PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES MSci / UCAS CODE: CB87 2018 ENTRY

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Psychology and Language Sciences MSci /

This four-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, offers an extra year on top of the Psychology and Language Sciences BSc in which students have the opportunity to gain additional research experience in the final year, either with a UCL research group or in an applied setting.

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.

// This degree is an excellent platform from which students can pursue further research or follow professional programmes (e.g. in clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy, or audiology).

// If you choose the research route in the fourth year, you will gain advanced research skills and join world-leading researchers in the lab. Students on the applied route will meet the challenges of carrying out research in the workplace, for example, in a clinical or educational setting.

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 and audited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). As a graduate, you will be eligible to become a member of the BPS.

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 aim to provide you with broad-based knowledge of psychology and language sciences. They 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.

Successful completion of year three allows you to graduate with a BPS-accredited BSc qualification, or you can continue to the MSci in the final (fourth) year.

The final year consists of a 2.0-credit project based either on research conducted at UCL (in the research route) or on a placement (the applied route). Students on both routes take a statistics module. Applied route students will also take a module on research in applied settings, plus two additional Master’s-level modules. Those on the Research route take three additional Master’s-level modules. Students on both routes receive a BPS-accredited MSci qualification.

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 select 0.5 credits from a wide range of elective modules across UCL.
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 will 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. They will provide you with an exceptional basis for further research in these areas.

Assessment

Each module 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.

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. They will provide you with an exceptional basis for further research in these areas.

Students will gain advanced training in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. Additionally, graduates will have transferable skills in autonomy and responsibility, teamwork and presentation. This degree is an excellent foundation for further specialised training in careers such as audiology, clinical and educational psychology, teaching, and speech and language therapy.

The first cohort of students on the Psychology and Language Sciences MSci will graduate in 2018. Information on career destinations is therefore not yet available. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from the Psychology and Language Sciences BSc programme at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

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

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
39 overall.

Subjects
A score of 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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