Undergraduate admissions statement
This statement should be read in conjunction with the University's admissions principles and procedures.

Year of admissions cycle: 2018

Courses covered:

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Courses covered by other admissions statements elsewhere:
Standard entry into Year 1 or 2 of BA/ BSc courses via a UCAS application.
Entry to Masters level programmes for graduates.

1. Admissions process

1.1. Admissions team
Applications are collated by the Faculty of Health Sciences and sent to individual Programme Directors for a decision. Applicants can apply for up to three course preferences on the same application form. Applicants do not have to apply for more than one course.

1.2. Application assessment methods
All applications are considered on an equal basis. Applications are not segregated by the type of educational institution attended for the professional programme.

Applications that are received on time (in accordance with deadline published on the intercalation website) are considered in the order that they are received. We reserve the right to subsequently extend the deadline and review applications submitted at a later time to fill any places that remain after the initial deadline. The new deadline will be published on the same website.

The following items will be taken into consideration:
- Performance in Professional Programme (BDS, BVSc, MBChB/ MBBS or similar)
- Performance in A-levels (or equivalent). No particular subjects are required
- Assessment of reference from relevant source
- Relevant background or experience in the subject area
- For the six courses that require supplementary application forms, quality of the written
work/ personal statement will also be considered

Based on the global assessment of the application, applications will then be categorised as:

- Immediate offer
- Hold
- Unsuccessful

Applicants are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion, disability, or age but we may collect this information for equality and diversity monitoring.

1.3. Interview or visit day
For these courses, applicants are not routinely interviewed. In the majority of cases, admissions decisions will be made on the basis of the application information alone. Programme Directors however, reserve the right to contact applicants to clarify information received on the application form. External applicants are welcome to attend the Intercalation Fair which is usually held towards the end of the autumn term. Full details will be available on the Intercalation website when they are available. A visit to the Intercalation Fair will be at the applicant’s own financial cost.

1.4. Correspondence with applicants
All correspondence relating to an applicant’s status will usually be sent by email.

All applications are acknowledged on receipt (starting in mid-October), to establish contact and inform the applicant of receipt.

Applicants will then be notified if their application has been successful or unsuccessful, or to inform them that their application has been assessed and put on ‘Hold’ pending a decision later in the cycle. We monitor the number of offers carefully and may hold some applications for a decision until later in the cycle.

We try not to reject an application until we are sure we cannot make an offer. Some of the courses may be more heavily subscribed that others, so applicants may receive an offer for their second or third preference if their first and then second choice courses are full.

2. Criteria for assessing applicants
To assess an application, we require:

- Your highest qualifications for entry to university level study (usually A-levels or equivalent)
- Evidence that you are currently enrolled on a professional undergraduate programme to include a transcript showing the results of your previous year’s courses or examinations for your professional programme of BVSc, BDS, MBChB/ MBBS or similar
- A reference or letter of recommendation from an appropriate person at your university
- Supplementary application forms where required
2.1. Academic entry requirements
Performance to date in Professional Programme will be reviewed. Unless stated in the table for entry requirements, none of the professional degrees is regarded as preferred for our intercalation courses and therefore equal weighting is given to those studying Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary Science.

Standard academic qualifications (A-levels or equivalent) will also be reviewed and compared.

2.2. Personal statement criteria/ Supplementary forms
For six of our courses, (Bioethics, Childhood Studies, Functional and Clinical Anatomy, Global Health, Medical Humanities, and MRes Health Sciences Research) personal statements or supplementary forms asking for written work are required to differentiate between applicants with very similar academic profiles. If this is the case, then the criteria will include the following:

- Interest and commitment to the subject, which may be demonstrated by appropriate work experience or participation in relevant events, etc. We recognise that not all applicants will have equal opportunities in these respects; interest may also be demonstrated by evidence of relevant reading or research beyond the A-level or professional programme curriculum and a general interest in science, social science or humanities;
- appropriateness of the chosen course to the applicant’s declared interests and aspirations;
- wider interests including sport, music, community action, contribution to school or wider society, etc;
- standard of written English

Our other courses which do not require a supplementary form to be completed, make their assessment on academic ability alone. There is no need to provide a CV or personal statement for the other courses.

2.3. Reference criteria
References will be assessed for information on the applicant’s motivation, ability to work independently, powers of analysis and expression.

References should ideally be from a University school or college, from a personal tutor (or other appropriate person within the University) confirming the academic potential of the applicant to study an intercalated degree.

2.4. International applicants
International applicants must be studying on an accredited professional programme in BDS Dental Surgery, BVSc Veterinary Science or MBBS/ MBChB Medicine and Surgery or equivalent. Applicants must have reached a point in their curriculum equivalent to the end of Year 2 of a UK professional degree course in order to be considered to intercalate onto a BA or BSc. Applicants will need to have reached the equivalent of successful completion of Year 3 to be considered for an MSc/ MRes level programme. The University reserves the right to determine the equivalency of the prior learning undertaken by applicants to the requirements for entry on to Bristol intercalation courses.
2.5. English Language requirements for non-native speakers
All applicants are required to demonstrate that they have sufficient ability to understand and express themselves in both spoken and written English in order to benefit fully from their degree course.

English Language requirements for each course can be found in the eligibility table on the intercalation website and are explained at bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements.

3. Offers

3.1 Alternative Offers
Applicants may choose up to three programme preferences on the application form. If applicants have listed second and third preferences, we may offer a place on the second or third preference if at the time of making the offer we are unable to accommodate the first preference. If a place subsequently becomes available on a course that was listed as a higher preference, we may make an offer for this course to allow applicants to choose, however we will not be obliged to do this once we have made an offer for one of the course choices.

4. Other

4.1. Deferred applications
Applications for deferred entry (i.e. 2019 entry) are not part of this application process and applicants will need to re-apply in the appropriate cycle.

4.2. Resits
The Programme Directors will consider applicants who have re-sat assessments as shown on the academic transcript for the professional programme. Applicants are able to provide additional explanation of any circumstances should they wish to do so and can upload this with the transcript. Applicants must have successfully completed the equivalent of a UK Year 2 professional programme to start at the University of Bristol on a BSc/ BA and successfully completed the equivalent of a UK Year 3 professional programme to start at the University of Bristol on an MSc/ MRes.

4.3. Transfers
Students at the University of Bristol will not normally be permitted to transfer between the different intercalation courses once registered. This is because the intercalation year is designed to be an opportunity to focus on a subject matter of interest for one academic year only so there is a risk that transferring courses after teaching has commenced would leave students behind their peers and without sufficient opportunity to catch up.

4.4. Extenuating Circumstances
If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties you may wish to provide an explanation for this and upload this with your academic transcript to date for your professional programme.

The information will be treated confidentially, and will help us to accurately assess your academic performance in light of your situation.

4.5. Policies
All applications are considered in line with our Admissions policies and procedures. We are committed to the provision of high quality, fair and transparent admissions procedures for all our applicants. We recognise, however, that there may be occasions when applicants believe that they have cause for complaint. At this point applicants should follow our Applicant feedback and complaints procedures.

Should an applicant believe that University admissions principles and procedures have been inconsistently or incorrectly applied, these complaints procedures provide a mechanism for objective review.

4.6. Additional information
The University can only guarantee places if the exact terms of the offer are met, and permission has been granted from the ‘home’ institution of study to leave the professional programme to intercalate at the University of Bristol.

4.7. Contacts for enquiries
Any enquiries should be addressed to the Education Administration Manager for the Faculty of Health Sciences: intercalation-enquiries@bristol.ac.uk or+44 (0)117 331 1770.