The Psychology of Education MSc will introduce students to key theoretical issues in the Psychology of Education, critically analysing theories and research, and exploring its contribution to educational issues and practice. This Masters is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and it is intended for people who wish to gain Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership so that they can proceed to professional training.

Degree summary

This programme aims to equip students to develop understanding of the current issues in the Psychology of Education and provide them with an opportunity to engage in research. On successful completion of the programme students should be able to produce and communicate reasoned and informed argument, both in writing and orally. Students will also be able to critically evaluate theory and empirical evidence in Psychology.

UCL Institute of Education (IOE) is one of the world’s leading centres for education and related areas of social science - students learn from cutting-edge researchers in the field. For the sixth year in succession the IOE has been ranked number one for education (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019). Our alumni include government ministers; heads of schools, other educational institutions and NGOs; and Olympians and prize-winning authors.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, including guest speakers, student preparation of tasks and longer presentations, group work, discussion, and computer workshops giving hands-on practice. Assessment is through coursework. Coursework involves critiques of research articles, extended essays on set topics, and a dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two core modules (60 credits), two optional modules (60 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
- Core Topics in the Psychology of Education
- Methodology and Statistics

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Students choose one optional module from Option Group 1 and one from Option Group 2.
  - Option Group 1:
    - Cognitive Development and Learning
    - Personality and Social Psychology
  - Option Group 2:
    - Atypical Development
    - Developmental Psychology
    - Language Development
    - Literacy Development
    - Psychological Aspects of Counselling
    - Reading and Spelling Difficulties
    - Social Development
- Visit the UCL Institute of Education website for more information, including module descriptions, which can be seen by clicking on the module title.

DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PROJECT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation.
Your career

Graduates of this Master's degree are currently working as:

- PhD students
- Researchers in the public and private sectors
- Clinical and educational doctorate students.

Employability

This programme offers a comprehensive research training in Educational Psychology. It provides a good grounding for doctoral study and valuable preparation for a research career in the academic community, the public sector or in industry.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor's degree from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, either in psychology or a related subject, that has been accredited by the British Psychology Society.

Or:

A good first degree that contains at least 60 credits (excluding year 1) in the five core areas of psychology (Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Personalities and Individual Differences and Social Psychology).

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:

- why you want to study Psychology of Education at graduate level
- why you want to study Psychology of Education at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging 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.

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: £8,680 (FT), £4,470 (PT)
// EU: £8,680 (FT), £4,470 (PT)
// Overseas: £18,790 (FT), £9,570 (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.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 31 May 2019

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

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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/brexit