

Psychiatric Research MSc, PG Cert

Year of entry: 2019

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

Study mode: full-time, part-time

www.kcl.ac.uk/psychiatric-research-msc



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The MSc in Psychiatric Research provides in-depth training in how to perform and evaluate research across the psychiatric disorders. Emphasis is placed on building excellent academic skills, independent thinking and an evidence-based scientific approach to mental health research. During the MSc, students develop a deep understanding of what is currently known about psychiatric disorders and their treatment and how well performed research can enhance knowledge and ultimately improve clinical outcomes.

Key benefits

- In-depth, practical and theoretical knowledge on performing, interpreting and applying psychiatric research in mental health.
- Development of statistical, critical, creative and academic writing skills.
- Taught by academics who perform world-leading psychiatric research.
- Comprehensive transferrable skills training for career planning and progression.
- Optional voluntary clinical placement scheme.

Course details

Studying at the IoPPN, this course provides the opportunity to learn about psychiatric research from academics and clinicians working in the leading centre for mental health research in Europe.



Our optional, clinical placements provide opportunity to gain experience of working within clinical teams under expert supervision. Placements are provided through our close relationship with South London and the Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust, which provides the widest range of mental health services in the UK. Our placement opportunities cover a wide range of clients and clinical settings.

Our state-of-the-art research facilities include:

- The Centre for Neuroimaging Sciences
- MRC Social Genetic & Developmental Psychiatry Centre
- Maurice Wohl Neuroscience Centre
- IHR Biomedical Research Centre (the only Mental Health specific centre of its kind)
- Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility.

Teaching on the MSc is delivered by expert academics and clinicians, including highly-cited IoPPN staff working at the forefront of their field internationally.

The MSc in Psychiatric Research develops knowledge and practical skills in cutting-edge research into the biological (e.g. brain neurotransmission, genetics), and environmental underpinnings (e.g. stress, drug use) of psychiatric disorders and on how this research can be applied to develop new therapeutic interventions (e.g. pharmacological and psychological interventions) through translation to clinical practice.

Students will learn about a comprehensive range of research methodologies, including epidemiological and cohort studies, clinical trials, neuroimaging and genetics. Rigorous training in statistical skills and theoretical knowledge is provided which is necessary for performing, interpreting and applying research.

Teaching is delivered through lectures, practical sessions, workshops and small group tutorials. The relatively small size of this MSc facilitates student participation, interactive learning, group work and personalised support. Our assessments are designed to support learning as well as the development of transferrable skills, such as academic writing and presentation. Assessments include exams, written coursework and oral presentation. These involve data analysis and

interpretation, and writing information for patients, grants proposals and scientific articles for publication in academic journals.

During the dissertation project students perform their own original research and have opportunity to collaborate in on-going research at the IoPPN. A list of publications arising from previous MSc Psychiatric Research students' work is available on our departmental webpage <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/ioppn/depts/ps/study/pgtaught/psre.aspx>

Due to the emphasis on developing high-calibre academic skills, the MSc in Psychiatric Research is particularly well suited for students who wish to pursue a research PhD or Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. For students with a clinical background, the course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for a clinical academic career. Students are supported in attaining graduate positions through a series of careers seminars, including PhD/DClinPsy applications, research or clinical posts, preparing CV's and professional networking. Indeed many current IoPPN staff and PhD students are MSc Psychiatric Research graduates!

This programme is also available as a PG Cert.



Teaching

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

Module name	Lectures (hours)	Seminars/tutorials (hours)	Self-study time (hours)	Total (hours)
Research Methods, Ethics & Statistics in Mental Health	66	66	468	600
Biological Psychiatry	40	20	240	300
Therapeutic Research in Psychiatry	40	20	240	300
Research Dissertation	-	10	590	600
Prediction Modelling	18	-	15	33
Horizons in Psychiatric Research	18	-	15	33
Clinical Placement	0	0	0	variable hours

Contact time is based on 28 academic weeks. Full-time students (completing the course in one year) receive lectures two days per week for 23 weeks. The remainder of the time is spent on self-study, course-work, the dissertation project, and optional clinical placement.

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:

Qualification	Examination	Coursework
MSc	40%	60%
PG Cert	75%	25%

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect but may not be exact.

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 the following modules:

- Research Methods, Ethics & Statistics in Mental Health (60 credits)
- Biological Psychiatry (30 credits)
- Therapeutic Research in Psychiatry (30 credits)
- Prediction Modelling (0 credits)
- Horizons in Psychiatric Research (0 credits)
- Research Dissertation (60 credits)

PgCert student are required to take:

- Research Methods, Ethics & Statistics in Mental Health (60 credits)

Optional modules

There are no optional modules for this course.

Part time students should plan to take the Research Methods component of the Research Methods and Statistics module and the Biological Psychiatry module in their first year, and the Statistics component of the Research Methods and Statistics module and the Therapeutic Research in Psychiatry module in their second year. The dissertation project should be spread over two years

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.

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



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.

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 – International

The International 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.

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
- Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check
- 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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