

Affective Disorders MSc

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: one year

Study mode: full-time

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Our Affective Disorders course has been created for a broad spectrum of students and mental health professionals who are interested in specialist training from world-class experts. You will study all aspects of affective disorders, ranging from their characterisation and assessment to the challenges of treating these debilitating conditions.

Key benefits

- Specialist careers for those interested in studying or researching the affective disorders.
- Valuable insight from those working in the field and those involved in internationally-acclaimed research on the causes and treatment of affective disorders.
- A clinical observership in a key mental health service that treats patients with affective disorders.



Course details

Affective disorders are also known as mood disorders and the main types include depression, bipolar disorder and anxiety disorder. It is predicted that they will become the second leading contributor to global burden of disease by 2020 and specialist training in this area is currently sparse. The purpose of our course is to meet the growing need for a graduate training course that focuses exclusively on affective disorders.

Our Affective Disorders course is accessible to a wide audience, but would be of particular interest to psychiatrists, GPs, psychologists, related medical professionals and pharmaceutical scientists. It is especially suitable for health professionals who wish to refocus their career and specialise in affective disorders. It is equally suitable for health professionals who already work in a relevant field and wish to gain recognition for their expertise.

Graduates who wish to pursue clinical psychology training, or research in the affective disorders may also be interested.

This course will adopt a multidisciplinary approach by capitalising on the most recent findings from a range of clinical and non-clinical disciplines, such as psychiatry, psychology, genetics, neuroscience, epidemiology and biostatistics. Upon completion, you will be able to integrate knowledge from different disciplines and relate it to the behaviours and symptoms present in affective disorders. You will be trained in the key scientific and methodological aspects of affective disorders, their care and related research. You will also gain transferable skills through a variety of tutorials and exercises.

You will benefit from the teaching of world-renowned experts in the field, conduct a research project and have the possibility to do a clinical observership across the full range of affective disorders services within the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

You will be taught by The Centre for Affective Disorders, within the IoPPN, which represents a centre of excellence for understanding the science related to mood and anxiety disorders and using this knowledge to develop new treatments, including both psychological and pharmacological treatments. The clinical observership will enable you to observe various presentations, treatments and outcomes first-hand.

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)
Causes & Correlates of Affective Disorders	30	15	15	240	300
Challenges in Treating Affective Disorders	30	15	15	240	300
Research Methods & Statistics for Studying Affective Disorders	29.5		17.5	253	300
Understanding Affective Disorders	30	15	15	240	300
Research Project on Affective Disorders	-	-	-	600	600

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:

Examination	Coursework
65%	35%

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

Courses are divided into modules. Over the course of your study you will take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Understanding Affective Disorders (30 credits)
- Causes & Correlates of Affective Disorders (30 credits)
- Challenges in Treating Affective Disorders (30 credits)
- Research Methods & Statistics for Studying Affective Disorders (30 credits)
- Research Project on Affective Disorders (60 credits)

Optional modules

There are no optional modules for this course.

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. The location of optional clinical observerships is variable but may include:

- The Maudsley Hospital
- The MAP CAP Treatment Service in Lewisham
- Lambeth Hospital
- The Assessment, Liaison and Treatment Service in Southwark
- King's College Hospital

Career prospects

Upon completion, you will have a solid understanding of the concepts, theories and practicalities that are relevant to affective disorders. You may go on to enhanced careers in mental health as clinicians and/or policy makers, conduct further full-time study in an academic research environment (e.g. PhD) or in taught clinical courses (e.g. Doctorate in Clinical Psychology), gain employment in an academic, clinical or pharmaceutical organisation. You may also enter scientific publishing.



Fees and funding

Full-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 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 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, between campuses and to your optional clinical observership
- graduation costs.

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