The Gerontology course will build your awareness of global perspectives on ageing and the lives of older people by drawing on the views and experience of a wide range of experts including geriatricians, clinicians, demographers, policy analysts and sociologists.

Key benefits

- Taught by faculty in the Institute of Gerontology, one of the leading centres for the study of ageing. The Institute is located in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, a unique, research-led interdisciplinary social science department directed by internationally recognised scholars.
- A highly flexible study course, drawing on a broad range of professional and disciplinary expertise, including geriatrics, demography, sociology and social policy.
- We offer close links with, and regular speakers from, social policy and various healthcare fields, providing insights and up-to-the-minute knowledge of these areas as they affect ageing and older people.
- You will gain an awareness of national, cross-national and comparative perspectives of ageing populations, the ageing process and older people in society throughout the course.
- We have strong links with King’s Health Partners, one of only six Academic Health Sciences Centres in England bringing together three NHS Trusts (Guy’s and St. Thomas’, King’s College Hospital, and South London and Maudsley).

Course details

The Gerontology course offers you flexibility with the choice to study either full or part-time. This interdisciplinary course is an ideal study pathway for health professionals including geriatricians, psychiatrists, GPs, nurses, social workers, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. The course is also suited to graduates from the social and natural sciences, management, policy and politics, economics, law and the humanities.

The course is made up of required and optional modules totalling 180 credits (60 of which come from a dissertation of 10,000-12,000 words).
Course structure
Courses are divided into modules, and students on this course normally take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- Dissertation in Gerontology (60 credits)
- Population Ageing & Policy (30 credits)
- Ageing, Health & Society (30 credits)
- Designing Quantitative Research for Social Science & Health (15 credits)
- Designing Qualitative Research for Social Science & Health (15 credits)
- Quantitative Data Analysis (15 credits)

If you are a part-time student, you will be expected to take Population Ageing & Policy, Designing Quantitative Research for Social Science & Health and Quantitative Data Analysis in Year 1, with the remaining required modules taken in Year 2.

Optional Modules
In addition to the required listed modules, you are required to take 15 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:
- Data Manipulation & Management (15 credits)
- Researching Vulnerable Populations (15 credits)
- Pharmaceuticals and Society (15 credits)
- Critical Policy Research for Health & Medicine (15 credits)
- Level 6 Ageing: A Global Perspective

Students may also select modules from other departments with the approval of the course director.

If you are a part-time student, your optional module may be taken either in term 3 of Year 1 or term 2 of Year 2.

Students admitted with the Diploma of Geriatric Medicine take either Population Ageing & Policy or Ageing, Health & Society, plus any other 30 credits in addition to the dissertation.

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
This course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Strand Campus. Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary depending on the optional modules you select.

Career prospects
Our graduates go on to pursue a range of careers including consultant positions in geriatric medicine and psychiatry, specialist healthcare roles with older people, and strategic positions influencing the lives of older people in government, policy and voluntary and non-governmental organisations.
Fees and funding

Full-time & 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 & 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 & 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: 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
• graduation costs
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

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