The online Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health course aims to provide a comprehensive and integrated exploration of our current understanding of the psychological and neuroscientific basis of mental health. By drawing on the wealth of research, education and clinical expertise and experience across our world-renowned Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN), the course will appeal to those with a personal interest in the area of psychology, neuroscience and mental health, and who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills base.

Key benefits

• The course is delivered 100% online. Students work in small, interactive classes with academic staff, and also receive additional support and guidance.
• Cutting edge expertise: impact of the IoPPN’s work was 100% world leading or internationally excellent, and our research environment was judged as 100% world leading (Research Excellence Framework, 2014).
• Online access to teaching materials developed from experts across King’s College London, providing a comprehensive and multidisciplinary perspective of important mental health problems.
• Support to develop and demonstrate research and critical appraisal skills that will permit appreciation, interpretation and reporting of research evidence, as preparation for research or further education.

Course details

The Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health MSc/PG Dip/PG Cert provides a comprehensive and integrated exploration of our current understanding of the psychological and neuroscientific basis of mental health. It draws upon the wealth of research, education, clinical expertise and experience across the world-renowned Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN). The online master’s course promotes an understanding of the evidence base for comprehending the biological, psychological and socio-environmental factors important in the development and maintenance of mental health, and evidence underlining the development and efficacy of the range of treatments for mental health problems.

IoPPN teaching staff are senior scientists, clinicians, and educators. Scientists will showcase cutting edge research into the causes and treatment of mental health problems; clinicians will be presenting current best practice in treatment approaches, and students will be supported by a team of educators with vast experience of designing and delivering scientific, clinical and applied education and training.
The MSc pathway requires modules totalling 180 credits to complete the programme, 60 of which will come from the dissertation. The Research Dissertation will permit you to develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills in research design, analysis and reporting. The Dissertation comprises 60 credits of advanced modules where you will acquire and demonstrate research skills using material and learning activities focusing upon a) research integrity and research ethics; b) the selection and critical appraisal of empirical literature; c) the development of a research methodology to examine research objectives and hypotheses; and d) the analysis of qualitative or quantitative data to meet research objectives or test a null hypothesis, and effectively communicate research findings. You may be able to explore a single research topic across the four modules, through a Synoptic Project, which forms part of the assessment in each module, and where you will be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills you have learnt during the course. The assessments from each module combine into a portfolio of applied learning of approximately 10,000-15,000 words. The Postgraduate Diploma pathway requires modules with a total of 120 credits to complete the course, and the Postgraduate Certificate route requires modules with a total of 60 credits to complete the course.

To complete the MSc will take a minimum of 2 years, and a maximum 6 years. A PG Dip will take a minimum of 16 months, and a maximum 4 years, while a PG Cert will take a minimum of 8 months and a maximum 3 years.

Teaching
The following tables will give you an idea of what a typical academic year might look like as your progress through your studies. Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

### Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health MSc / PgDip

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**The amount of private study required will vary according to the individual student.
Assessment
You are assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations and may typically expect
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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.

- MSc – modules totalling 180 credits
- PG Diploma – modules totalling 120 credits
- PG Certificate – modules totalling 60 credits

Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health

Required modules
You are required to take:

- Biological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
- Techniques in Neuroscience (15 credits)
- Psychological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
- Mental Health in the Community (15 credits)
- Research Skills: Research Integrity & Ethics (15 credits)
- Research Skills: Reviewing & Critical Analysis (15 credits)
- Research Skills: Methods & Procedures (15 credits)
- Research Skills: Analysis & Reporting (15 credits)

Optional modules*
In addition, students take 60 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Psychology & Neuroscience of Addiction (15 credits)
- Psychology & Neuroscience of Affective Disorders (15 credits)
- Psychology & Neuroscience of Psychosis (15 credits)
- Pharmacotherapies in Mental Health (15 credits)
- Neuroimaging in Mental Health (15 credits)
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health: child development (15 credits)
- Mindfulness: Neuroscience & Application (15 credits)

*Optional modules and titles are subject to change.

Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health
PG Dip

Required modules
You are required to take:

- Biological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
- Techniques in Neuroscience (15 credits)
- Psychological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
- Mental Health in the Community (15 credits)

Optional modules*
In addition, students take 60 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Psychology & Neuroscience of Addiction (15 credits)
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- Mindfulness: Neuroscience & Application (15 credits)

*Optional modules and titles are subject to change.
Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health PG Cert

Required modules
You are required to take:

• Biological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
• Techniques in Neuroscience (15 credits)
• Psychological Foundations of Mental Health (15 credits)
• Mental Health in the Community (15 credits)

Optional modules
There are no optional modules.

Location
This course is taught online through the King’s College London Distance Learning portal.

Career prospects
At King’s you’ll enter into one of the world’s most competitive student bodies and join a legacy of graduates that are sought out by some of the leading employers in the field.

The Psychology & Neuroscience of Mental Health MSc should:

• benefit those wishing to become a graduate research worker, and will optimise opportunities for PhD training. It will also provide a stepping stone towards professional training as a mental health practitioner
• enhance the career profile of those already working clinically in the field of mental health by increasing understanding and knowledge of the subject area which will help to inform clinical practice
• provide transferable skills and knowledge that can benefit a number of career paths.

Fees and funding
Fees are charged on a per-module basis. The MSc requires 12 modules, the PG Dip requires eight modules and the PG Cert requires four modules.

Beginning September 2019, modules will be charged at £1,365 per module. Module fees will rise on an annual basis each September in line with King’s College London’s terms and conditions.

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 deposit is equivalent to payment for one module.

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£1,365, and payment is due within one week of receiving the offer

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

• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• personal photocopiers
• library fees and fines
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• graduation costs.

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