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.
- Excellent links with clinical services.
- Strong emphasis on evidence-based practice and developing the critical skills to evaluate new research.

**Course details**

Our course aims to equip you with the knowledge and advanced skills necessary for a career that will involve clinical work and/or research with mentally disordered offenders. There is an emphasis on the clinical relevance of research findings. You will develop the necessary skills to assess and manage risk of antisocial and criminal behaviour as well as establish, manage and evaluate programmes for reducing such behaviour.

You will be required to choose one of two 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 two pathways are:

- Clinical Forensic Psychology (full-time only)
- 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 Mental Health Research pathway will complete additional research methods and statistics training and may benefit from voluntary clinical observation.
Teaching
You will be taught through a mix of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

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Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks. On average students are expected to allow somewhere in the region of 100 to 150 hours personal study time per module.

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:

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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.

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 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.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.
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

Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 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 some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 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 2018–19 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
- 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.

Disclaimer
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