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We are a vibrant and ambitious medical school with an outstanding reputation for our combined expertise in research, enterprise and education.

The University of Southampton's Faculty of Medicine is a thriving and ambitious multidisciplinary community, dedicated to scholarship, discovery and enterprise. We are a national leader in medical education, with an outstanding reputation for our combined expertise in research and teaching. We are committed to the highest provision in pursuit of excellence in biomedical sciences and clinical research. Our academic units are skilled at turning world class research into improvements in clinical practice and patient outcomes, having strong relationships with business and enterprises as well as health organisations worldwide. Our vision is to translate biomedical research into clinical outcomes that improve health worldwide.

We have four Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) programmes. BM5 is the standard five-year programme. If you already have a degree, our four-year BM4 programme will allow you to draw on your existing knowledge and experience as you begin your training as a doctor. If you are able to meet our eligibility criteria specifically designed to widen access to medicine, our BM6 six-year programme may be the right degree for you.

Information regarding our fourth programme, the BM(EU), can be found at www.ksm-info.de. Applications are made through the Kassel School of Medicine.

Whether you choose to be a physician or a surgeon, a general practitioner or a clinical scientist, or you follow any other path, our degrees represent the first stage in a rewarding career as a doctor. Each programme provides a comprehensive and balanced curriculum to enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes and behaviours that you will need as a newly qualified doctor.

You will gain practical experience from the very beginning, having contact with patients in a variety of clinical settings and in varying roles from the first few weeks. You will continue to build your clinical expertise through clinical placements, developing your skills in the community and in NHS Trust hospitals across southern England. As a medical student, you will be able to take advantage of opportunities for multi-professional learning, which will be essential as you prepare to join the healthcare teams of the future.

Upon graduation from our BM5 and BM6 programmes, as well as a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) degree, you will be awarded a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc) degree. You will also have the possibility of gaining an intercalated masters degree.

Once you have successfully completed your programme, you can register provisionally with the General Medical Council (GMC) and progress to employment in the NHS and the Foundation Programme, a two-year training programme for newly qualified doctors.

Our BMBS degrees are the equivalent of MBBS and MBChB, and are recognised by the GMC in line with all other medical qualifications from UK medical schools.

Front cover image: On the way to the wards on a clinical attachment

Contents page image: Catching up with a tutor after a lecture

BM5 | A100 Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and BMedSc five-year programme



Practising resuscitation
techniques on a model on
a clinical attachment

Our BM5 and BMedSc programme is an established undergraduate degree, which is taught full-time over five years.

Key features

- Integrated, systems-based method of teaching
- Clinical work from the first few weeks of the programme
- Opportunity to work with other health professionals
- An in-depth research project
- Clinical apprenticeship

Programme structure

Our integrated, systems-based BM5 and BMedSc programme is distinctive in many ways. You will learn from contact with patients in a variety of clinical settings, beginning in the first few weeks of your course; in Year 2 you will undertake a placement as a Healthcare Support Worker to gain insight into multi-professional team working in hospitals.

In the first two years you will learn about the major physiological systems of the body. Within each system, you will integrate your learning of anatomy, biochemistry, pathology, physiology, pharmacology, the social sciences and public health medicine in a clinical context. You will undertake student selected units in medical humanities and public health interventions, and a Research module to prepare you for your year 3 research project.

In year three you will undertake a research study; choosing a research topic from a wide variety of disciplines, with either a clinical, biomedical, educational or social sciences basis, working in the University research facilities, hospital wards, general practices or in the community. You will then undertake clinical placements in hospitals and general practice in the Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester areas. The focus will be on the effects of clinical disorders on patients and their families, continuing the development of your clinical abilities and the reinforcement of systems courses and social science teaching. On successful completion of this year you will be awarded a Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSc) award.

In year four you will undertake placements in a range of clinical specialities in Southampton and around the region.

In your final year you will gain experience in a wide range of hospitals, communities and general

practices in the south of England and have an opportunity to undertake an elective placement in an area of your choice. You will be attached to a variety of clinical teams on an apprenticeship basis, learning the skills required to begin your Foundation Programme. Your Final examination will be taken in the spring, after which you will undertake a compulsory “preparing for practice” phase of the programme to ensure you are ready to start work before graduation.

We provide many opportunities for medical students to work and learn alongside other health professional students during their clinical placements.

Intercalated degree¹

There are a limited number of places available for BM5/6 medical students who wish to take an intercalated classified honours masters level degree (Master in Medical Science). Studying for the intercalated masters degree takes place between years three and four, extending the BM programme by one year. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance during the BM programme. This provides a particular opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career as a Clinical Academic doctor.

Study in Germany

As we have a partnership with a German health provider, there may be the opportunity for students to undertake some study in Germany.

Clinical experience

In years one and two you will have contact with patients in hospitals, in general practices and in their own homes, and you will learn to take a medical history and examine patients as part of the Medicine in Practice module.

In year two you will be on a regular placement working as part of the healthcare team as a Healthcare Support Worker. In years three, four and five, clinical attachments form a significant part of the programme.

Support

All students are allocated a Personal Academic Tutor, in addition to a pastoral tutor associated with each cohort. A range of learning and web-based resources are available to support you in your academic work.

¹ Students may also have the opportunity to apply to suspend their studies to take an intercalated degree at another institution between the third and fourth year.



Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on page 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the relevant entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Academic entry requirements

NON-GRADUATE APPLICANTS

A levels: AAA, including chemistry and biology, plus either grade A at AS level in a subject not offered at A2 or grade A in the Extended Project Qualification. General studies and critical thinking are not accepted. Subjects with material that overlaps (e.g. human biology/sports studies/physical education) may not be offered in combination at A2 level.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of seven GCSEs at grade A, including mathematics, English Language and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

MATURE NON-GRADUATE APPLICANTS

(Non-graduate applicants over the age of 21)

A levels: AAA, including chemistry and biology. If you are offering nursing qualifications, you must also offer at least two A levels at grade A, to include chemistry and biology.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of grade C in mathematics, English Language and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE.

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Degree: An upper second-class honours degree or above in any subject. For further information about your first degree see page 11.

A levels: Chemistry at grade C or above. Alternatively, AS level chemistry and biology/human biology at grade C or above where Chemistry has not been taken to A2.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum grade C in mathematics, English Language and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements you will be assessed against our non-academic criteria published on our website www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine

Applicants must be able to show they:

- Are self-motivated and resilient
- Have reflected on and learnt from life experiences (this may include, work experience, paid employment and personal experiences both in and outside health and social care settings)
- Can communicate effectively
- Are able to interact successfully with others
- Can demonstrate an understanding of the values of the NHS constitution



EU and international applicants

EU and international applicants are expected to fulfil the same academic and non-academic criteria as home applicants, and you can do so through a wide range of qualifications. See the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

If you are an international or EU applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language.

Test scores are only valid for two years from the date of issue. Further details of English language requirements are available in the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

As an international student you will be able to complete your undergraduate studies with a Tier 4 (General) student visa.

On graduation you may apply to undertake a two-year Foundation Programme and apply to register with the GMC. You will still require a Tier 4 visa to undertake a Foundation programme. For further information, please visit www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa or contact Visa@soton.ac.uk

For information regarding visas after you have completed your Foundation programme, please visit www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration

Other entry requirements

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM5 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

For further information regarding how the score is used, please visit

www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine

For further information on the UKCAT please visit

www.ukcat.ac.uk

“The first thing I found amazing about the course at Southampton was that we were introduced to clinical attachments from the first week. University Hospital Southampton provides a great teaching environment, and the campus and halls were just what I was looking for. I’m having a great time at Southampton and really feel at home here.”

Sid Mohan

BM5 student

BM4 | A101 Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery four-year graduate entry programme



Learning how to conduct
an oral examination

Our BM4 degree programme enables graduates in any subject to achieve a BMBS degree in four years, drawing on existing knowledge, skills, understanding and life experiences.

Key features

Four-year programme

Explicit links to clinical topics from year one

Clinical work from the outset, in a dedicated hospital clinical base

Regular group work in the first two years

Clinical apprenticeship in the final year

Programme Structure

Clinical topics comprise the focus of the curriculum in Years 1 and 2.

The curriculum in the first 18 months is designed around a series of clinical topics which form the framework for your learning. You will undertake clinical placements, small group work (Graduate Groups), lectures and practical sessions which directly link to each of the clinical topics. Learning outcomes considered within three levels of organisation (systems biology, individuals and those close to them and population and society) are used to help you structure your learning. Three themes (Communication, Diversity and Teamworking, Leadership and Patient Safety) underpin the whole of the curriculum and relate directly to medical practice.

The learning structured around clinical topics has some features in common with problem-based learning (PBL) courses. You will meet on a regular basis with other students in a Graduate Group,

working on the relevant clinical topics with a facilitator. A substantial amount of work will take place in these groups. At the beginning of each clinical topic you will discuss ‘trigger’ material to help you understand what you need to learn and why, agree in the group on the learning outcomes to be worked on, and then organise your learning around these.

Clinical Experience

You will have 2–3 clinical sessions each week in both hospital and community settings during the first 18 months of the course. There is a clinical base for BM4 students in a hospital in Winchester where there are identified clinical teaching staff, and a range of general practices are also involved. Clinical sessions allow you to observe medical care related to the relevant clinical topic, and also to begin to develop your clinical skills.

Full time clinical attachments then start after Christmas in year 2, you will undertake placements in Medicine, Surgery and Primary Care before joining the BM5 students for a common final two years for both programmes (see BM5 Programme for details of these years). Prior to joining with BM5 students there will be a common clinical examination.

Support

All students are allocated a tutor, in addition to a senior tutor associated with each cohort. A range of learning and web-based resources are available to support you in your Personal Academic work. In all four years of the BM4 programme, the holidays are shorter than the normal University vacations, but with at least four weeks break over the summer.

“Southampton has a unique graduate entry course with early patient contact. You acquire clinical skills early on and have the opportunity to develop these throughout the degree. Medicine is an intellectually challenging course and one where you never stop learning. I could not imagine myself doing anything else.”

Keval Shah

BM4 student



Viewing slides in a histology practical session

Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on page 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Graduate applicants may also apply for the BM5 programme.

Academic entry requirements

Degree: An upper second-class honours degree or above in any subject.

A levels: Chemistry at grade C or above. Alternatively, AS level chemistry and biology/human biology at grade C or above where Chemistry has not been taken to A2.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of grade C in mathematics, English Language and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements you will be assessed against our non-academic criteria published on our website www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine

Applicants must be able to show they:

- Are self-motivated and resilient
- Have reflected on and learnt from life experiences (this may include, work experience, paid employment and personal experiences both in and outside health and social care settings)

- Can communicate effectively
- Are able to interact successfully with others
- Can demonstrate an understanding of the values of the NHS constitution

EU applicants

EU applicants are expected to fulfil the same academic and non-academic criteria as home applicants, and you can do so through a wide range of qualifications. See the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

If you are an EU applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language.

Test scores are only valid for two years from the date of issue. Further details of English language requirements for the BM programmes are available in the acceptable qualifications section on pages 16 - 17.

International applicants are not eligible to apply for this programme.



On the wards on a clinical attachment

Information about your first degree

We expect graduate students to have developed effective study and academic skills which will enable you to complete an accelerated medical programme. This includes the ability to think critically.

Every graduate, whether with an arts or science degree, brings a unique set of knowledge, skills and understanding to the programme. For example, graduates with science, arts and humanities degrees will share their knowledge and understanding in the discussion of an individual patient's experience of illness from a range of different but equally valuable perspectives.

All graduates for the BM4 and BM5 programmes are selected on the basis that they will have sufficient science knowledge and understanding to cope with their studies, and the science requirements are identical.

Other entry requirements

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM4 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

For further information regarding how the score is used please visit

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For further information on the UKCAT please visit

www.ukcat.ac.uk

BM6 | A102 Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and BMedSc six-year widening access programme with year zero



Learning how to take blood pressure in a clinical session

We have developed our BM6 programme to widen access into the medical profession. The course has achieved national recognition as an example of best practice. It involves studying for an extra year on a specially designed year zero before studying alongside students on the BM5 and BMedSc programme.

Key features

Guaranteed place on Year 1 alongside BM5 (conditional on satisfactory completion of year zero)

Placements in a variety of healthcare settings start in week two and then occur fortnightly throughout the academic year

Full-time course timetabled over three days

A small-group setting, with 30 students

Extensive tutorial and pastoral support

All academic content relevant to the BM5 and BMedSc curriculum

Eligibility criteria

You must satisfy three of the criteria listed below in order to be eligible for the BM6 programme, and you will be expected to provide documentary proof.

- First generation applicant to higher education
- Parents, guardian or self in receipt of a means-tested benefit
- Young people looked after by a Local Authority
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant
- In receipt of free school meals at any point in Years 10-13
- Living in an area with a postcode which falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (authenticated by the University), or a member of a travelling family

Graduate, international applicants, and students who have previously enrolled on a higher education programme, are not eligible to apply for this programme. If you apply to the BM6 programme you will need to complete an eligibility form.

For more information about our eligibility criteria, please visit our website www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/ug/BM6/eligibility

Programme structure

Year zero is an integrated, applied year of study that aims to equip students for the following five years of the BM6 programme. During this year you may expect to study two modules in Human Structure and Function and two modules in Professional Practice.

Human Structure and Function includes:

- The human body in health and disease
- Physiological, biochemical and anatomical concepts relevant to medicine
- Practical investigations, case studies and enquiry-based learning

Professional Practice is based on six projects which reflect the themes of the BM5 and BMedSc programme and involve healthcare placements, and health sociology and psychology. It also includes key skills in IT, numeracy and statistics and information retrieval.

The projects are:

- Understanding the roles of health professionals
- Communication in healthcare
- The media and medicine
- The organisation of healthcare
- Factors that influence health and illness
- Ethical issues in healthcare

Upon successful completion of year zero, you will join Year One alongside the BM5.

Placements

You will go out on day placement every other week usually as part of a pair or a group of 3-4 students. Your placement will take place in both primary and secondary care around the Southampton area.

Support

As a student on year zero you will receive extensive tutorial and pastoral support. The relatively small cohort size enables frequent opportunities for small group work and regular support and feedback on progress.

Year zero is generally timetabled across three days per week which allows students an opportunity to carry out some part-time work in order to support their studies.

Financial support

Students on the BM6 programme are eligible for a year zero bursary of £1,000 for their first year of study. You may also be eligible for other University of Southampton bursaries. For further details please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/fees-funding.page

Entry requirements

Please read the selection process section on page 15, in conjunction with the information presented below.

Please note: you must fulfil all the entry requirements detailed below in order to be eligible for the programme.

Applicants may also apply for the BM5 programme.

Academic entry requirements

A levels: A level grades BBC including chemistry and biology (or equivalent qualifications).

Subjects with material that overlaps (e.g. human biology/sports studies/physical education) may not be offered in combination at A level. General studies and critical thinking are not accepted.

GCSEs or equivalent: A minimum of five GCSEs at grades C or above, including mathematics, English Language and double award science (or equivalent). You may offer qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE. Please contact the Medicine Admissions Office for further information or see pages 16 - 17.

Non-academic entry requirements

In addition to academic entry requirements you will be assessed against our non-academic criteria published on our website www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine

Applicants must be able to show they:

- Are self-motivated and resilient
- Have reflected on and learnt from life experiences (this may include, work experience, paid employment and personal experiences both in and outside health and social care settings)
- Can communicate effectively
- Are able to interact successfully with others
- Can demonstrate an understanding of the values of the NHS constitution

Other entry requirements

Eligibility criteria: see page 13.

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

The UKCAT focuses on exploring your cognitive powers, as well as other attributes considered valuable for healthcare professionals.

All applicants to the BM6 programme are required to take the UKCAT in the summer prior to making an application. The UKCAT results are only valid for applications to universities in the year in which the test is taken. If your application to medical school is not successful and you re-apply the following year, you will be required to re-sit the UKCAT.

The UKCAT score will be used as part of the selection process.

For further information regarding how the score is used, please visit

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For further information on the UKCAT please visit www.ukcat.ac.uk

“The course really eases you into university-style learning and you’ll always have people around you to help with any problems you may have adjusting to university life. The teaching is fantastic! It’s always interactive so you never get bored and you are always encouraged to aim for nothing less than your best.”

Jessica Tinsley

BM6 student



How to apply

All applications must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) by 15 October in the year prior to entry.

The selection process

No more than four choices from the possible five available through UCAS should be used for medicine programmes. The remaining choices can be used for alternative courses (without prejudice to your application) when applying to Southampton. You may apply for more than one of our BMBS programmes (e.g. BM5 and BM6, or BM4 and BM5), but these would count as two choices for medicine.

For full details of the UCAS application process please visit www.ucas.com

Please note that there is an application fee.

Details of our selection process can be found at www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine

Conditions of any offer made

You must be able to fulfil the duties of a doctor as stated by the GMC in their document *Good Medical Practice* (available at www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good_medical_practice.asp).

Continued registration on the programme is conditional on satisfactory health screening and Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS); as

such, we seek to verify all applicant details against the Medical Schools Council database to ensure no fitness to practise findings have been registered against an applicant. The health screening is assessed in confidence by staff in University Hospital Southampton.

Criminal convictions

If you have any prior charges or criminal convictions you must declare this information on your application form; this includes both spent and unspent convictions, and also cautions and warnings. We may seek further information in line with the GMC guidelines, as stated in their document *Medical students: professional values and fitness to practise* (available at www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/professional_behaviour.asp).

Age

Due to early clinical contact, students must be a minimum of 18 years of age when they start our medical degree programmes. Applicants who apply but would be under 18 at the start of the programme may be considered for a deferred place or advised to reapply as appropriate.

Acceptable qualifications

We recognise many qualifications as part of our academic entry requirements, as well as A levels and GCSEs. Details of those offered most frequently for our BM5 programme are listed below.

UK, Irish and Scottish Qualifications

Access courses

Approved Access courses with an appropriate scientific content are acceptable. We require 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at level 3 (or equivalent), of which at least 30 level 3 credits must be at Distinction and, in addition, at least 15 level 3 credits must be at a minimum of Merit. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

Irish Leaving Certificate

If you are offering the Irish Leaving Certificate you are required to offer six subjects at grades A1, A1, A1, A, A, A in the Highers/Honours examination, including chemistry and biology both at grade A1. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

Scottish framework

Applicants offering Scottish qualifications are required to offer four subjects at grades AAAA in the Higher examination, including chemistry and biology, together with grade A in chemistry and biology in Advanced Highers. (See also GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme.)

International Qualifications

Details of the most common A Level equivalencies are listed below. In addition, applicants are also required to meet our GCSE requirements and should submit evidence/transcripts of qualifications achieved during the years equivalent to 10 and 11 in the UK. Please contact the Admissions Office for more details, or for assistance if your qualification is not listed here. For more information on comparable international qualifications please visit www.naric.org.uk

International Baccalaureate

If you are offering the International Baccalaureate you are required to offer 36 points, with 18 at Higher level in three subjects, to include 6 in chemistry and biology at Higher level.

European Baccalaureate

You must obtain an overall score of at least 85%. You must also obtain a score of at least 9 in three subjects to include chemistry and biology taken as optional elective subjects.

Canada

Most provinces have individual gradings and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Ontario example - Certificate or Diploma at grade 12 including 6 U/M courses. You should achieve at least 90% in all subjects, with 90% in chemistry and biology. Subjects must include chemistry, English, maths and biology plus 7 different options grade 9/10/11 at over 80%. Transcripts for grades 9-12 indicating individual marks should be forwarded with each application.

Germany

If you are offering the German Abitur you are required to achieve an average overall mark of 1.6. Chemistry must be included as a main subject and passed with at least good results over the last two years (mark 2, 11 points, or similar). Chemistry should be taken until at least 10th grade (G8) or 11th grade (G9) and passed with at least good results (mark 2).

Hong Kong

Applicants offering the HKDSE should offer 555 from three electives, to include chemistry and biology.

Malaysia

Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM/Certificate of Education) is acceptable at grade A in lieu of GCSE grade A on a subject-for-subject basis, with the exception of English language. (See GCSE or equivalent requirements, outlined under each programme). Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM/Malaysian Higher School Certificate of Education) is acceptable at grade A in lieu of A level at grade A on a subject-for-subject basis.

Portugal

If you are offering Portuguese qualifications, these will be considered on an individual basis. Entry requirements are based on the results of Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundarios and you should achieve 18 or higher overall, with 18 in biology and chemistry taken as optional subjects in 12th year.

Poland

You should offer the Matura with an overall average score of at least 80%, including at least 3 subjects at extended level. Two of these must be biology and chemistry, where you must have a minimum score of 80%.

USA

5 APs with 55544 (5s to include biology and chemistry) with HSD GPA 3.3. Or HSD GPA 3.3 plus SAT I minimum score 1900 with either three APs at 555 to include biology and chemistry or three SAT relevant subject tests with scores of 700+. Or HSD GPA 3.3 plus ACT minimum score of 30 with either three APs at 555 to include biology and chemistry or three SAT relevant subject tests with scores of 700+ Applicants should also submit their transcripts for grades 9-12.

Approved English Language Qualifications

If you are an international or EU applicant and English is not your first language, you should offer one of the University of Southampton's recognised tests in English language. Your score should be equivalent to IELTS 7.0 overall, with a 7.0 in each component.

Test scores must date from the past two years.

For more details, please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/admissions/admissionspolicies/language/



Support and facilities

All medical students are allocated a Personal Academic Tutor on arrival who will help you to settle in and obtain the help and support you need. Academic and administrative staff are also available to assist students with day to day issues and there is a Senior Tutor team and the University's Student Union Advice Centre for help with more complex problems.

Support for medical students

The Students Union Advice Centre provides advice and information for students on issues such as fees and accommodation. Support is also provided for students with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, and the University also offers a wide range of support services.

For more information visit the University website www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services

Facilities

Throughout your training you will have access to a full range of University facilities. These include the well-resourced Centre for Learning Anatomical Sciences and Clinical Skills Centre at University Hospital Southampton. The University has several libraries including the Health Services Library.

Money matters

For information on tuition fees, living costs and financial support, including scholarships/bursaries, visit www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/fees-funding.page

Students on the BM6 programme are eligible for a Year Zero bursary of £1,000 for their first year of study and may also be eligible for other University of Southampton bursaries – see website above.

For information on medical student finance and to check eligibility criteria for NHS bursaries during medical training, please see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk and www.bma.org.uk. When planning your finances, it is important you consider other expenses that may be associated with your course. Please visit our website for details of any additional costs www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/fees_and_funding.page?

Applicants with a disability or health problem

The University of Southampton has been closely involved with The Gateways Disability Project which has seen the General Medical Council joining forces with medical schools to develop guidance on encouraging people with disabilities into medicine and continues to actively support applicants with disabilities who wish to pursue a career in Medicine.

The objective of the project has been to develop advice for medical schools on supporting disabled students into medicine and retaining them within the profession. The guidance produced provides practical suggestions to help medical schools ensure that disabled students do not face unnecessary barriers to successful medical careers. For further details please visit www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/gateways_guidance.asp

We have a special responsibility to ensure that all students admitted to the BM programmes will be eligible for registration by the General Medical Council upon graduation. It is important to us that our students are able to fulfil the rigorous demands of professional Fitness to Practise.

Any student with a disability is welcome to request a prospective visit to the University's Enabling Services. Students who indicate on their UCAS form that they have a disability will be referred to the University's Enabling Services as part of the admissions process to ensure that the University is able to offer the appropriate systems of support. Any disability disclosed on your UCAS form will not be used as part of the selection process.

Both your offer and continued registration on the programme will be conditional upon the completion of satisfactory health screening. Health screening is assessed in confidence by staff in the Occupational

Health Department at University Hospital Southampton. Applicants with serious communicable diseases, or with mental health (including eating disorders) or behavioural difficulties will need to inform Occupational Health via the confidential health screening process. In line with recent guidance, blood borne virus (BBV) testing will be performed during the initial stages of medical training, prior to undertaking any EPPs. Freedom from infection with BBVs is not an absolute requirement for those wishing to train as doctors, however satisfying additional health clearance, which includes determining their BBV status, is obligatory for those who wish to train in specialties that involve EPPs. For further information, please visit www.medschools.ac.uk/Publications/Pages/Medical-and-dental-students-Health-clearance-for-Hepatitis-B,-Hepatitis-C,-HIV-and-Tuberculosis.aspx

Applicants with learning difficulties

The University of Southampton welcomes applicants who indicate on their UCAS form that they have a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia; this information is not taken into consideration as part of the selection process. If you indicated on your UCAS form that you have a SpLD you will be asked to register with Enabling Services at the University on enrolment so that appropriate special arrangements, such as extra time in examinations, can be made. Documentary evidence in the form of an educational psychologist or specialist teacher assessment report will be required but if this is not available the University can help arrange an assessment. The University has extensive learning support facilities and all students with dyslexia or any other specific learning difficulty are welcome to request a prospective visit to Enabling Services at the University.

For more information, please visit the Enabling Services website at www.southampton.ac.uk/edusupport

“I was diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of 10. The University of Southampton has a fantastic enabling service to support you throughout medical school, whether it be with exams, learning, emotional support or any complications that students come across. They endeavour to make adjustments wherever possible to facilitate your progress and help you to achieve your true potential.”

Meera Gondhia

BM6 student



Supporting our international students

The University of Southampton is a truly international institution with a global reputation for excellence in leading-edge research and education.

We offer a cosmopolitan, friendly and dynamic environment and we are committed to making all international students feel at home in Southampton.

We have a strong commitment to international collaboration and partnership, and welcome staff and students from many different nations and cultures. Supported by our thriving and diverse international community, we welcome thousands of EU and international students.

Of our 22,000 students, nearly 5,000 are international and we value the cultural diversity and opportunities which spring from being truly international in all our activities. Our students come from more than 130 different nations and our network of university partnerships stretches across the globe.

We are part of the Worldwide Universities Network, a grouping of internationally excellent research institutions which attract top researchers from across the world.

Our academic staff and research groups have extensive international connections and reputations. Currently,

we work with international institutions, businesses and industrial organisations in more than 80 countries.

Medicine for international students

As an international student you will be able to complete your undergraduate studies with a Tier 4 (General) student visa.

On graduation you may apply to undertake a two-year Foundation Programme and apply to register with the GMC. You will still require a Tier 4 visa to undertake a Foundation programme. For further information, please visit www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa or contact Visa@soton.ac.uk

For information regarding visas after you have completed your Foundation programme, please visit www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration

Settling in at the University of Southampton

The University of Southampton offers a comprehensive range of support services to help you settle into life at the University. Our aim is to ensure that your experience throughout your time at Southampton is a positive and rewarding one.



Studying in the Health Services Library at Southampton General Hospital

Our free Meet and Greet service offers international students the chance to be met at both London Heathrow Airport and London Gatwick Airport, from where you will be transported directly to the University in time for the Welcome Programme before the start of the academic year. This programme will introduce you to the University and provide you with a range of information and support on practical issues, from immigration to accommodation, as well as providing an opportunity to meet with fellow students.

English language support

If you need further support in developing your English, you can apply to attend an English Language course at our Centre for Language Study.

www.southampton.ac.uk/cls

Support in the University

The University offers a comprehensive range of support services to help international students settle into life in the UK, and at the University, as quickly as possible. Our support services include the Centre for Language Study and academic advisors with particular responsibility for international students.

We understand that you may have particular cultural and religious requirements and we provide facilities and services to help meet these needs. For example, we have a Muslim prayer room with washing facilities and our catering team provides a wide range of dietary options which take into account necessary food preparations.

The Students' Union runs a variety of international societies which enable students to meet each other and to continue with a current interest or to develop a new one. In addition, the Students' Union runs Freshers' Week, which features a full programme of social and sporting events for new students.

www.susu.org

The Students' Union Advice Centre offers free and confidential advice regarding any matter affecting everyday student life. www.susu.org/advice-centre

Visiting us

If you are considering applying to Southampton, you are welcome to visit us on one of our University Open Days. Please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/about/visit.page for more details.



Outcome of the course

On successful completion of the undergraduate course you will receive a Bachelor of Medicine , Bachelor of Surgery degree, which is a *primary medical qualification* (PMQ). Holding a PMQ entitles you to *provisional registration* with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration. Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts: the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work.

To obtain a Foundation Year 1 post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate course through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. So far, all suitably

qualified UK graduates have found a place on the Foundation Year 1 programme, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for *full registration* with the General Medical Council. You need full registration with a licence to practise for unsupervised medical practice in the NHS or private practice in the UK.

Although this information is currently correct, students need to be aware that regulations in this area may change from time to time.

Relevant web links are shown throughout the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery programmes prospectus. Please also consult www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine online for further details and/or any changes which have appeared since first publication of the, *Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery programmes prospectus* or phone +44 (0) 23 8059 4408 for more information.

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The University of Southampton will use all reasonable efforts to deliver advertised programmes and other services and facilities in accordance with the descriptions set out in its prospectuses, student handbooks, welcome guides and website. It will provide students with the tuition, learning support, services and facilities so described with reasonable care and skill. The University therefore reserves the right if it considers it to be necessary to alter the timetable, location, content or method of delivery of events provided such alterations are reasonable.

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