Psychology and Language Sciences BSc /

This three-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, combines modules in psychology, speech sciences and linguistics and takes a multidisciplinary approach to the scientific study of the human mind and communication. It is an excellent platform for research, clinical and educational psychology, speech and language therapy, audiology, education and careers in marketing, and consulting related to behaviour and communication.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL is known worldwide for its teaching and research in the fields of psychology, speech sciences, linguistics and neuroscience. The work of our staff appears in internationally acclaimed journals and books.

// This programme provides experiential learning in these key areas, emphasizing the complementary nature of psychology, speech sciences and linguistics and providing special insights into the human mind and human communication.

// The programme is an excellent platform from which students can pursue further research or follow Master's level professional programmes, for example in clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy or audiology.

// The BSc is accredited and audited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). As a graduate, you will be eligible to become a member of the BPS.

Accreditation

This programme is accredited 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 Bachelor's degree. 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 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The first two years of your degree comprise mainly of mandatory modules taken by all students which will provide you with broad-based knowledge of psychology and language sciences. These cover fundamental topics, such as the neural basis of perception, memory and language, social psychology, individual differences, speech production and perception, and the development of communication and cognition. Skills in planning, running and analysing experiments are taught through laboratory classes in years one and two.

All students in the second year complete a weekly observational placement with children in an early years setting (for which a DBS check is required). This is an integral part of the degree which enables you to develop observational research techniques and relate developmental models of play and language to your real-life observations.

In your final year you will choose a research project to be completed under the supervision of an expert in your chosen field. Alongside the project you will select six modules from a broad range of specialised content areas, comprising clusters relating to particular professional and research interests (e.g. educational psychology, speech and language therapy, neuroscience of language).

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Evidence and Enquiry in Psychology
// Introduction to Research Methods
// Introduction to Language
// Introduction to Speech Science
// Memory
// Neural Basis of Perception, Memory and Language
// Perception, Attention and Learning
// Social Psychology

Optional modules

// There are no optional modules in year one.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Language and Cognition
// Development of Communication and Cognition (30 credits)
// The Psychology of Individual Differences
// Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods
// Intermediate Statistical Methods

Optional modules

You will select one optional module from the following:

// Introduction to Generative Grammar
// Speech Production and Perception
// Language and Communication

You will also select 15 credits from a wide range of elective modules across UCL.
**FINAL YEAR**

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Research Project (30 credits)

Optional modules

You will select six from a wide range of optional modules across the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, likely to include:

- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Conversation Analysis
- Development of Speech Perception and Production
- Brain Simulation
- Linguistics of Sign Language
- Neurolinguistics
- Perspectives on Clinical Psychology
- Psycholinguistics: Stages in Normal Language Development
- Developmental Disorders of Language Learning and Cognition
- Language and Communication in Dementia
- Genes and Behaviour
- Human-Computer Interaction

Please see the division's website for this programme [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/study/undergraduates/bsc-psychology-and-language-sciences](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/study/undergraduates/bsc-psychology-and-language-sciences) for the wide selection of optional modules available.

**Your learning**

Your learning will involve attendance at lectures (sometimes shared with students on other programmes), smaller laboratory classes and back-up classes. Regular group tutorials with a member of academic staff provide an opportunity to integrate learning and to discuss topics in more detail.

**Placement**

A core component of the second year of the degree is a weekly placement with young children. Students observe and take part in classroom activities as well as carry out tasks with individual children. These activities enable students to relate university-based learning on the development of communication and cognition to real-life observations. As the placement involves work with children, all students are required to undergo a check with the UK Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Assessment**

Each module is examined separately, often by a combination of essays, data exercises and examinations and performance is always assessed in the same academic year in which you take it. Progression to the second and third years is dependent upon your achievement in years one and two.

**Your career**

The cutting-edge experimental, empirical and statistical/computational tools employed in this degree will enable you to develop and evaluate ideas across the areas of human psychology and communication, providing you with an exceptional base for further research in these areas.

The knowledge and experience gained on this degree provide an excellent foundation for further specialised training in a range of careers including audiology, clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy, medicine as well as PhD study. Other graduates have embarked on careers in auditing and human resources.

**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.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Standard Offer:** AAA. To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.

**Contextual Offer:** ABB. To include Grade A in one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or 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**

**Standard Offer:** 38 points. A score of 18 points in three higher level subjects to include grade 6 in one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology, with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects to include grade 6 in one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology, with no score lower than 5.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**

As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**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)**

UCL 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.

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**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2020/21 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2020/21)

// Overseas: £27,030 (2020/21)

Full details of UCL's tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

**Additional costs**

If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**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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**Brexit**

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

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