The Rheumatology MSc, PG Dip course is a part-time study pathway that will develop your understanding of the scientific basis and clinical practice of Rheumatology. The course develops the capacity to understand and critically evaluate research findings, enhances communication and management skills and fosters a multidisciplinary approach to rheumatological care. You are encouraged to publish work in peer-reviewed rheumatology journals.

**Key benefits**

- This course is designed to achieve excellence in patient-centred care, research and training.
- The King’s School of Medicine works closely with major NHS partner Trusts: Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT) and King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (KCH) with the joint aims of excellence in patient-centred research and training tomorrow’s doctors.
- Flexible part-time study pathway with the option to study for an MSc or PG Diploma.

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Course details

The course covers the clinical and basic knowledge base of rheumatology in a modular structure:

- Basic Concepts
- Clinical & Molecular Genetics
- Cell Biology
- Basic Immunology & Autoimmunity
- The Neuroendocrine System & its Relevance to Rheumatology
- Haematology
- Radiological Sciences & their application to Rheumatic Disease
- Laboratory Techniques in Diagnosis
- The Scientific Basis of Clinical Rheumatological Practice
- Specific Rheumatological Diseases
- Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- Non-drug Therapies
- Psycho-social & Economic Aspects of Rheumatoid Diseases Management Methods.

Students also undertake a research project.

Teaching

The Rheumatology MSc, PG Dip is a part-time course with 18 teaching days per annum. There are approximately 126 hours of taught contact with additional hours associated with assignment preparation, working with a supervisor and feedback. You are required to undertake compulsory NHS placements during the course.

Additionally, there are revision seminars and workshops arranged, plus one-to-one support from a King’s College academic.

You will also be expected to undertake a significant amount of independent study. The taught component of the course is designed to be an introduction/overview to a large topic area. If you are studying at an MSc level, you will be expected to undertake further reading from a reading list and to have frequent contact with the Programme Director.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations and may typically expect assessment by:

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The study times and assessment methods detailed above are typical and are designed to provide you with a good indication of what to expect. However, they are subject to change.

Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take:

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

Rheumatology MSc Pathway

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Year 1
  - Basic Sciences (60 credits)
- Year 2
  - Clinical Sciences (60 credits)
  - Research Project (60 credits)

Rheumatology Post Graduate Diploma Pathway

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Year 1
  - Basic Sciences (60 credits)
- Year 2
  - Clinical Sciences (60 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 Guy’s and Denmark Hill Campuses. Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary depending on the choice of modules offered at the time. Clinical education is arranged in work-based placements in a variety of settings primarily in the Greater London area, although some placements are based further afield in the South East of England.

Career prospects

The majority of students continue to work in the NHS during study and use the course for career development in the NHS.

King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.
Fees and funding

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.

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.

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
• society membership fees
• stationery
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
• graduation costs.

Disclaimer
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