This MSc was introduced as a spin-off from the very successful Drug Discovery MSc in response to the increasing opportunities which now exist for research scientists who can evaluate the business potential of their science as well as generate the science itself. The changing landscape of the Pharma world has increased the need for scientists with business knowledge.

**Degree summary**

This MSc combines a full overview of the whole drug discovery and development process with the addition of a core module in pharma management and business development skills.

- You will be exposed to modern platforms for drug discovery and methods of drug synthesis. The programme includes lectures and seminars from industry-based scientists and visits to industrial and biotechnological research laboratories. It covers marketing, licensing and the regulatory affairs that form an integral part of the development process.
- You will investigate published case studies, research data and methodologies in drug discovery and development.
- The Pharma Management component is taught by many leading external industry and regulatory specialists. Career opportunities after this degree are vast and there are organised career days and Alumni networking events to help students become more aware of possible careers.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and seminars and practical classes. Assessment is through a combination of written examination and coursework. The business development project is by written report and oral presentation to the class and a judging panel of scientists and managers.

### Degree structure

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four compulsory modules (120 credits), and a dissertation (60 credits).

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

#### COMPULSORY MODULES
- The Process of Drug Discovery
- The Process of Drug Development
- Modern Aspects of Drug Discovery
- Pharma Management

#### OPTIONAL MODULES
- There are no optional modules for this programme.

#### DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake a business development project based on an aspect of science from drug discovery either at the UCL School of Pharmacy or in industry.
Your career

On completing the MSc Drug Discovery and Pharma Management programme, you will be prepared for careers in the various management and business aspects of the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, CRO or consulting industries. You will be prepared for a higher level of study such as PhD.

Employability

Recent graduates have found positions in areas such as clinical services, regulatory affairs, financial and data management, marketing, research and development. Many graduates are undertaking PhDs in leading universities. Others are working in research institutes or government agencies.
**Entry requirements**

A second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or higher in a related subject such as pharmacy, pharmaceutical science, pharmacology, physiology, physical science, biochemistry, biotechnology, chemistry, chemical engineering, genetics, material sciences, or a medical degree (MBBS), or 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:

- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of Drug Discovery and Pharma Management
- why you want to study Drug Discovery and Pharma Management at graduate level
- what particularly attracts you to this programme at the UCL School of Pharmacy
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree and how this programme meets these needs

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.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

**FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY**

// UK: £14,040 (FT)
// EU: £14,040 (FT)
// Overseas: £27,040 (FT)

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 Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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**EU referendum**

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