

# TWELVE MYTH-BUSTING FACTS ABOUT AN ONLINE MASTER'S AT THE IOPPN

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**It's not a real master's degree**  
– No. It's exactly the same as the on-campus equivalent.



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**The online MSc is a 'poor relation' to the on-campus MSc** – No. The online programme has undergone lengthy pedagogy research, development and design, so you're getting the King's College London experience – just delivered in a different way.



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**You need a background in psychiatry or neuroscience to do an online MSc at the IoPPN** – No. Although it can be beneficial in some cases, it's not a pre-requisite to applying. What's more important are your current and previous experiences and what you're hoping to achieve from your studies.



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**You won't have the true King's/IoPPN experience as an online student** – No. You can enter the campus (if you're nearby) and online students automatically gain access to our library resources, careers service, the student union and an invitation to the graduation ceremony in London.



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**Only someone who's a computer whizz can do their master's online** – No. You will of course need to feel comfortable with performing basic online tasks such as typing, uploading and downloading documents but your Student Success Advisor is on-hand to help you if you get stuck.



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**You can only access study materials from a desktop computer** – No. You can access your materials from any mobile device including a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. Whatever works best for you!



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**The certificate states that it's delivered online** – No. Nowhere will it show that you studied your degree online. We know that this is important for many of you, especially our international students.



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**Studying alone will feel so isolating** – No. You'll have a dedicated Student Success Advisor and a Teaching Fellow and you're also encouraged to connect with your peers via our online forums.



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**It's easy to plagiarise and cheat your way to success** – No. Our online courses undergo the same, rigorous checks and processes as our on-campus courses do, so you can feel reassured that the integrity of your master's degree is always preserved throughout.



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**The best academics are only interested in the on-campus programmes** – No. King's' expert academics are exactly the same as the on-campus teaching staff. They're a mixture of researchers, scientists, practitioners and clinicians and they're all passionate about sharing their knowledge and experiences with you.

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**It doesn't require much commitment** – No. We advise our students to invest approx. 20 hours per week, but it's flexible enough for you to tune into a brief 15-minute lecture on your morning commute.



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**Research opportunities are impossible to come by** – No. You'll need to investigate your own research opportunities but the IoPPN academics are happy to support and advise you on the best routes forward.



## Got further questions?

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