LANGUAGE SCIENCES (SIGN LANGUAGE AND DEAF STUDIES) MSc / 
2019/20 ENTRY

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The specialisation in sign language and deaf studies is unique amongst existing Master's degrees in providing a thorough multidisciplinary introduction to the psychology and linguistics and neuroscience of deafness and sign language. Students also have the opportunity to study introductory British Sign Language.

**Degree summary**

Students take a core set of modules building a foundation to study current issues and research in the language sciences, specialising in language development. In selecting the modules for their specialisation, students will be able to take full advantage of the breadth of expertise in language research in the UCL Division of Psychology and Language Sciences.

- The UCL Division of Psychology and Language Sciences and Deafness Cognition and Language Research Centre undertake world-leading research and teaching in mind, behaviour, and language. Staff and students benefit from cutting-edge resources including extensive laboratories for research in speech and language, perception, and cognition.

- Opportunities for students to work with world-renowned researchers exist in all areas of investigation. The Division offers a supportive environment including numerous specialist seminars, workshops, and guest lectures.

- The Language Sciences MSc provides the opportunity for in-depth study of one or more areas of the language sciences. The programme is an 'umbrella degree', with a number of specialisation strands that follow a common structure.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, small-group teaching and a virtual learning environment. Some modules also involve workshops or practical classes. Student performance is assessed through coursework, examinations and the research project.

**Degree structure**

**Mode:** Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years  
**Location:** London, Bloomsbury

Final research project submissions are in September, meaning that the programme runs over the course of 12 months (full-time) or 24 months (part-time).

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two compulsory modules (45 credits), up to four optional modules (45/60 credits), up to two elective modules (15/30 credits) and a research project (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**

- Introduction to the Brain and Imaging the Brain
- Research Methods: Principles, Skills and Applications
- Students who already have BSL level 1 (or equivalent) select the following three specialisation modules:
  - Deafness: Cognition and Language
  - Introduction to Deafhood
  - Linguistics of Sign Languages
- Students who do not have BSL CACDP level 1 (or equivalent) will also be required to select Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL).

**ELECTIVE MODULES**

- Students select up to two modules from all those offered within UCL Psychology and Language Sciences, subject to availability and agreement with the Programme Director. Students without BSL CACDP level 1 will only choose one elective module. A list of possible options is listed below:
  - Interaction and Language Management of Interpreting
  - The Historical and Social Context of Interpreting
  - Multimodal Communication and Cognition
  - Sociolinguistics
  - Foundations of Linguistics
  - Introduction to Children's Language Development
  - These are suggested elective modules, not a prescribed list
  - Not all modules will run every year; some modules may require a minimum number of registered students.

**RESEARCH PROJECT/REPORT**

All students undertake an independent research project in an area of language science which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
The majority of students who graduate from Language Sciences MSc programmes go on to further study or research. Recent graduates have gone on to PhD study in UCL, and in other UK and overseas institutions. Others have gone to work in related industries (for example in speech technology industries, cochlear implants manufacturers) or in education. The skills that the MSc develops - independent research, presentation skills, and statistics - are transferable skills that are very highly sought after outside academia.
**Entry requirements**

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in a language science related area such as linguistics, speech sciences, English language, psychology, cognitive science, or a cognate discipline.

**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**

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Language Sciences at graduate level
- why you want to study Language Sciences at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this rigorous programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

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.

**FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY**

- UK: £10,440 (FT), £5,210 (PT)
- EU: £10,440 (FT), £5,210 (PT)
- Overseas: £26,660 (FT), £13,340 (PT)

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.

Up to four departmental scholarships of £2,400 are available. All candidates holding an offer of admission by 1 June (for year of entry) will be considered based on academic merit. There is no need to make a separate application for these opportunities.

It is strongly recommended that applications are submitted no later than four weeks before this deadline.

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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