Psychological Sciences MSc

This programme develops skills in advanced research methods and data analysis in psychology, and is suitable for students from a variety of backgrounds.

**Degree summary**

Students acquire a wide range of practical research skills. They gain knowledge of the nature and limitations of the scientific method and the main alternatives. In addition they develop knowledge of a range of general historical, theoretical, and philosophical issues underlying the discipline of psychology.

- The Division of Psychology & Language Sciences undertakes world-leading research and teaching in mind, behaviour, and language.
- 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, and cognition.
- Opportunities for graduate students to work with world-renowned researchers exist in all areas of investigation, from basic processes to applied research. The division offers a supportive environment including numerous specialist seminars, workshops, and guest lectures.

The programme is delivered through a combination of seminars and small-group lectures and practicals. Assessment is through reports of empirical projects carried out individually and in groups, essays, examination, a computing project, a literature review, web page and PowerPoint presentation. The main group project is assessed through a 6,000–10,000 word report.

**Accreditation**

The programme is designed to meet the criteria for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) and the programme is currently under review by the British Psychological Society for accreditation from 2017 entry.

**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 seven core modules (120 credits), and a research dissertation (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**

- Computer Programming (15 credits)
- Empirical Projects (15 credits)
- Understanding Individuals and Groups (15 credits)
- Social Psychology (15 credits)
- Qualitative Data Analysis (15 credits)
- Brain and Mind (30 credits)
- Statistics (15 credits)

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000–12,000 words.
Your career
For those applicants from a non-psychology background, the programme (once accredited) will also confer GBC, which is the necessary academic qualification required for entry into chartered professional postgraduate programmes in, e.g. clinical, health or education psychology.

Employability
By the end of this training, students will have acquired a wide range of practical research skills and knowledge of a range of general historical, theoretical, and philosophical issues underlying the discipline of psychology.
Entry requirements

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

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 Psychological Sciences at graduate level
// why you want to study Psychological 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.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £9,840 (FT), £4,645 (PT)
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// Overseas: £23,710 (FT), £11,800 (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.

ESRC 1+3 studentships are available for this programme. You must specify on your application if you wish to be considered for this award. The current MPhil/PhD application deadline is 31 January.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: 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

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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