

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
LMMOPTOM	Master of Optometry	B510

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- The pre-registration placement occurs over the third and fourth year and is in conjunction with the College of Optometrists. You will be expected to complete a minimum of 48 weeks of clinical practice including a minimum of 1 week of hospital practice during the pre-registration placement
- You will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health (OH) Screening:
- Non-disclosure of any criminal activity prior to or during your studies may lead to you being withdrawn from your programme, as outlined in the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure;
- You will also be expected to adhere to the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour expected of Students' as outlined in UPR SA15 (Student Fitness to Practise) or any successor document, policy or procedures.
- You will also be expected to adhere to the General Optical Council Standards for Optical Students. [Click here.](#)
- You can find the current versions of the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure [Click here.](#)
- Please read them carefully before accepting your offer, and let us know if you have any questions about anything in them.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate/postgraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2019 to Friday 17 January 2020
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- Semester C runs from Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	26%	72%	2%
Year 2	28%	70%	2%
Year 3	8%	29%	63%
Year 4	9%	48%	43%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	44%	44%	12%
Year 2	44%	23%	33%
Year 3	0%	100%	0%
Year 4	0%	75%	25%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
General Optical Council	All	Mandatory	£30
Optical Equipment	2	Mandatory	£1,500 + VAT
Travel costs for placements	All	Mandatory	Dependent on location

Please note: The University of Hertfordshire currently holds provisional approval from the GOC to provide the Master of Optometry (MOptom). Whilst under provisional approval students recruited on to the programme are not guaranteed entry to the GOC Register and may be required to undertake additional assessments through an alternative GOC approved education provider in the event that any aspect of the programme when delivered does not satisfy the GOC standards. This is a standard process for all educational establishments offering a new programme in Optometry.