LANGUAGE SCIENCES (WITH SPECIALISATION IN LINGUISTICS WITH NEUROSCIENCE) MSc / 2018/19 ENTRY

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This specialisation is designed for students with a background in linguistics who are interested in applying their knowledge in understanding language impairments in individuals with brain damage and/or carrying out neuroscientific research on language processing, or in pursuing theoretical linguistics research using psychological science methods, such as eye-tracking and imaging.

**Degree summary**

Students take a set of core modules as a foundation to one of the following areas of linguistics: phonology, syntax, semantics-pragmatics. In selecting the modules for their specialisation, students will be able to take full advantage of the breadth of expertise in language research in the UCL Division of Psychology & Language Sciences.

The UCL Division of Psychology & Language Sciences undertakes world-leading research and teaching in mind, behaviour, and language. Staff and students benefit from cutting-edge resources including extensive laboratories for research in speech and language, perception, and cognition.

Opportunities for students to work with world-renowned researchers exist in all areas of investigation. The division offers a supportive environment including numerous specialist seminars, workshops, and guest lectures.

The Language Sciences MSc provides the opportunity for in-depth study of one or more areas of the language sciences. The programme is an ‘umbrella degree’, with a number of specialisation strands that follow a common structure.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, small-group teaching and a virtual learning environment. Some modules also involve workshops or practical classes. Student performance is assessed through coursework, examinations and the research project.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Final research project submissions are in August, meaning that the programme runs over the course of 12 months (full-time) or 24 months (part-time).

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (60 credits), two specialisation modules (30 credits), two optional modules (30 credits) and a research project (60 credits).

### CORE MODULES

- Introduction to the Brain and Imaging the Brain
- Neuroscience of Language
- Research Methods: Principles, Skills and Applications
- Students select two specialisation modules from a group in one of these core areas:
  - Phonology
  - Semantics-Pragmatics
  - Syntax

### OPTIONAL MODULES

- Students select two modules from all those offered within UCL Psychology & Language Sciences, subject to availability and agreement with the Programme Director. A list of possible options is listed below:
  - Deafness: Cognition of Language
  - Developmental Language Disorders and Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Language Acquisition
  - Rehabilitation of Acquired Neurogenic Communication Difficulties
  - Seminar in Neurolinguistics

- Not all modules will run every year; some modules may require a minimum number of registered students.

### DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All students undertake an independent research project in an area of language science which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
The majority of students who graduate from Language Sciences MSc programmes go on to further study or research. Recent graduates have gone on to PhD study in UCL, other UK institutions and overseas institutions. Others have gone to work in related industries (for example in speech technology industries, cochlear implants manufacturers) or in education. The skills that the MSc develops – independent research, presentation skills, statistics – are transferable skills that are very highly sought after outside academia.

Recent career destinations* include:

// Research Assistant and Patient Co-Ordinator, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging
// PhD in Linguistics, UCL
// PhD in Psychology, University of Sheffield
// PhD Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics and studying PhD in Neurobiology of Language, International Max Planck Research School
// Research Assistant, University of Cambridge

* 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

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in linguistics or linguistics-related discipline.

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: Good.

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 Language Sciences at graduate level
- why you want to study Language Sciences at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this rigorous 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.

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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

- UK: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
- EU: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
- Overseas: £25,880 (FT), £12,950 (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.

Up to four departmental scholarships are available. All candidates holding an offer of admission by 1 June (for year of entry) will be considered based on academic merit. There is no need to make a separate application for these opportunities.

It is strongly recommended that applications are submitted no later than four weeks before this deadline.

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

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

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