PSYCHOLOGY BSc
UCAS CODE: C800
2018 ENTRY

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Psychology BSc /

This three-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, exposes you to a very wide coverage of the field of psychology. It includes the opportunity for a measure of specialisation within your studies, so you can make informed and rational decisions about your future career.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// The first two years of the programme span the field of psychology while the third offers considerable choice of topics according to your main interests and aims.

// The UCL Division of Psychology & Language Sciences is one of the largest centres of psychology teaching and research in the UK. Its cutting-edge research is internationally recognised.

// The programme is accredited and audited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). Graduates are eligible to become members of the BPS, which is the starting point for a career in psychology.

// Excellent resources include our up-to-date web-based system, which makes all teaching materials (including course outlines, lecture presentation slides, handouts, video recordings of lectures) available to all registered students.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 83% rated 4* ('world-leading') or 3* ('internationally excellent')

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Accreditation

This programme is accredited by The British Psychological Society. UK applicants for graduate membership and the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) require a minimum of a lower second-class Bachelor's degree. Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership is required for entry to all accredited postgraduate and doctoral programmes as part of the route to becoming a chartered psychologist.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The first two years of your degree comprise a combination of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules make up the majority of credits in both years and include the study of experimental design in psychology, the neurological underpinnings of behaviour, health and clinical psychology, language, cognition, individual differences, social psychology and perception.

Optional modules in the first two years may be taken from a wide variety of subjects, in the arts or sciences, taught within UCL.

In your final year, all modules are taken in psychology and you will undertake a compulsory research project on a subject of your choice. Your project will be supervised by a staff member and will be an empirical and usually experimental piece of research which utilises the skills you have learned previously.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Evidence and Enquiry in Psychology
// Introduction to Psychological Experiments
// Introduction to Statistical Methods in Psychology
// Memory and Decision
// The Psychology of Individual Differences
// Social Psychology

Optional modules

// You will take 0.5 or 1.0 credit of subsidiary modules from across UCL.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Brain and Behaviour
// Design and Analysis of Psychological Experiments
// Developmental Psychology
// Health and Clinical Psychology
// Language and Cognition
// Perception
// Research Methods in Psychology

Optional modules

// Either:
// Computing for Psychologists
// Or:
// One 0.5 credit subsidiary module from across UCL.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Research Project

Optional modules

// You will select six optional modules to the value of 3.0 credits. Options may include:
// Applied Decision Making
// Brain in Action
// Cognitive Neuroscience
// Genes and Behaviour
// Human Computer Interaction
// Human Learning and Memory
// Language in Context
// Organisational Psychology
// Psychology of Education
// Psychology of Health Risks
// Social Psychology
Your learning

Your learning will involve attendance at lectures. You will also experience laboratory classes and independent research projects. Small academic tutorial groups meet weekly, for which you will be asked to produce essays and prepare discussion topics. Progression to the second and third years is dependent upon your achievement in years one and two.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily by end-of-year examinations, but other methods include multiple choice and computational tests and coursework. Your final-year project will be assessed in two parts: the research proposal (10% of the project mark) and the project itself (90%).

Your career

In addition to subject-based skills and knowledge, psychology graduates also acquire a number of transferable skills e.g. numeracy, IT literacy, data-management, time-management, independent research, team working, report writing, presentation skills, communications and literacy skills and the ability to work ethically and professionally with people. These abilities are all highly valued in a range of employment fields.

Your knowledge of all areas of the subject makes you eligible for entry into any field normally open to psychology graduates, or for further graduate training (which is required for graduates wishing to work as a chartered professional psychologist in the areas of health, forensic, clinical, educational and occupational psychology).

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme at UCL include:

// Human Resource Analyst, J.P. Morgan
// Project Co-ordinator (Autism Research Projects), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
// Assistant Clinical Psychologist, Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
// Clinical Trials Administrator, North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Together with academic requirements, we are looking to attract well-qualified students with a range of subjects at A level (or equivalent). We are also looking for you to demonstrate your understanding that psychology, in all its branches, is a scientific subject. Applicants may be asked for additional information, including the completion of a questionnaire, prior to a decision being made.

All applicants who are offered a place will be invited to attend an open day. This is intended to allow candidates to make an informed decision about whether the degree programme is right for them, and all candidates resident in the UK are usually expected to attend. Virtual open days will also be held for offer holders who are unable to attend in person.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
A*AA-AAA

Subjects
To include at least one, preferably two subjects from: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.

GCSE

English Language, Mathematics and two Sciences (double award acceptable) at grade B. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA

Points
38-39 overall.

Subjects
A score of 18-19 points in three higher level subjects to include grade 6 in at least one, preferably two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)

The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £22,400 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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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

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