

Frequently Asked Questions

Dual Masters in Brain and Mind Sciences

What academic background must I have to be considered for the Dual Masters?

Candidates for the Dual Masters should have a Licence/BSc in Life Sciences or another discipline closely-related to the Brain and Mind Sciences such as Cognitive Science or Psychology. You will be required to demonstrate that you have at least some background in cellular biology. During the two years of the Dual Masters the course directors will request that you take at least one course in the cognitive neurosciences and at least one course in the cellular/systems neurosciences.

What grades/marks/GPA do I need?

For French students: We require at least a mean of 13/20 during the Licence; a mean of 14/20 is easier because it is equivalent to a British "2.1" diploma.

For British students: a 1st or 2nd class honors degree is required.

For North American students: A GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0 maximum) is required.

What language is used?

All teaching during Year 1 at UCL is in English. We require proof of competence in English; see the appropriate UCL web page:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/learning-and-living-ucl/international-students>

During Year 2 the majority of courses are taught in French, although some modules are taught in English. We recommend that candidates have the B1/B2 level on the CEF scale before starting the Dual Masters, and be ready to follow French language courses during their year in London if they are only at B1 level.

What are the fees for each of the two years?

Year 1 at UCL: Fees are different for European/UK students and for international (non-EU) students, and vary from year to year. Please check the UCL website for updated fee information: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/brain-mind-sciences-msc>

Note that for 2020-2021 these fees are 15,050 GBP for European/UK students and 28,930 GBP for non-EU students.

Year 2 at SU/ENS: Standard SU university fees apply. For 2019-2020, tuition is 243€ and there is an additional student fee ("CVEC") of 91€.

Are scholarships available?

UCL has a few partial scholarships:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships/>

For French students, during year 2 in Paris you should retain whatever financial assistance you had previously received.

For Sorbonne Université students: During year 1 you may choose to remain a Sorbonne Université student (registered without fees at Sorbonne Université, **but paying UCL fees to UCL**) and eligible for some financial assistance from the Région Ile-de-France, as administered by Sorbonne Université's student mobility office.

Contact Pr Ann Lohof for more information (ann.lohof@sorbonne-universite.fr)

Application procedure and calendar 2020

You may contact Pr Ann Lohof (ann.lohof@sorbonne-universite.fr), Dr Andréa Dumoulin (adumoul@biologie.ens.fr), or Dr Caroline Selai (education.unit@ion.ucl.ac.uk) to make a preliminary inquiry about the program and your eligibility. The UCL website gives basic information on deadlines and other information :

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/brain-mind-sciences-msc>

Applications are evaluated throughout the spring and early summer. The application deadline is **19 June 2020** (to start in September 2020), but we recommend that you apply sooner. Applications are made through the UCL website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/apply>

Documents (all in English) you will need for your application :

- CV
- personal statement explaining your motivation for this particular 2-year program
- all previous academic transcripts, with a clear explanation of the grading system, and an official university translation.
- proof of competence in English (see UCL website for the accepted tests)
- two reference letters from professors or lab supervisors who know you and your work sufficiently well