDIOLOGY MSc
2018/19 ENTRY
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Advanced Audiology MSc

Advanced Audiology is designed for practising audiologists looking to enhance their clinical skills. Graduates are eligible to apply for senior clinical roles in the NHS or private sector. A variety of specialist modules can be selected to suit students’ professional needs. The programme has a strong research and evidence-based practice foundation.

Degree summary

A wide range of optional modules enables students to focus on specific advanced fields of audiology relevant to their professional practice. Students will learn about the latest research in each field and how to apply this to patient care and service delivery. Students will gain proficiency in using new tools and techniques in line with advanced-level practice.

The UCL Ear Institute is the largest and most broad-based academic unit for research into hearing and deafness in the UK, allowing students to benefit from the range of clinical and research expertise among its staff. The associated Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital houses the largest clinical audiology unit in the country.

The MSc programme is designed for practising professionals. A significant number of the optional modules are taught as Masterclasses (three- to five-day short courses) followed by tutorials and assessments. This allows students who continue to work part-time significant flexibility in how they structure their MSc programme.

The programme has close links with healthcare providers and industry (for example, hearing aid manufacturers). Modules delivered as Masterclasses provide excellent networking opportunities with these companies and international healthcare professionals.

The programme is delivered through lectures, practical demonstrations and workshops, structured workplace/placement observation, online tutorials and assignments. Research skills will be obtained through lectures and the completion of a scientific research paper and poster presentation. Assessments include essays, reflective journals, case studies, clinical portfolios, unseen examinations and the research dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
MSc students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three compulsory modules (45 credits), the research project and dissertation (60 credits), and five optional modules (75 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, three core modules (45 credits), five optional modules (75 credits), full-time nine months is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate, four optional modules (60 credits), part-time up to two years is offered.

CORE MODULES

- Anatomy and Physiology of the Audiovestibular System
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Counselling Skills
- Research Project (see below)

CHOOSE FIVE OPTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- Auditory Processing Disorders
- Advanced Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation
- Vestibular Rehabilitation
- Paediatric Habilitation
- Advances in Auditory Implants
- Advanced Management of Tinnitus and Hyperacusis
- Paediatric Assessment
- Rehabilitation for Adults with Acquired Hearing Loss
- Introduction to Sensory Systems, Technologies & Therapies
- Signals, Systems, Acoustics and the Ear
- Principles of Health Informatics
- eHealth: Patients and the Internet
- Healthcare Quality and Evidence Based Practice
- Using Information in Healthcare Management

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of approximately 10,000–12,000 words.
**Your career**

The programme provides audiologists with the required depth, breadth and up-to-date knowledge and competence to enable them to fulfil the needs of the higher practitioner roles.

The UCL Ear Institute’s links with industry and healthcare providers allows students significant networking opportunities.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Audiologist, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
- Hearing Aid Audiologist, Security Forces Hospital
- Senior Audiologist, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital
- Audiologist, Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust

**Employability**

The MSc pushes the boundaries in helping clinicians develop their skills and services, and innovate and design solutions to today’s hearing healthcare challenges.

UK students obtain the knowledge and skills for senior roles in the NHS (bands 6 and 7), as defined by the Knowledge and Skills Framework and National Occupational Standards.

* Careers data is taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013–2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
**Entry requirements**

Applicants need to have at least two years’ recent post-qualification clinical experience in audiology or a related discipline. A minimum of a second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is the standard entry requirement.

The Ear Institute recognises that some audiology professionals may have had different (non-degree) entries into the profession. Applicants with the BAAT qualification and/or a Certificate or Diploma in Hearing Therapy who also have at least five years of relevant clinical experience and appropriate registration with the RCCP may be accepted, depending on their relevant experience, and are encouraged to contact the Ear Institute to discuss their application.

**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

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**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 Advanced Audiology at graduate level
// why you want to study Advanced Audiology at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

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

The interview enables you to further demonstrate appropriate clinical experience and allows flexible applicants to discuss their strategy for completing the programme.

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

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**FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY**

- **UK**: £10,740 (FT), £N/A (PT)
- **EU**: £10,740 (FT), £N/A (PT)
- **Overseas**: £24,420 (FT), £N/A (PT)

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 Current Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

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

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 27 July 2018

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/eu-referendum

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