CLINICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY
MSc / 2017/18 ENTRY
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The one-year Clinical Ophthalmology MSc will enhance your knowledge of common ocular diseases, ophthalmic surgical and laser procedures, clinical anatomy and ocular therapeutics. You will develop analytical skills for solving clinical cases and evaluating published research, and gain valuable research experience through the opportunity to undertake a clinical library-based dissertation.

Degree summary

Students on this programme will be taught the diagnosis and management of a wide range of ocular diseases by experienced clinicians and researchers. Students will gain an understanding of clinical assessments and disease processes in the eye, imaging modalities, treatments and side-effects. Additional skills acquired include critical evaluation of scientific literature, research skills and the exposure to novel treatment strategies. A personal tutor is allocated to each student to assist this process.

The UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital are recognised globally and have an outstanding track record in basic biomedical research, much of which has been translated into important advances in novel innovative therapies.

Students will benefit from advanced facilities and high-level ophthalmic practice.

The programme will also provide unique opportunities to interact with leading clinicians from Moorfields Eye Hospital as well as from other prominent institutions. International students from countries with less well-developed ophthalmic services will especially benefit from this unique programme.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, problem-based learning, clinical application, and the possibility of clinical practice observation at Moorfields Eye Hospital. Assessment is through multiple choice question examinations, problem-based learning questions, and a dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Flexible: 2-5 years

Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students attending on a modular-flexible basis will still need to attend at least three days a week, over two to four weeks, each term.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits over one year. The programme consists of eight core modules (120 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, flexible three years) is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, flexible two years) is offered.

MANDATORY MODULES

- All eight modules, plus the dissertation module, must be taken.
- Core Modules
  - The Eye in Health and Disease
  - Common Ocular Diseases and Treatment
  - Systemic Disease and the Eye
  - Surgery and the Eye
  - Disorders Affecting Retinal Function
  - Ocular Imaging
  - Ocular Therapeutics 1

DISSERTATION/REPORT

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

This programme provides students with the unique opportunity to study at world-leading ophthalmology institutions, where they will be exposed to the most advanced diagnostic and treatment approaches. Students will learn directly from high-level clinicians and instructors from both Moorfields Eye Hospital and UCL, who will help them acquire the basis for further clinical advancement. Students will obtain practical skills to assist them at the start of an ophthalmic career, as part of a clinical specialty training programme leading to a specialist qualification.

Employability

This Clinical Ophthalmology MSc aims to provide students with clinical and academic abilities which will help them become clinical leaders in any future post. Students’ direct contact with leading clinicians and instructors will provide them with the basic knowledge to later become independent clinicians, able to lead others into modern ophthalmic medicine.
Entry requirements

A UK medical degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is required.

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 Clinical Ophthalmology at graduate level
// why you want to study Clinical Ophthalmology at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to the chosen 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £12,680 (FT)
// EU: £12,680 (FT)
// Overseas: £25,490 (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 Current Students website.

The Institute of Ophthalmology currently offers the following bursaries for successful applicants on our postgraduate taught master’s degrees: Two £10,000 Allergan Foundation bursaries (available for successful applicants on the Clinical Ophthalmology and Ophthalmology with Clinical Practice degrees). These bursaries are open to home and overseas students and will be received in the form of a fee reduction only.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 September 2017

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