



MBBS ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018 ENTRY

Applicants should carefully check that they will meet the minimum academic standard **before** making an application. The entry requirements for the medical degree programme may differ from those of other undergraduate programmes at UCL. The range of qualifications accepted for Medicine is limited to those that appear on the online prospectus: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/medicine-mbbs-bsc

The majority of applicants apply on the basis of GCE A Levels or the International Baccalaureate diploma. Please note that we do not consider international qualifications unless otherwise indicated on the online prospectus.

The information provided on the UCAS application must be **accurate and complete**. Applicants who receive an offer should be aware that they are **not** usually permitted to drop subjects listed on their UCAS application, as we will have made our assessment in good faith based upon the information supplied by the applicant.

GCSE requirements

All UK candidates, or those who have received their secondary education in the UK, must offer GCSE (or IGCSE, O-level, IB or EB equivalent) at **grade B** or above in both **English Language** and **Mathematics**. For candidates taking the new style of GCSEs with numerical outcomes rather than letter grades, the requirement is for a **score of 6** in both English Language and Mathematics.

For international students, if English is **not** your first language then an alternative English Language test may be offered (preferably IELTS) from the list linked below. The “advanced” level grade must be achieved in each case:

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate-study/application-and-entry/english-language/acceptable-qualifications

UCL expects all UK applicants to offer a **modern foreign language** (not including Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) at GCSE **grade C** or equivalent (the requirement for the new style of GCSEs with numerical outcomes will be **score of 5**). This requirement does not apply to international students. Candidates **can** be admitted if they do not offer a foreign language GCSE (and their application will **not** be disadvantaged), but they would be obliged to take a language course during their first year: www.ucl.ac.uk/clie/CourseUnits/Pre-course/MFLrequirement.

GCE A-levels

We require three A-levels (which must be completed within two years). A-levels from recognised UK examination boards are the only “advanced levels” accepted. **Chemistry and Biology** must be studied at A-level. The third subject is the student’s own choice and can be any subject other than General Studies or Critical Thinking.

Our standard conditional offer for 2018 entry will be grades **A*AA** to include Chemistry and Biology.

We would expect any “extra” qualifications that an applicant has undertaken to be completed and passed.

Extended Project Qualification

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) can provide useful preparation for undergraduate study in terms of undertaking research, writing up a project and making a presentation. Students may also find that the EPQ allows them the opportunity to enjoy researching an area of particular interest and it may provide a useful topic for discussion during interviews. We would encourage students to consider taking the EPQ if it is offered at their school. If you are not able to undertake an EPQ then we would encourage you to try to develop the relevant research skills through independent learning.

International Baccalaureate

Candidates taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) must offer three subjects including **Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level**, plus three subjects at Standard Level.

If Mathematics and English Language are not offered as part of the diploma, they should be offered as GCSE or IGCSE at grade B/6.

The grade requirement for the diploma is **39 points** out of 45 overall. The grades for the three Higher subjects must make up at least 19 points and must include Biology and Chemistry, each with minimum score 6. Scores below 5 in any subject are not acceptable.

Other qualifications

For detail of the entry requirements for other acceptable entry qualifications, as listed below, please visit the online prospectus and choose the qualification from the drop-down list: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/medicine-mbbs-bsc/

- **European Bacalaureate**
- **Scottish Advanced Highers and Highers**
- **Irish Leaving Certificate**
- **Welsh Bacalaureate**
- **Cambridge Pre-University Diploma**
- **Singaporean Cambridge A-levels or NUS Diplomas**
- **HKDSE or HKALE**
- **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)**

UK Graduates

We consider graduates or students in their final year of degree studies who have obtained, or are expected to obtain, **at least an upper second-class Honours (2.1) degree**. Degrees awarded by universities outside the UK are **not** acceptable. Students should note that we **do not** consider applications from candidates who fail to complete their degree.

Science and non-science graduates are considered equally. However, all graduate applicants must offer A-level Chemistry and Biology (or IB equivalent). Should a candidate not be able to meet these requirements, full details of any Biology or Chemistry modules studied at undergraduate level should be submitted for consideration *well in advance* of the application deadline. These will then be considered as possible alternatives. However please note that the number of graduates for whom the Biology and Chemistry A-level requirements are waived is very small.

Graduate applicants should offer at least **ABB** grades in A-levels taken *prior* to their first degree (or IB Higher Levels with scores of 6,5,5). For A-levels taken *after* their degree we will expect grade A* or A (or IB Higher Levels with scores of 7 or 6).

We **do not** offer a fast-track (4-year) Graduate Entry Programme at UCL. Graduates admitted to the Medical School follow the same programme of study as the undergraduate students, except that they will complete the course in five years instead of six, since the iBSc year (Year 3) is waived. Graduates must complete all parts of the 5-year programme; there are no exemptions apart from the iBSc.

Graduates intending to apply are strongly advised to give careful consideration to the financial implications of embarking on the medical programme.

Access to Medicine HE Diploma

Currently, the only Access to HE Diploma (Medicine) to meet our minimum entry requirements is offered at the College of West Anglia. Applicants must achieve at least 28 credits awarded with Distinction in the Level 3 units, with the remaining credits in the Level 3 units awarded with Merit.

This course is suitable for candidates returning to study after a break or those who did not study the necessary science subjects in their original A-levels (i.e. students with a non-science background who now intend to change career path). It is **not** suitable for candidates who did study the required A-level or IB subjects but did not achieve sufficiently high grades.

Please note that **no other** access course is acceptable.

UPCSE

UCL's University Preparatory Certificate for Science and Engineering (UPCSE) - a foundation programme for **international** students preparing for undergraduate degrees in Science and Engineering - meets our minimum entry requirements and is an acceptable option for applicants who need support in learning academic English as well as covering the prerequisite sciences. It is not an appropriate choice for students who have already attempted UK A-levels or the IB diploma but failed to achieve the necessary standard. Applicants must study **Chemistry, Biology and English** as part of the UPCSE. Maths should also be studied at GCSE or IGCSE (and grade B will be required).

In our experience students who apply after successfully completing the UPCSE are able to make stronger applications than those who are currently on the course. This is because these students have already secured the required grades, had additional time to pursue work experience and the opportunity to improve their English while attending UCL.

For further information see the UPCSE website: www.ucl.ac.uk/clie/preparatory-certificates