CLINICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY
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Clinical Ophthalmology MSc /

The one-year Clinical Ophthalmology MSc will enhance your knowledge of common ocular diseases, ophthalmic surgical and laser procedures 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 will be taught diagnosis and management of common ocular diseases and 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 and research skills. The programme includes solving clinical cases and evaluating published research.

The UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital are recognised globally and have an outstanding track record in basic biomedical research, teaching and clinical management of patients. This degree builds on the best of all of these to provide the student with an excellent knowledge of ophthalmology.

In the first term basic clinical skills session teaching will be offered. In addition, subject to availability students will be given the opportunity to attend practical skill courses (microsurgical skills, basic phacoemulsification, trabeculectomy, squint) offered to MSc in Ophthalmology with Clinical Practice second year students for an additional fee. In the third term the student writes a dissertation on a topic of interest to them.

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; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 2-5 years
Location: London, Old Street

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits over one year. The programme consists of eight compulsory 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. 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.

MANDATORY MODULES

All eight modules, plus the dissertation module, must be taken.
- 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
- Ocular Therapeutics 2

OPTIONAL MODULES

There are no optional modules for this programme.

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 experienced clinicians and researchers from both Moorfields Eye Hospital and UCL, who will help them acquire the basic knowledge for further clinical advancement. Students can obtain basic practical ophthalmic skills (use of slit lamp, how to do tonometry, gonioscopy, indirect ophthalmoscopy, biomicroscopy) to assist them at the start of their ophthalmic career.

Employability

This course offers excellent coverage of the diagnosis and management of eye disease and therefore provides a good basis for more advanced eye training.

A number of graduates have gone on to ophthalmic training programmes both in the UK and overseas.
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.

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

**FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY**

- **UK**: £13,450 (FT), £6,630 (PT)
- **EU**: £13,450 (FT), £6,630 (PT)
- **Overseas**: £27,040 (FT), £13,450 (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 Students website.

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

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: 26 July 2019

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

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