BRAIN AND MIND SCIENCES
MSc /
2018/19 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/neurology
This international programme is offered by three of Europe's most prestigious centres of research and teaching in cognitive studies and neuroscience: UCL, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, and Ecole Normale Supérieure. Students design an individualised programme of study, exploring multidisciplinary perspectives.

Degree summary

Students develop an understanding of the cognitive sciences and neurosciences, and how mechanisms operating at the molecular, cell, network and system level affect normal brain function. They gain a working knowledge of modern methods for scientific and clinical investigation of the human nervous system, along with exposure to leading-edge research.

- Students on this programme benefit not only from the high-quality teaching and training available through the UCL Institute of Neurology, but also through our partners in Paris.
- The programme is two years in length, with the first year spent in London and the second in Paris. Students will undertake two distinct research projects.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars and practical workshops. Lectures are supported by audio-visual aids and supplementary materials, including hand-outs, reading lists and references to original papers and/or reviews. Assessment is through coursework, examination, library project, research dissertation and oral examination.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits in the first year of the programme at UCL. The programme consists of up to six taught modules (at 15- or 30-credit weighting to a total value of 90 credits) a library project (30 credits) and a research project (60 credits).

Core modules
- Library Project (30 credits)
- Research Project (60 credits)

Optional modules
- Students choose up to six modules from the following degrees:
- Clinical Neuroscience MSc
- Neuroscience MSc
- Language Sciences (with specialisation in Neuroscience and Communication) MSc
- Language Sciences (with specialisation in Linguistics with Neuroscience) MSc
- Philosophy MA
- Neuromuscular Diseases MSc
- Cognitive and Decision Sciences MSc
- Cognitive Neuroscience MSc
- Stroke Medicine MSc
- Advanced Neuromaging MSc
- Dementia: Causes, Treatments and Research (Neuroscience) MSc
- Translational Neurology MRes

Dissertation/report
- All students undertake a library project which is assessed by a 5,000-word essay, and a laboratory research project which culminates in a 10,000-word dissertation and oral examination.
Your career

Students will graduate with a Master’s from UCL, and an international university diploma (Master’s level) from UPMC/ENS. Upon successful completion of the two-year joint MSc programme, students will be able to embark upon a successful career in their chosen field of research into the expression of human behaviour and its biological substrate.

Recent career destinations* include:

// Research Assistant, UCL

Employability

Students will design their own curriculum in both London and Paris, tailoring their studies to their own area of interest. The individualised nature of the programme attracts intellectually mature students who are confident enough to define their own research path. The opportunity to undertake original research in two centres of excellence makes the successful student more attractive to potential PhD supervisors, as evidenced by the fact that 90% of graduating students go on to full-time doctoral studies.

* 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

A minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree in neuroscience or related biological science (e.g. physiology, psychology, biochemistry); or a medical degree from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. If you have not studied basic cellular neuroscience in your undergraduate degree, you will be required to do an introductory module during the first year of studies at UCL.

Applicants must be able to follow a postgraduate curriculum in both the French and English languages as the programme involves a year of study in London and a year of study in Paris.

Please note: You must have successfully completed the UCL year (year one) in order to progress to year two in Paris.

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 a two-year, two-centre Master’s programme
- what you think the strengths of a "pick and mix" curriculum are
- how you think your previous academic and/or research experience might help you meet the demands of the programme
- what languages you speak, and to what level
- whether or not you want to do a PhD, or other professional scientific or clinical training when you complete the programme

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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

UK: £13,630 (FT), £N/A (PT)
EU: £13,630 (FT), £N/A (PT)
Overseas: £26,250 (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.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 22 June 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