UCL Psychology & Language Sciences’ specialist facilities for the study of speech include an anechoic recording chamber, lined with glass-fibre wedges, where ambient noise levels are so quiet they are inaudible to the human ear.
Linguistics

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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 44
(2017 entry)
Applications per place 5
(2016 entry)
Research Excellence Framework (REF)
74% rated 4* ("world-leading") or 3* ("internationally excellent")
First career destinations (2013–2015)
• Speech Data Evaluator, Google
• Assistant Therapist, John Radcliffe Hospital
• Full-time student, MSc in Speech and Language Sciences at UCL
• Full-time student, MPhil in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics at the University of Cambridge
• Assistant Editor, Chambers and Partners

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Linguistics BA

UCAS: Q100 • 3 years

A levels: AAA-ABB. One or more subjects from English Language, Mathematics or science preferred.

Experimental Linguistics BSc pathway: AAA-AAB. At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31).

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.

Experimental Linguistics BSc pathway: 36-38 points. A score of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects including one from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology, with no score below 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

All year one modules are compulsory, providing a foundation in theoretical linguistics and helping you assess where your own interests and strengths lie. In years two and three you choose from a range of modules covering the core areas of phonetics and phonology, syntax, and semantics and pragmatics (as well as statistics and experimental methods for the BSc). You will also choose optional modules both in linguistics and elsewhere at UCL. In year three you will undertake a research project in a specialist subject.
Charlotte Liu
Linguistics BA
Third Year

“I chose UCL because of its reputation for research and academic rigour. Linguistics appealed to me as it lies at the crossroads between science and the arts, demanding both analytical and creative thinking.

My favourite part of the Linguistics programme is analysing phonological data of languages from all over the world. It’s fascinating to gain insight to languages I speak, and also others I never knew existed.

In recent years, I have written for UCL’s largest student publication, Pi Magazine, been the President of the Linguistics Society, and am now Vice-President of the UCLU Cricket Club. Social life is always buzzing here, as each club and society has regular events, and there are also birthdays to celebrate or friends to have coffee with. I also volunteer with brain injury survivors once a week. It sometimes feels like I have to fit studying into my schedule rather than the other way round!”
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.

Psychology MSci
UCAS: C810 • 4 years

A levels: A*AA. To include two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects (Double Award acceptable) at grade B.

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

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

This four-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, exposes you to a wide coverage of the field of psychology and offers a considerable choice of topics. There is also the opportunity to gain additional research experience in the final year; either with a UCL research group or in an applied (workplace) setting.

Years one and two of the programme provide you with a broad-based knowledge of psychology, covering memory and decision-making, language, clinical and social psychology, and essential skills in statistics, research and experimental methods. In year two, most of your modules will be in psychology, and in year three, all will be in psychology, including a substantial research project on a subject of your choice. The final year includes a research placement in a laboratory or workplace as well as Master’s-level coursework.
I study psychology in the hope of becoming a clinician in the future. UCL is the best institution to study psychology at. It’s definitely an intellectually stimulating environment which pushes you to be the best version of yourself as a student. The quality and effectiveness of research that is conducted here is vast, and is definitely amplified in the teaching. The lab classes have allowed me to practise and expand my research skills. Being at the university itself provides the opportunity to network with so many experts in your desired field. They are really friendly too!

Outside of my studies, I’ve volunteered in a plethora of different settings, from classrooms working with children with learning disabilities to mental health services where I help out in general adult psychology. It’s these sorts of experiences that make you unique to employers.

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Psychology BSc
Third Year

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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

Psychology and Language Sciences MSci
UCAS: CB87 • 4 years
A levels: A*AA. To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language, Mathematics and two science subjects (Double Award acceptable) at grade B.
IB Diploma: 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.
Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

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.

Years one to three are identical to the Psychology and Language Sciences BSc, developing core skills and knowledge in psychology, speech sciences and linguistics and their application to the scientific study of the human mind and communication. In year four you will follow one of two routes: the research route, which embeds students within a group of researchers, providing them with advanced interdisciplinary research skills, or the applied route, in which students apply psychological and linguistic theory in the workplace and meet the challenges of carrying out research in an educational, clinical or other applied setting.

Psychology and Language Sciences BSc
UCAS: CB86 • 3 years
A levels: A*AABB. To include one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), 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 www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

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 and education.

Compulsory modules in years one and two provide you with a broad-based knowledge of the subject, and include Neural Basis of Perception, Memory and Language and Development of Communication and Cognition. Skills in planning, running and analysing experiments are taught through laboratory classes and there is an observational placement with children in year two. In year three you choose a research project, alongside modules in a wide range of specialised areas.