

Mental Health, Ethics & Law MSc

Year of entry: 2019

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

mode: full-time, part-time

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Our Mental Health, Ethics and Law MSc course is delivered by two internationally recognised centres of excellence and provides an integrated, strongly interdisciplinary, education in mental health, ethics and law. It equips graduates to become leaders in healthcare, mental health law or policy.

You will have the unique opportunity to study alongside others from a wide range of academic and professional disciplines at the heart of London's legal and psychiatric world.

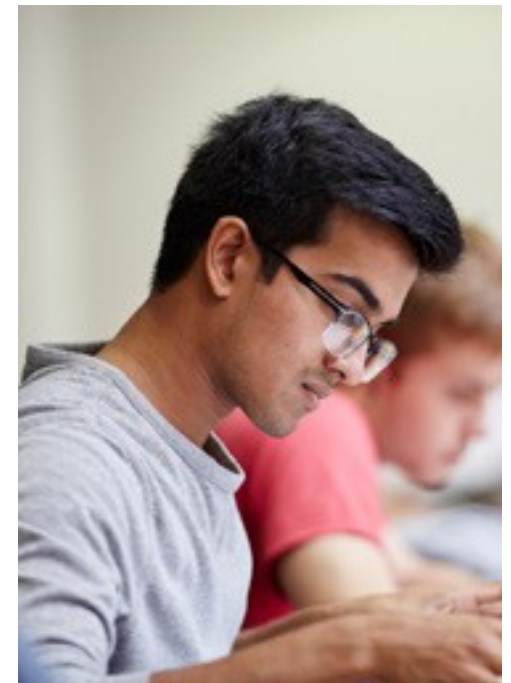
Key benefits

- In-depth and integrated clinical, philosophical and legal analysis of key issues presented in the field of mental health.
- Supported by the UK's first centre of medical law and ethics Centre of Medical Law and Ethics and Europe's largest centre for research and teaching in psychiatry, psychology and neuroscience (Institute of Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience).
- Located in central London and maintains close links with national and international policy makers and leading legal and clinical practitioner communities.

Course details

We have developed a strongly interdisciplinary course designed to investigate the interface between mental health, law and ethics at a theoretical level and to engage directly with the dilemmas and experience of illness encountered in practice. The course will expand your understanding both within and beyond your own disciplines, and will provide you with the skills necessary to analyse and critique current law, practice and policy in relation to mental health.

Our course is for anyone concerned with mental health who wishes to study the clinical, ethical and legal thinking behind current law, policy and clinical practice. It has been designed for health professionals, lawyers, policy makers and all those with a relevant first degree who are keen to consider the difficult questions raised by mental health and society's response.



Teaching

You will be taught mostly through lectures and seminar-style teaching. The following table will give you an idea of what a typical academic week might look like.

Full-time

Year	Lectures, seminars and feedback	Self-study
1	6-8 hours per week	32-34 hours per week

Part-time

Year	Lectures, seminars and feedback	Self-study
1	2-6 hours per week	14-16 per week
2	2-6 hours per week	14-16 per week

Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks (one reading week per semester may apply depending on module choices), whereas self-study time is based on 31 academic weeks.

The total notional study hours for the MSc are 1800. Notional study hours comprise formal teaching and learning activities, such as lectures and tutorials, as well as assessments and independent research and study.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

About half of the modules offered will be assessed by a two or three-hour exam. The other modules are assessed through coursework. In addition to coursework and exams, a percentage of your final mark may be based on assignments (such as presentations or reaction papers) given in-class.

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 is regulated by the Office for Students.



Course structure

The course is divided into modules. Graduation with the MSc qualification requires a total of 180 credits, however, 190 credits can be taken. Full-time students will take all of these credits in one year. Part-time students can choose how many credits to take in each of their two years. It is recommended, but not required, that part-time students take at least some 20 credit required modules in their first year. The dissertation must be taken in the second year part-time.

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Concepts of Psychiatry (20 credits)
- Mental Health Ethics (20 credits)
- Mental Health Law: The Civil Context (20 credits)
- Dissertation (60 credits)

Optional modules

You will choose 60-70 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Pro-social & Anti-social Behaviour across the Lifespan (30 or 15 credits)
- Specialist Forensic Services: Assessment, Treatment & Development (30 or 15 credits)
- The Concept of Mental Disorder (20 credits)
- Narrative and Medicine (20 credits)
- Global Health Ethics (30 credits)
- Ageing in a Global Context (15 credits)
- Principles of Psychiatric Research & Psychiatric Epidemiology (30 credits)
- Topics in Medical Law (20 credits)
- Medical Law 1: Consent, Refusal & Request (20 credits)
- Medical Law 2: Negligence & Misadventure (20 credits)
- Law at the End of Life 1 (20 credits)
- Criminal Law & Mental Disorder: Doctrine and Philosophy (20 credits)
- Moral Theory & Medical Ethics (20 credits)
- Ethics at the End of Life (20 credits)
- Topics in Medical Ethics I/II (20 credits)
- Disability & Enhancement (20 credits)

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





Location

This course is primarily taught at the King's College London Strand Campus. There will be some classes on the Waterloo Campus, as well as classes (taught at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience) at the Denmark Hill campus.

Career prospects

You will be able to use this course for many different career opportunities. These include:

- Leadership roles in relevant policy-related areas, including positions in mental health advocacy groups nationally and internationally, professional regulatory organisations and government departments in the UK or overseas.
- For clinical practitioners, professional development to support promotion, or to take your career in a more specialist direction in clinical management, education or research;
- For legal practitioners, opportunities for specialisation in mental health and mental capacity law.
- A stepping stone to a career in clinical psychology or other clinical roles within the NHS or other healthcare settings.
- Possibilities to move into the private sector, such as scientific publishing, human resources, occupational health, management consultancy or roles.
- A stepping stone to pursue doctoral-level research (PhD or MD(Res)), including at King's which may lead into an academic career.

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.

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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: <http://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
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel to and around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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