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The atrium/social study space in Chandler House, originally a 19th-century hospital, was recently enlarged and fully refurbished into state-of-the-art accommodation for staff and students.

Language – and the interaction it facilitates – plays a fundamental role in human existence, yet we rarely reflect on it. Linguistics is the scientific study of language, revealing answers to intriguing questions about word formation, language structure and development, and the attribution and interpretation of meaning.

Subject overview

Total intake 43

(2014 entry)

Applications per place 3

(2012 entry)

Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

50% rated 4* ('world-leading')
or 3* ('internationally excellent')

First career destinations (2009–2011)

- Academic Officer, Institute for Arts in Therapy and Education (2011)
- Full-time student, MPhil in Linguistics at the University of Cambridge (2011)
- Public Relations Assistant, Hodder Publishing (2011)
- Junior Project Manager, Pro-Active London (2010)
- Communicator Guide, Wiltshire County Council (2009)

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www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/linguistics

Linguistics BA

UCAS: Q100 • 3 years

A levels: AAA-ABB. English Language, Mathematics or a science subject preferred. A pass in a further subject at **AS level** or equivalent is required. Standard **GCSE** offer (see page 30).

IB Diploma: 34-38 points. A score of 16-18 points in three higher level subjects preferably to include English Language, Mathematics and a science subject, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications:
see online Prospectus entry.

The Linguistics BA focuses on the sounds and structures of language and the meanings that can be conveyed by them. This includes aspects of phonetics (how sounds are produced, transmitted and received), syntax (how words are combined to form sentences), and morphology (how words are built from smaller elements).

All year one courses are compulsory, providing a foundation in linguistics and helping you assess where your own interests and strengths lie. In years two and three you choose from a range of courses within a requirement to complete these in the three core areas of: Meaning (Semantics and Pragmatics); Pronunciation (Phonetics and Phonology); and Sentence Structure (Syntax). You may also choose optional courses offered by Linguistics and by other departments. In year three you also undertake a research project in a specialist subject.

Linguistics (International Programme) BA

UCAS: Q101 • 4 years

A levels: AAA-ABB. English Language, Mathematics or a science subject preferred. A pass in a further subject at **AS level** or equivalent is required. Standard **GCSE** offer (see page 30).

IB Diploma: 34-38 points. A score of 16-18 points in three higher level subjects preferably to include English Language, Mathematics or a science subject, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications:
see online Prospectus entry.

This four-year programme is essentially identical to the three-year Linguistics BA, but you will have the opportunity to spend an additional year abroad at one of our partner institutions in Canada, Hong Kong, Italy, the Netherlands or the USA.

Years one, two and four are identical to the Linguistics BA. You will spend year three abroad studying at one of our prestigious partner universities. This offers the opportunity to continue advanced education in linguistics, experience education in a different cultural setting and access high level teaching and research expertise from outside UCL. In years two and four, you may also choose optional courses offered both in linguistics and elsewhere at UCL.

Psychology is the scientific study of how the mind works, and how biological and social factors shape human and animal behaviour. It explores fascinating issues such as how memory works, how we make decisions and how we come to have personality traits, providing insights applicable in your future life and career.

Subject overview

Total intake **113**

(2014 entry)

Applications per place **9**

(2012 entry)

Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

75% rated 4* ('world-leading')
or 3* ('internationally excellent')

First career destinations (2009–2011)

- Associate Psychologist, Dyslexia Association of Singapore (2011)
- Research Assistant, UCL (2011)
- Assistant Psychologist, Newham Primary Care Trust (2010)
- Clinical Services Officer, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital (2010)
- Trainee Applied Behaviour Analyst Tutor, Rainbow School (2009)

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Psychology BSc

UCAS: C800 • 3 years

A levels: A*AA-AAA. To include at least one, preferably two subjects from: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. A pass in a further subject at **AS level** or equivalent is required. Standard **GCSE** offer (see page 30), except English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects (Double Award acceptable) at grade B.

IB Diploma: 38–39 points. A score of 18–19 points in three higher level subjects to include grade 6 in at least one, preferably two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications:
see online Prospectus entry.

This three-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, exposes you to the widest possible coverage of the field of psychology. There is also the opportunity for a measure of specialisation within your studies, in order to make informed and rational decisions about your future career.

Years one and two comprise common courses, providing you with a broad-based knowledge of psychology, covering memory and decision, language, clinical and social psychology, and essential skills in statistics, research and experimental methods. In year one you may also choose an additional course from another subject within UCL. In year two, most of your courses will be in psychology, and in year three, only in psychology. In year three you will also undertake a research project on a subject of your choice.



Stella Spanos

Psychology BSc

Second Year

“A wide range of exciting disciplines must be investigated in order to understand how we respond to the world. It is this breadth, variety and relevance of psychology to everyday life which fuelled my desire to study this science at university. I particularly wanted to study at UCL as it is amongst the most highly rated centres for psychology in the country and conducts leading research in the field.

One of the most exciting aspects of studying psychology at UCL is the great number of lectures given by leaders in the field – being explained a theory by the particular researcher who constructed it is a novelty that never wears off! This year, I’ve particularly enjoyed the course where we design and conduct experiments in small groups.”

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Psychology and Language Sciences students benefit from UCL's world-leading teaching and research expertise across a range of disciplines including cognition, communication, health, linguistics, neuroscience and psychology. These teaching areas enrich and inform each other, opening up new areas of investigation and opportunity for new discoveries.

Subject overview

Total intake 38

(2014 entry)

Applications per place 2

(2012 entry)

Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

75% rated 4* ('world-leading')
or 3* ('internationally excellent')

First career destinations (2009–2011)

- The first cohort of students admitted to the three-year Psychology and Language Sciences BSc are due to graduate in 2015. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available

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Psychology and Language Sciences BSc

UCAS: CB86 • 3 years

A levels: A*AA-AAA. To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. A pass in a further subject at **AS level** or equivalent is required. Standard **GCSE** offer (see page 30), except English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects (Double Award acceptable) at grade B.

IB Diploma: 38–39 points. A score of 18–19 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.

Other qualifications:
see online Prospectus entry.

This BSc, accredited by the British Psychological Society, brings together core courses in psychology, speech sciences and linguistics, providing a multi-disciplinary approach to the scientific study of the human mind and communication. Optional courses offer opportunities for applied studies, giving insights into potential careers in psychology, speech and language therapy and related disciplines.

Years one and two comprise compulsory courses providing you with broad-based knowledge of psychology and language sciences. These cover core topics, such as the biological bases of behaviour, and the development of communication and cognition. Skills in planning, running and analysing experiments are taught through laboratory classes. In year three you will choose a research project, alongside which you will select courses from a broad range of specialised areas.

