PSYCHOLOGY MSci / UCAS CODE: C810 2018 ENTRY

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Psychology MSci

This four-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, exposes you to a wide coverage of the field of psychology and offers a considerable choice of topics. There is also the opportunity to gain additional research experience in the final year, either with a UCL research group or in an applied (workplace) setting.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL is the top-ranked university in the UK for research in psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience (Research Excellence Framework 2014), and the fifth best university for psychology in the world (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016).

// There are two routes to this programme: research and applied. Students in the research route will be embedded within a UCL research lab or department for most of their final year, working alongside world-leading researchers and their teams to produce an independent piece of research.

// Students in the applied route will gain experience of applying psychological theory within a workplace setting and will also be exposed to the challenges of carrying out research within a work environment.

// 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 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 and audited 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 degree. The 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 third 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 utilising the skills you have learned previously.

In the final year you will take Master’s-level modules in advanced data analysis techniques. Students on the applied route will take a compulsory module on behavioural research methods in applied settings.

Students on both routes will take other Master’s-level modules relevant to their research interests, in order to prepare them for the independent piece of research carried out in either a UCL laboratory (on the research route) or in an applied setting (for the applied route).
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, third and fourth years is dependent upon your achievement in years one, two and three.

Assessment

Assessment is primarily by end-of-year examinations, but other methods include multiple choice, computational tests, oral presentations and written coursework.

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 further graduate training (this is required for graduates wishing to work as a chartered professional psychologist in the areas of health, forensic, clinical, educational and occupational psychology).

As the first cohort of students will not graduate until 2018, there is no career destination information currently available for this programme. Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from the Psychology 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 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 appreciation 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*

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*Subjects*

To include two subjects from: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and 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 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 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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