PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES BSc / UCAS CODE: CB86 2021 ENTRY

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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 2021

Location
London, Bloomsbury

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).

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BSc (Hons) in Psychology and Language Sciences.

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.

Year One

Compulsory module(s)

- Evidence and Enquiry in Psychology
- Introduction to Statistical 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.

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.
YEAR TWO

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

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 Stimulation
- 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 for the wide selection of optional modules available:
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/study/undergraduates/bsc-psychology-and-language-sciences.

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 will provide an opportunity to integrate learning and to discuss topics in more detail. Each student has regular meetings with a personal tutor to discuss academic progress.

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.

Accessibility

Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAble. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

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, human resources and data science.

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.

Together with the academic entry requirements for the programme, we are looking to attract well-qualified students with a range of subjects at A level (or equivalent). We are also looking for applicants who can demonstrate their interest in the scientific study of human communication as well as psychology.

Applicants may be asked for additional information, including the completion of a questionnaire, prior to a decision being made.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Standard Offer: AAA. To include 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.

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/prospectus.

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

(Unternational 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.

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: £To be confirmed (2021/22)
// Overseas: £To be confirmed (2021/22)

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

A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the UCL Fees and funding pages. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., 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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UK withdrawal from the EU

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit.