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Medicine



Undergraduate study



Courses

Single Honours

MB ChB Medicine

five years A100

Gateway to Medicine

one year (plus five years) A108

This leaflet contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2020. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (May 2019). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University's website, bristol.ac.uk/ug-study, for the latest updates.

Why study medicine at Bristol?

Bristol's exciting medical curriculum develops your capabilities in a stimulating, safe and supportive environment. As a student doctor in Bristol you will:

- benefit from an innovative curriculum incorporating the very best of modern medical education, with patient safety at its core;
- experience the breadth of medical practice in our clinical academies, from small district general hospitals to city centre specialist centres such as the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and Bristol Heart Institute;
- gain exposure to primary care (General Practice) and secondary care in hospitals right from the start of your course;
- learn from world leaders in clinical and biomedical research who are making a real difference to patient outcomes, and from enthusiastic educators who will help you to shine;
- see things from different perspectives and develop team-working skills through interprofessional learning with nursing and pharmacy students;

- develop confidence in dealing with lifelike clinical scenarios through use of cutting-edge simulation;
- live and work in a diverse and multicultural environment, with many opportunities to explore and develop your interests;
- feel a real sense of community and support throughout your medical student career.

'The curriculum's single aim is to make you the best doctor you can be - not just a good scientist or a good clinician, but a well-rounded person who can go on to deliver brilliant, patient-centred care.'

Chloe (MB ChB Medicine)

Bristol is in the UK top ten for Medicine.

THE World University Rankings 2019;
Complete University Guide 2020

100% of MB ChB Medicine graduates went on to work for the NHS as a Foundation Year Doctor.

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey, graduates from 2016/17

What will you study?

Year one

Your first year gives you a solid grounding in the fundamental principles of medicine and focuses on developing your clinical reasoning skills. You will learn to apply the principles of biomedical science to clinical cases in small teams, and you will train as a healthcare assistant and basic life support provider.

Year two

This year will help you to work out the most likely diagnosis for common symptoms. You will develop your consulting skills in a placement at one of our academies, and study pathophysiology and disease processes.

In years two and three you will have the opportunity to explore your own interests through project work with leading clinicians and researchers. Previous projects have included investigation into physiological changes in adverse environments and the study of wilderness medicine.

In 2017 we introduced a new, innovative curriculum centred on patient contact, integration of scientific and clinical learning, and development of the skills needed to become a good doctor.

Year three

In years three to five you will spend time in at least five clinical academies. You will be introduced to medical and surgical specialities and follow the patient journey through the healthcare system in primary, community and secondary care.

Year four

Your focus in year four will be the life cycle, from birth to end-of-life care. You will learn about reproductive health, child health, mental health and care of older people with multiple health problems.

Year five

In year five you will prepare for your first year as a foundation doctor with assistantships in primary care, acute and critical care, and ward-based care. You will also have the opportunity to work overseas, broadening your understanding of healthcare systems around the world.



How will you study?

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We focus on clinically relevant learning from the start. You will learn through peer-supported teaching, case-based learning sessions and primary care visits, as well as lectures and tutorials. You will also develop a portfolio which helps you to adopt a way of learning that you will continue to use in professional practice.

We use a variety of assessment methods, including examinations and continuous assessment. From year one to year four you will complete regular progress tests, which allow you to measure the extent to which you are acquiring the knowledge that you will need by the time you take your final examinations. You must also demonstrate satisfactory professional conduct throughout the course.

What support can you expect?

We strive to create a learning environment that is safe and supportive, and which values all of our students. You will meet regularly with a mentor, who will oversee your progress.

Dedicated student advisers in the Bristol Medical School will provide you with an excellent, confidential support service. In addition, the University has an award-winning Student Health Service, Student Counselling Service, Disability Services and Occupational Health Service.



'The enthusiasm and quality of teaching has been nothing short of excellent. Lecturers and clinicians teach with so much passion, which inspires me constantly in my learning.'

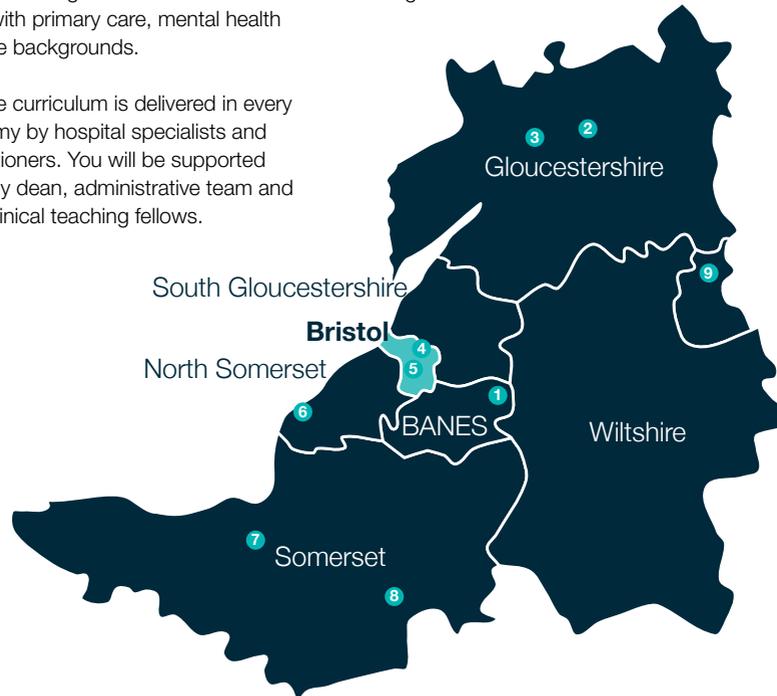
Hwai Yi (MB ChB Medicine)

Where will you study?

Our clinical academies form the centre of your experience as an undergraduate medical student. They give you real-life training in NHS environments across the South West of England, from rural hospitals to large city-centre sites. You will gain invaluable experience of a wide range of clinical settings and learn from practitioners with primary care, mental health and acute care backgrounds.

The same core curriculum is delivered in every clinical academy by hospital specialists and general practitioners. You will be supported by an academy dean, administrative team and enthusiastic clinical teaching fellows.

Although the core curriculum is the same across our academies, we celebrate the fact that every patient you meet will be unique and have their own story to tell. This exposure to a broad range of patient experiences will enrich your journey through medical school and provide realistic training for the world of work.



- 1 Bath Academy
- 2 Gloucestershire Academy (Cheltenham)
- 3 Gloucestershire Academy (Gloucester)
- 4 North Bristol Academy (Southmead)
- 5 South Bristol Academy (central Bristol hospital sites)
- 6 North Somerset Academy (Weston-super-Mare)
- 7 Somerset Academy (Taunton)
- 8 Somerset Academy (Yeovil)
- 9 Swindon Academy

For more information about each of the academies see bristol.ac.uk/medical-school/clinical-academies.



'Bristol was my first choice because of the integrated style of teaching - learning in both a classroom and a hospital environment was important to me. The mix of lectures, tutorials and anatomy sessions keeps me engaged and interested.'

Taiwo (MB ChB Medicine)

Making your application

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-medicine for more information about our courses.

Typical offer for MB ChB Medicine

A-levels AAA including AA in Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics (contextual AAC including AA in Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics, **or** ABB including A in Chemistry and B in one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics).

Graduates are required to obtain a 2:1 in their degree plus ABB at A-level including A in Chemistry and B in either Biology, Physics or Mathematics.

IB Diploma 36 points overall (contextual 32) with 18 at Higher Level (contextual 16), including 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry and 6 at Higher Level (contextual 5) in one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics.

Our contextual offer is a grade reduction of up to two grades below the standard entry requirements, made to applicants from under-represented groups. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers.

GCSEs Advanced numeracy requirement (7 or A in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent) and standard literacy requirement (4 or C in GCSE English or equivalent).

For other accepted qualifications, and for our English language requirements, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-medicine.

Age requirement

Students are required to be 18 years of age (or above) by 1 October in their year of entry in order to undertake the clinical experiential learning in our teaching (general) practices and clinical academies. This is to ensure that our students have the legal capacity to be bound by the rules of confidentiality of our NHS partners.

Selection process UCAS and multiple mini interview (MMI).

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (formerly UKCAT) is required.

If you are offered a place, you will have to pass a health assessment and undergo a DBS check.

Work experience is not a requirement, but it is encouraged.

What kind of student are we looking for?

We are looking for students who are passionate about studying medicine and have the potential to become compassionate, safe and effective doctors.

References

Ideally, these should be from a personal tutor at school or college, confirming the academic potential of the applicant to study at degree level. Where this is not possible a non-academic reference should confirm the relevant experience of the applicant and indicate the potential of the applicant for study at degree level. Your referee should consider whether they see the qualities of a good doctor within you, and whether they would be happy to place their trust in you.

Further information

Find out more about Bristol Medical School: bristol.ac.uk/medical-school.

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Multiple Mini Interviews

The final stages in your application are Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs). MMIs at Bristol usually consist of a number of stations, each taking five minutes, and you are assessed on a specific skill or attribute at each of these stations. The stations may include communication skills, work experience, coping with adversity, teamwork and observation.

These are a great opportunity for you to demonstrate the skills and attributes that are necessary for a career in medicine. The interview day also gives you an opportunity to visit the city and campus and meet current students, to help you to decide if you would like to study here.

Students who are unsuccessful in the MMI process will not be offered a place.



Read more about how we support you when you are here:

bristol.ac.uk/students



'Some days are stimulating and totally thrilling: you succeed in a new practical skill, get good feedback from a doctor or see an exciting patient. These days have become more frequent as I have progressed.'

Emma (MB ChB Medicine)

Gateway to Medicine

Our one-year Gateway to Medicine course is targeted at UK students who have the potential to become doctors but do not meet the academic entry criteria to apply directly to MB ChB Medicine. Specific entry criteria are listed in full on our website.

You will develop your knowledge of the basic sciences that underpin the study of medicine, and of professional behaviours and attitudes. Medical-related work experience will form part of the course. Successful completion of this year will enable you to progress to the five-year MB ChB Medicine course.

Entry requirements

Please see bristol.ac.uk/ug20-medicine for more information about the course.

A-levels BBC including B in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants with predicted or achieved grades of AAB or above, or with A in Chemistry, are not eligible for this course.

IB Diploma 29 points overall, including 5 at Higher Level in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants with predicted or achieved grades of 33 points overall including 16 at Higher Level, or with 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry, are not eligible for this course.

GCSEs Standard numeracy requirement (4 or C in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent) and standard literacy requirement (4 or C in GCSE English or equivalent) and two higher science requirements (6, 6 or BB in GCSE Science or equivalent).

For other accepted qualifications, and for our English language requirements, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-medicine.

bristol.ac.uk/ug-study

Selection process

- This course is open to applicants from specific schools and colleges in the UK only. Lists of the eligible schools and colleges, as well as full details of our admissions policies and entry criteria, can be found in the admissions statement at bristol.ac.uk/ug20-medicine.
- Candidates who fulfil both the academic entry criteria and the additional widening participation criteria will be considered for interview. This will be the MMI (multiple mini interviews); please see MB ChB Medicine entry requirements for details.
- The University Clinical Aptitude Test (formerly UKCAT) is required.
- If you are offered a place, you will have to pass a health assessment and undergo a DBS check.
- Work experience is recommended.
- Deferred entry is not accepted.

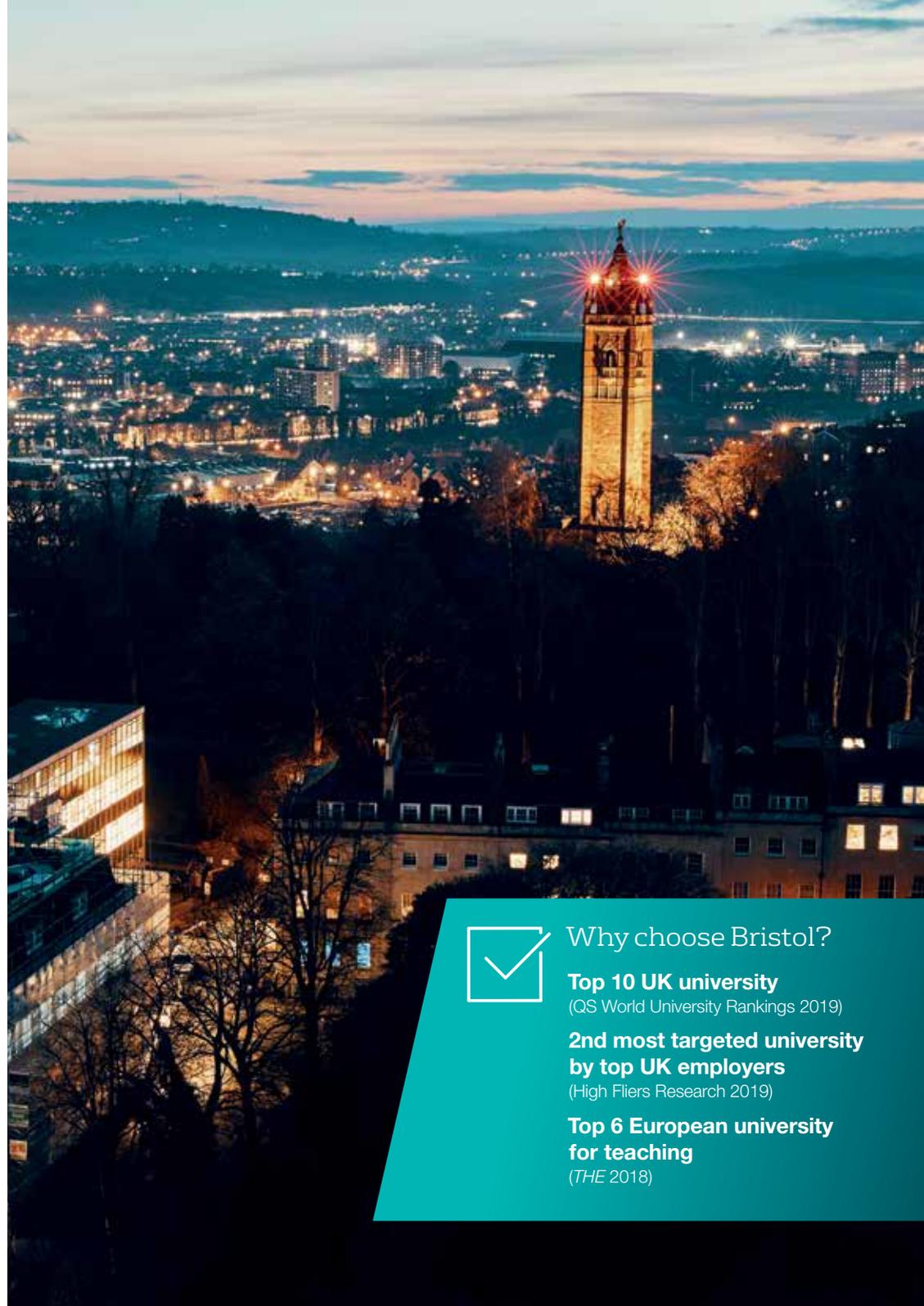
Further information

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‘The academic aspect doesn't come naturally to me; I have to work hard to achieve top grades. The opportunity of a supported initial year that provides both guidance and a foundation to clinical knowledge was ideal.’

Chloe (Gateway to Medicine)



Why choose Bristol?

Top 10 UK university
(QS World University Rankings 2019)

**2nd most targeted university
by top UK employers**
(High Fliers Research 2019)

**Top 6 European university
for teaching**
(THE 2018)