Women's Health MSc

Globally, the life course of women from birth to puberty, motherhood, menopause and old age, is filled with opportunities to improve health and wellbeing. This unique programme covers the different aspects of women's health (physical, mental, social, cultural, legal and ethical) whilst optional modules allow you to tailor your programme to your individual interests.

**Degree summary**

The four compulsory modules will provide you with a broad understanding of the central themes in women's health. You can then shape your learning to reflect your career aspirations through the selection of four optional modules. These include topics such as sexual health, reproductive health, pregnancy and childbirth, mental health, health psychology and health economics.

- The UCL Institute for Women's Health delivers excellence in research, clinical practice, education and training in order to make a real and sustainable difference to women's and babies' health worldwide.
- The institute's collaboration with UCLH (University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) provides an academic environment in which you can pursue graduate studies taught by world-class researchers and clinicians.
- Blending taught and research elements allows students from diverse backgrounds to develop the skills necessary for a career in women's health.

Each module is taught and assessed differently but will most likely be delivered by lectures, tutorials and small group work, and may include some online learning. Assessment methods include: unseen exams, essays, group and individual seminars/presentations, critical reviews, clinical case studies and the 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 four compulsory modules (60 credits), four optional modules (60 credits) and a research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time 1 year, part-time 2 years, flexible 2-5 years) is offered. Students take 60 credits of compulsory modules and 60 credits of optional modules.

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, full-time 1 year, part-time 2 years) is offered. Students take 30-60 credits of compulsory modules and up to 30 credits of optional modules.

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**
- Understanding Research in Women’s Health
- Female Reproductive Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology
- Concepts and Controversies in Women’s Health
- Legal & Ethical Aspects of Women’s Health

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Students will be guided in their optional module choice depending on their academic/employment background and future career aspirations.
- Current Research in Dementia
- Current Research in Depression & Anxiety
- Engaging Women in Healthcare (from 2019/20)
- Essentials of Global Child Health
- Evaluation and policy in Mental Health
- Fetal and Perinatal Medicine
- Gametogenesis, Preimplantation Development and IVF
- Gender and Global Health
- Health Inequalities over the Lifecourse
- Health Related Behaviours and Cognitions
- Physical and Mental Health Stress and Ageing
- Pregnancy & Childbirth
- Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis and New Technologies
- Reproductive Health

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake a clinical, laboratory, audit or library-based research project, which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words (60 credits).
Your career

This degree prepares students for progression to higher research degrees or more advanced work in their particular field. It will enhance knowledge and awareness of the many issues relevant to women’s health.

There is a strong focus on the development of key skills in the programme. In addition, we offer a comprehensive careers programme involving our current staff and alumni; covering job applications, CV writing, general careers in science and specific advice on careers in women’s health.

Employability

Throughout the MSc programme, you will acquire key skills through peer-led activities, such as evaluating and presenting orally on patient cases and media coverage of scientific papers.

You will learn key skills such as:

- Evaluating and reviewing data from a variety of sources (papers, case studies, media coverage etc.).
- Collecting, interpreting and presenting data using both written and oral methods.
- Intellectual curiosity and an ability to critically challenge current methods of research or ideological standpoints.
- Cross-disciplinary thinking from a multiplicity of perspectives (linking together the wide variety of optional modules).

You also have the opportunity to take part in debates and ethical discussions.
Entry requirements

To be eligible for registration, normally a candidate must have obtained an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a related scientific or social science discipline, or a professional health qualification (medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, social work) or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Professional experience in the field of women's health is desirable.

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 Women's Health at graduate level
- why you want to study Women's Health at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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/postgraduate/application

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £12,110 (FT), £5,975 (PT)
- EU: £12,110 (FT), £5,975 (PT)
- Overseas: £27,470 (FT), £13,750 (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: 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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