LINGUISTICS WITH A SPECIALISATION IN PRAGMATICS MA / 2017/18 ENTRY

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MA /

The Linguistics with specialisation in Pragmatics MA is a research-oriented programme designed for students looking for a concentrated course in pragmatics, with particular, but by no means exclusive, focus on the relevance-theoretic approach developed by Dan Sperber, Deirdre Wilson and Robyn Carston.

Degree summary

Students gain knowledge and understanding of current research in pragmatics and are prepared for independent research. On completion of the programme, they will be able to formulate appropriate research questions, find and evaluate relevant literature, develop and test new hypotheses, and produce cogent, structured and professionally presented reports.

The UCL Division of Psychology & Language Sciences undertakes world-leading research and teaching in mind, behaviour, and language. More specifically, UCL Linguistics is the leading department for research in communication and pragmatics in the UK and its staff includes world leaders in theoretical pragmatics and in experimental pragmatics.

Our work attracts staff and students from around the world. Together they create an outstanding and vibrant environment, taking advantage of cutting-edge resources such as a behavioural neuroscience laboratory, a centre for brain imaging, and extensive laboratories for research in speech and language, perception, cognition, and communication.

Our world-class research is characterised by a tight integration of theoretical and experimental work spanning the full width of the linguistic enterprise and forms the bedrock of the department’s eminent reputation which is also reflected in other markers of excellence such as its editorial involvement with top journals in the field.

The teaching and assessment of this programme is strongly research-oriented. It is delivered through a combination of lectures, small-group teaching and a virtual learning environment. Some modules also involve workshops or practical classes. Assessment is through take-home and unseen examination, essays, presentations, assignments and the dissertation.

Degree structure

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

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two obligatory core modules (30 credits), four pathway modules (60 credits), two optional modules (30 credits) and a dissertation/report (60 credits).

CORE MODULES
- Compulsory
- Pragmatics Research Seminar
- Dissertation in Linguistics - Advanced Level
- Pathway modules (students select two from the list below)
- Pragmatic Theory
- Issues in Pragmatics
- Semantic-Pragmatic Development
- In conjunction with the Programme Co-ordinator, students select two from a list which includes:

OPTIONAL MODULES
- A further three modules are selected from the list of optional modules below:
  - Syntax 1
  - Sociolinguistics
  - The Linguistics of Sign Languages
  - Phonetic Theory
  - Animal Communication and Human Language
  - Language Acquisition
  - Neurolinguistics
  - Morphology
  - Pragmatic Theory
  - Issues in Pragmatics
  - Readings in Syntax
  - Syntax
  - Advanced Phonological Theory
  - Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology
  - Further details are available at www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/current-students/masters/linguistics-options-pgt.

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career

Although the degree can be an end in itself, this advanced programme is an excellent preparation for independent doctoral research in pragmatics. Graduates from our specialised Master’s programmes in Linguistics have a very strong track record of securing funded doctoral studentships at institutions and have in recent years gone on to research at MIT, Cambridge, UCL, University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and the Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona.

Employability

This Linguistics MA equips graduates with the necessary skills to carry out research in the specialised subject of pragmatics.
**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 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: **Good**.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements](http://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 Linguistics with a specialisation in Pragmatics at graduate level
- why you want to study Linguistics with a specialisation in Pragmatics 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.

This programme is aimed at applicants whose undergraduate studies included a significant number of modules in theoretical linguistics, cognitive science and/or philosophy of language and you should refer to these in your personal statement.

**FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY**

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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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 28 July 2017

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply)

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**EU referendum**

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