

Forensic Mental Health

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: full-time: one year, part-time: two years
Study mode: full-time, part-time

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Criminal behaviour fascinates us all. The Forensic Mental Health course is designed for students with a clinical or academic interest in the complex relationship between mental disorders and criminal behaviour. You will be taught by a multi-disciplinary team of clinical academics. The course constitutes an ideal first step towards clinical psychology training, a PhD or MD degree.

Key benefits

- Focus on the neuroscientific understanding of the development of prosocial and antisocial behaviours across the lifespan
- Critically examine forensic practice in secure forensic hospital settings, the criminal justice system and the community
- Develop the skills required to critically evaluate new research and to establish evidence-based clinical services
- Build an inter-disciplinary understanding of this complex field



Course details

Our course aims to equip you with the knowledge and advanced skills necessary for a career that will involve clinical and/or research work with mentally disordered offenders.

You will develop an understanding of key neuroscientific advances in the field, and engage in a critically informed review of forensic services and the criminal justice system. There is an emphasis throughout on the clinical relevance of research findings.

You will be required to choose one of three pathways. This means that the combination of modules chosen will lead to a qualification which reflects your chosen focus of study. There are specific entry criteria for each pathway.

The three pathways are:

- Clinical Forensic Psychology (full-time only)
- Forensic Psychology
- Forensic Mental Health Research.

Students on the Clinical Forensic Psychology pathway will undertake a 60-day (minimum) clinical forensic placement working at the level of an assistant clinical psychologist and complete a module on Forensic Psychology Practice.

Students on the Forensic Psychology pathway will complete a module on applied forensic psychology practice and undertake a 10-day voluntary clinical observation period in a forensic setting.

Students on the Forensic Mental Health Research pathway will complete additional research methods training and can also benefit from a 10-day voluntary clinical observation period in a forensic setting.

Teaching

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

Module name	Lecture (hours)	Seminars/tutorials (hours)	Placement (hours)	Independent study (hours)	Total (hours)
Prosocial & Antisocial Behaviours Across the Lifespan	30	3	-	267	300
Specialist Forensic Services: Assessment, Treatment & Development	30	3	-	267	300
Research Methodology & Statistics A	44	10	-	96	150
Research Methodology & Statistics B	41	2	-	107	150
Forensic Mental Health Practice in the Criminal Justice System: Legal & Investigative Processes	35	3	-	262	300
Forensic Psychology Practice in Context (Clinical Forensic (Psychology pathway only)	30	15	420	135	600
Forensic Psychology Practice in Context (Forensic Psychology pathway only)	30	15	-	135	300
Research Dissertation Forensic Mental Health	-	8	-	592	600

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:

Examination	Coursework	Practical
20%	60%	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

Courses are divided into modules. A total of 180 credits is required for the MSc degree. Part-time students typically achieve 90 credits in each of their two years on the course.

Students select one of the following pathways, which determines their module selection for the course:

Clinical Forensic Psychology

You are required to take:

- Research Dissertation Forensic Mental Health (60 credits)
- Forensic Mental Health Practice in the Criminal Justice System: Legal & Investigative Processes (15 credits)
- Prosocial & Antisocial Behaviours Across the Lifespan (15 credits)
- Specialist Forensic Services: Assessment, Treatment & Development (15 credits)
- Research Methodology & Statistics A (15 credits)
- Forensic Psychology Practice in Context (Forensic Psychology pathway only) (60 credits)

Forensic Psychology

You are required to take:

- Research Dissertation Forensic Mental Health (60 credits)
- Forensic Mental Health Practice in the Criminal Justice System: Legal & Investigative Processes (30 credits)
- Prosocial & Antisocial Behaviours Across the Lifespan (15 credits)
- Specialist Forensic Services: Assessment, Treatment & Development (30 credits)
- Research Methodology & Statistics A (15 credits)
- Forensic Psychology Practice in Context (Forensic Psychology pathway only) (30 credits)

Forensic Mental Health Research

You are required to take:

- Research Dissertation Forensic Mental Health (60 credits)
- Forensic Mental Health Practice in the Criminal Justice System: legal & investigative processes (30 credits)
- Prosocial & antisocial behaviours across the lifespan (30 credits)
- Specialist Forensic Services: assessment, treatment and development (30 credits)
- Research Methodology & Statistics A & B (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.

Career prospects

- PhD programmes
- Forensic or clinical psychology training
- Research assistants or assistant psychologists
- Expert forensic clinicians
- Police graduate schemes



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

Current regulations allow EU students to pay the same rate of tuition fees as Home (UK students on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency). This will remain the case for 2019/20 but may be subject to change in subsequent years. The Government is expected to announce changes regarding EU student tuition fees in September 2018. 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

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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
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts and posters
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London, between campuses and to placements/clinical observations
- DBS Check
- graduation costs.

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Although this PDF was up-to-date at the time it was produced, please make sure you check our website www.kcl.ac.uk/study or contact us directly for the very latest information before you commit yourself to any of our courses.

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