PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES MSci /
UCAS CODE: CB87
2020 ENTRY

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Psychology and Language Sciences MSci

This four-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, offers an extra year on top of the Psychology and Language Sciences BSc in which students have the opportunity to gain additional research experience in the final year, either with a UCL research group or in an applied setting.

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. Our staff's work appears in internationally acclaimed journals and books.

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

// This degree is an excellent platform from which students can pursue further research or follow professional programmes (e.g. in clinical and educational psychology, teaching, speech and language therapy, or audiology).

// If you choose the research route in the fourth year, you will gain advanced research skills and join world-leading researchers in the lab. Students on the applied route will meet the challenges of carrying out research in the workplace, for example, in a clinical or educational setting.

Accreditation

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

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 mandatory modules taken by all students, which aim to provide you with broad-based knowledge of psychology and language sciences. They 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.

Successful completion of year three allows you to graduate with a BPS-accredited BSc qualification, or you can continue to the MSci in the final (fourth) year.

The final year consists of a 60 credit project based either on research conducted at UCL (in the research pathway) or on a placement (the applied pathway). Students on both pathways each take a different research methods module. Students then take additional Masters level modules to make up the remainder of their credits. These are mostly taught modules, but Practical Research Skills also offers additional mini-placements working in UCL labs. Students on both pathways receive a BPS-accredited MSci qualification.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Evidence and Enquiry in Psychology
// Introduction to Research Methods
// Introduction to 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
// Research Design and Experimental Methods

Optional modules

You will select one optional module from the following:
// Introduction to Generative Grammar
// Sociolinguistics
// The Evolution of Vocal Communication
// Bi/Multilingualism: Cognition and Development
// Speech Production and Perception

You will 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 optional modules from a wide range 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
- Rehabilitation of Acquired Neurogenic Communication Difficulties
- Developmental Disorders of Language Learning and Cognition

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

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. They will provide you with an exceptional basis for further research in these areas.

Students will gain advanced training in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. Additionally, graduates will have transferable skills in autonomy and responsibility, teamwork and presentation. This degree is an excellent foundation for further specialised training in careers such as audiology, clinical and educational psychology, teaching, and speech and language therapy.

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.

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.

Placement

In the fourth year during the Autumn and Spring terms, students will spend on average three days a week on either a research or applied placement. The majority of the placement time will be spent working on a single, substantial research project. On the research pathway, projects are likely to form part of the supervisor’s existing research programme. Projects on the applied pathway will be based on a topic generated by the placement provider.

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS

Standard Offer: A’AA. To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.

Contextual Offer: AAB. 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

IB DIPLOMA

Standard Offer: 39 points. A score of 19 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: 36 points. A score of 17 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 2019/20 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 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £25,260 (2019/20)

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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