

Addiction Studies MSc

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: one year

Study mode: full-time

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Our Addiction Studies course provides postgraduate education in addictions, with a particular emphasis on recent biological, psychological and socio-environmental advances in the conceptualisation of drug use and addiction and its effective prevention. Your theoretical understanding of the subject will be positioned within the context of policy development, focusing on facilitating the transfer of knowledge and skills to the workplace.

Key benefits

- Provides advanced graduate education in the field of addictive behaviours, concentrating on supporting students to embark on further higher study or to translate their learning into their workplace.
- Provides students with access to the expertise of leading addictions researchers and senior clinicians.
- A broad range of modules covering science, practice, policy and management in the addictions.

Course details

Our Addiction Studies course is designed for students and professionals interested in the conceptualisation, treatment and prevention of addictive behaviours. It provides a widely recognised qualification with an integrated multi-disciplinary teaching and learning approach to the problems of use, dependence on alcohol, nicotine and other psychoactive drugs, and other addictive behaviours.

Our course recognises that its students come from a variety of backgrounds with the goal of extending their theoretical knowledge and practical skills beyond those related to the subjects that they studied at undergraduate level. For example, a nurse or youth counsellor may wish to increase their knowledge of molecular biology or psychopharmacology, while psychology graduates may wish to increase their knowledge and familiarity with treatment options.

It is for this reason that our course starts with introductory modules that ensure all students, regardless of their background, have a basic understanding of the core concepts that underlie the clinical, scientific and public health aspects of addiction before they embark on individual research and a more rigorous exploration of these areas. The purpose of the course is therefore to equip graduates, clinicians and others for the next stage of their career within the field of addictions.



Teaching

You will be taught through a mix of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Module name	Lectures (hours)	Seminars/tutorials (hours)	Field/lab/studio/supervised learning (hours)	Self-directed study (hours)	Total (hours)
Introduction to Addiction Science and Theory	20	25	30	225	300
Psychopharmacology of Drug Action and Addiction	10	15	10	115	150
Research Methods, Critical Appraisal and Statistic	10	10	15	115	150
Contemporary Advances in Evidenced Based Policy, Prevention and Practice	10	10	15	115	150
Advanced Addiction Practice	10	20	48	72	150
Research Project	-	8	20	572	600
Advanced Clinical Management of Addiction	20	20	20	240	300
Alcohol: Problems, Policy & Practice	20	20	20	240	300

Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

You are assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations and may typically expect assessment by:

Year	Examination	Coursework	Practical
1	50%	30%	20%

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course modules change.

Regulating body

King's College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Introduction to Addiction Science & Theory (30 Credits)
- Psychopharmacology of Drug Action & Addiction (15 credits)
- Research Methods, Critical Appraisal & Statistics (15 credits)
- Contemporary Advances in Evidence-Based Policy, Prevention & Practice (15 credits)
- Advanced Addiction Practice (15 credits)
- Research Project (60 Credits)

Optional modules

In addition, you take 30 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Advanced Clinical Management of Addiction (30 credits)
- Alcohol: Problems, Policy & Practice (30 credits)

King's College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

Our course is primarily taught at the King's College London Denmark Hill Campus.

Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary depending on the optional modules you select. Most if not all the teaching for the MSc Addiction Studies programme, will take place at the Main IoPPN Campus in Denmark Hill. Excursions and field trips may be arranged during the year with adequate prior notice given to students.

A full list of locations will be made available to students at the beginning of the module.

Career prospects

Our graduates follow a variety of careers, including clinical specialist/director, positions in local or national organisations requiring understanding of policies dissemination at local, state, national and/or international level, manager of addictions services, drug worker, substance misuse nurse specialist, psychology assistant, research assistant, or undertake further study, such as PhD or the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.



Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King's terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU

Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme, but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- DBS checks
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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