Integrated BSc (IBSc) Policy

From 2013 the Intercalated BSc will be referred to as the **'Integrated'** BSc.

All non-graduate entrants to the MBBS students programme from **2009** onwards are expected to undertake an IBSc after successful completion of year 2 of their MBBS programme. This is stated in the Medical School prospectus and on the IBSc webpage; http://www.ucl.ac.uk/medicalschool/bsc-ibsc

The Integrated BSc year forms year 3 of the six year MBBS programme at UCL.

Satisfactory completion of the Integrated BSc year (Year 3) is a requirement for progression to year 4

The Integrated BSc is compulsory for all MBBS Students unless they entered the programme having completed a UK degree (BSc/BA or higher qualification).

All UCL medical students (with the exception of UK graduates) must select their choice of IBSc during the 2nd year of their MBBS programme.

The IBSc degree classification is assessed using a weighting of 1:1:6 (Year 1: Year 2 : IBSc year).

Details of the calculation used to determine the mark contribution from years 1 and 2 can be found on the following webpage;

Year 1 Mark Scheme:
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/medicalschool/staff-students/assessments/year1

Year 2 Mark Scheme:
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/medicalschool/staff-students/assessments/year2

1. Graduate MBBS Students (UK & Overseas)

Graduates holding a non-UK degree who want to request an exemption from the IBSc must consult Dr B A Cross by the February of their second year. Requests will be discussed on an individual basis.

UK graduates who would like to undertake an integrated BSc or apply to undertake an MSc during year 3 should contact Dr B A Cross by the February of their second year.

2. Students are not permitted to apply to undertake an IBSc at an external institution. UCL Medical Students are expected to complete their IBSc at UCL.

3. Interruptions (During year 3 or between year 2 and 3).

Students who interrupt their studies during their IBSc year must return to complete the IBSc year before entering year 4 of the MBBS programme. Students are normally expected to return to the same IBSc programme. Students are required to meet with Dr Cross if they want to request a change to an alternative IBSc degree or a suspension of regulations to progress to year 4 without completing an IBSc.

Students wishing to interrupt their studies are advised in the first instance to discuss this with the tutor for their IBSc and/or Dr Cross before completing the necessary interruption form, which can be accessed at: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/services/studyinformation/interrupt.doc. Students cannot be interrupted from study retrospectively.

Students who interrupt their studies immediately after successful completion of year 2 of the MBBS programme are expected to undertake an IBSc on their return to study. Interrupted students are expected to engage in the IBSc application process *. Failure to apply in the normal way will restrict the choices of programme available and may result in a student being allocated to an undersubscribed programme.

**Students interrupting due to personal or medical reasons will be consulted by Dr B A Cross on an individual basis*.

4. Withdrawing from IBSc examinations

Students who withdraw from one or more examinations during their IBSc year are expected to complete their outstanding examinations (and therefore their iBSc qualification), the following academic year, either as a non-enrolled student or a part-time student, before entering year 4.

Students need to conform with UCL guidelines with respect to withdrawal from examinations: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/exams_and_awards/GI/withdrawal_exams Students cannot be withdrawn from examinations retrospectively.

Students cannot apply for deferred assessment (in the current or next academic year).

5. Withdrawing from an IBSc programme

Should a student wish to withdraw completely from their they must consult their IBSc programme tutor and Dr B A Cross to discuss the matter. If considered the appropriate action, Dr B A Cross will instigate the paperwork and issue the student with further instructions regarding their progress.

Students cannot be withdrawn from an IBSc programme retrospectively.

Students who withdraw from an IBSc programme will be advised about applying to undertake an alternative IBSc in the next academic session.

6. Requesting an Exemption

All non graduate MBBS students are expected to complete an IBSc at UCL. Only in very exceptional circumstances will an exemption be considered.

Exemptions from the IBSc year will only be considered on the following basis:

- Severe financial difficulty. Documentary evidence must be provided to support a change in financial circumstances. International (high fee paying) students should be reminded that they or their sponsor provided a signed financial guarantee prior to entry on the MBBS course committing to 6 years of study; therefore financial circumstances must have changed significantly for an exemption to be granted on financial grounds.
- Academic reasons (academic ability not deemed appropriate)
- Significant personal circumstances

External Students

From January **2011** UCL will no longer consider applications to the IBSc programmes from students at external institutions.

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