MEDICINE MBBS BSc / 
UCAS CODE: A100 
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/medicine
This six-year programme includes an integrated BSc (except for graduate entrants with UK degrees), leading to the awards of Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). The curriculum is centred on key health problems, clinical presentations and patient pathways. You will have clinical contact throughout with patients and doctors.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- As a student of medicine at UCL you will be joining a prestigious medical school part of the largest academic health science centre in Europe.
- Six former students and staff have been awarded Nobel Prizes. Medical advances have included the discovery of adrenaline, the immune system, the hormone aldosterone and auto-immune disease.
- You will be taught by those at the forefront of international research and cutting-edge practice in medical sciences and clinical medicine.
- Our location in central London provides access to exciting clinical attachments in a range of settings.

**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK's higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

- 80% rated 4* ('world-leading') or 3* ('internationally excellent')

Learn more about the scope of UCL's research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

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**Degree structure**

In each year of your degree you will take a number of compulsory modules. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken through both formative and integrated summative methods.

Your degree will follow a six-year programme inclusive of an integrated BSc (except for graduate entrants with UK degrees) leading to the award of the Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS).

The MBBS programme aspires to educate the 'UCL Doctor': a highly competent and scientifically literate clinician who is equipped to practise patient-centred medicine in a constantly changing modern world and has a foundation in the basic medical and social sciences.

The MBBS at UCL is a six-year integrated programme of study. Each year is comprised of a number of themed integrated modules, focusing on:

- Year 1: Fundamentals of Clinical Science 1
- Year 2: Fundamentals of Clinical Science 2
- Year 3: Integrated BSc
- Year 4: Integrated Clinical Care
- Year 5: The Life Cycle and Specialist Practice
- Year 6: Preparation for Practice

Students who are already UK graduates are exempt from the integrated BSc and will move directly from year two to year four.

Clinical and Professional Practice (CPP) modules run ‘vertically’ across the entire MBBS programme.

There are 16 CPP modules organised into three groupings: Integrated Clinical and Professional Practice (including: Anatomy and Imaging, Clinical Skills and Practical Procedures, Pathological Sciences, Use of Medicines and Use of Evidence); Overarching Themes (including: Mental Health, Social Determinants of Health, Ethics and Law and Clinical Communication); and Student-centred Learning, Person-centred Learning.

Students may choose Student Selected Components (SSCs) in years one, two and six and in the elective period in year six. SSCs allow students to pursue special interests and develop a range of generic skills. They include choices in science, research, the arts, and humanities and languages.

For highly motivated and especially able students there is the opportunity to obtain a PhD in addition to the BSc and MBBS degrees. A small number of students are selected each year for the MB PhD programme. Selection takes place during year four of the programme.

**YEAR ONE**

**Fundamentals of Clinical Science 1**

In addition to the Clinical and Professional Practice vertical modules, year one is arranged as a series of consecutive modules, each based on a physiological system.

These modules are:

- Foundations of Health and Medical Practice
- Infection and Defence
- Circulation and Breathing
- Fluids, Nutrition and Metabolism
A variety of teaching and learning methods are used throughout the programme. These include: small group activities, lectures, self-paced and computer-assisted learning, practical work, patient and community-based activities, and private study. Anatomy and imaging are taught through a combination of dissection, prossection and computer simulation. You will also learn from a range of healthcare professionals and patients during placements.

Assessment
You will be assessed using a wide range of methods, including single-best-answer questions, data interpretation, practical examinations, clinical examinations, workplace-based assessment and a comprehensive portfolio. The integrated BSc year will be assessed partly through a research project and also using your marks from years one and two.

Your career
The programme integrates basic medical sciences and clinical sciences with professional skills and competencies throughout the programme. The integrated BSc enhances key generic skills including independent learning, critical thinking, scholarly writing and scientific method.

Your medical degree opens up a structured career framework and a wealth of opportunities. You will have access to the UCL Careers Service, and to specialist help and advice through the Careers and Foundation Transition Committee of the Medical School.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- FY1/F1 Junior Doctor (Foundation Year 1), Heart Of England NHS Foundation Trust
- FY1/F1 Junior Doctor (Foundation Year 1), The Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS
- FY1/F1 Junior Doctor (Foundation Year 1), University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Academic Foundation Doctor, Borders General Hospital (NHS)
- FY1/F1 Junior Doctor (Foundation Year 1), Basildon Hospital (NHS)

Your application
Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Entry to medicine at UCL is very competitive so it is wise to follow the advice given on the UCL Medical School website about how to get the most out of your application. In addition to submitting your UCAS application you are required to sit the Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT—see www.admissionstestingservice.org for more details).

We seek candidates from a wide variety of backgrounds. Academic qualifications are important but considerable weight is also given to your BMAT scores, personal statement, referee’s report, steps you have taken to gain insight into a medical career, community activities, general education and, if invited, your performance at the interview.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**  
A*AA

**Subjects**  
Biology and Chemistry required.

**GCSE**  
English Language and Mathematics at grade B. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Points**  
39 overall.

**Subjects**  
A total of 19 points in three higher level subjects including Biology and Chemistry, each with minimum score 6. No score below 5.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES**  
(International foundation courses)

The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

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**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

**UK & EU:** £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)

**Overseas:** £32,670 (2017/18) - overseas students entering in Year 1 pay the fees in five annual instalments of £32,670 (2 x £21,960 plus 3 x £39,810). Continuing Overseas students transferring in will pay £39,810 per year, which represents the clinical rate for the later years of the MBBS programme. Fees shown are at 2017/18 prices and are subject to the annual increases which are applied to all UCL fees.

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

**FUNDING**

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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**EU referendum**

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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