PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES BSc / UCAS CODE: CB86 2018 ENTRY

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This three-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, combines modules in psychology, speech sciences and linguistics and takes a multidisciplinary approach to the scientific study of the human mind and communication. It is an excellent platform for research, clinical and educational psychology, speech and language therapy, audiology and education.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**  
September 2018

**Location**  
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- UCL is known worldwide for its teaching and research in the fields of psychology, speech sciences and linguistics. The work of our staff appears in internationally acclaimed journals and books.
- This programme provides experiential learning in these key areas, emphasising the complementary nature of psychology, speech sciences and linguistics and providing special insights into the human mind and human communication.
- The programme is an excellent platform from which students can pursue further research or follow Master’s level professional programmes, for example in clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy or audiology.
- The BSc is accredited and audited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). As a graduate, you will be eligible to become a member of the BPS.

**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 mainly mandatory courses taken by all students which will providing you with broad-based knowledge of psychology and language sciences. These cover fundamental topics, such as the neural basis of perception, memory and language, social psychology, individual differences, speech production and perception, and the development of communication and cognition. Skills in planning, running and analysing experiments are taught through laboratory classes in years one and two.

All students in the second year complete a weekly observational placement with children in an early years setting (for which a DBS check is required). This is an integral part of the degree which enables you to develop observational research techniques and relate developmental models of play and language to your real-life observations.

In your final year you will choose a research project to be completed under the supervision of an expert in your chosen field. Alongside the project you will select six courses from a broad range of specialised content areas, comprising clusters relating to particular areas of professional and research interests (e.g. educational psychology, speech and language therapy, neuroscience of language).

#### YEAR ONE

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Evidence and Enquiry in Psychology
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Introduction to Language
- Introduction to Speech Science
- Memory
- Neural Basis of Perception, Memory and Language
- Perception, Attention and Learning
- Social Psychology

**Optional modules**

- There are no optional modules in year one.

#### YEAR TWO

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Language and Cognition
- Development of Communication and Cognition
- The Psychology of Individual Differences
- Research Design and Experimental Methods
- Speech Production and Perception

**Optional modules**

- You will select one optional module from the following:
- Introduction to Generative Grammar
- Sociolinguistics
- The Evolution of Vocal Communication.
- You will also select 0.5 credits from a wide range of elective modules across UCL.

#### FINAL YEAR

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Research Project

**Optional modules**

- You will select six modules from a list of possible modules.
- Please see the division's website for this programme for the wide selection of optional modules available.
Your learning

Your learning will involve attendance at lectures (sometimes shared with students on other programmes), smaller laboratory classes and back-up classes. Regular group tutorials with a member of the academic staff provide an opportunity to integrate learning across courses and to discuss topics in more detail.

Placement

The cutting-edge experimental, empirical and statistical/computational tools used in this degree will enable you to develop and evaluate ideas across the areas of human psychology and communication, providing you with an exceptional base for further research in these areas.

Assessment

Each course is examined separately, often by a combination of essays, data exercises and examinations. Your performance in a course is always assessed in the same academic year in which you take it. Progression to the second and third years is dependent upon your achievement in years one and two.

Your career

The cutting-edge experimental, empirical and statistical/computational tools used in this degree will enable you to develop and evaluate ideas across the areas of human psychology and communication, providing you with an exceptional base for further research in these areas.

The knowledge and experience gained in this degree also provide an excellent foundation for further specialised training in a range of career options including audiology, clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy, medicine as well as PhD study. Other graduates have embarked on careers in auditing and human resources.

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

- Assistant Psychologist, Goole and District Hospital (NHS)
- Full-time student, MSc in Clinical Neurodevelopmental Sciences at King's College London
- Full-time student, MSc in Psychological Research at University of Oxford

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 the academic entry requirements for the programme, we are looking to attract well-qualified students with a range of subjects at A level (or equivalent). We are also looking for applicants who can demonstrate their interest in the scientific study of human communication as well as psychology.

Applicants may be asked for additional information, including the completion of a questionnaire, prior to a decision being made.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Grades
A*A/A/A

Subjects
To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.

GCSE

English Language, Mathematics and two Sciences (double award acceptable) at grade B or 6. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 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 one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or 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 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £24,520 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL 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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