



Leicester Medical School

A100 Scoring of Applications for 2017 entry

International Applicants:

The following information will also apply to international applicants. The only difference will be that we expect to interview approximately 50 international applicants (subject to change). The rest of the information is relevant.

Home/EU Applicants:

The information set out below refers to the admissions procedure for the 5 year medicine course (UCAS code A100). It outlines the initial assessment of UCAS forms and the interview process. Approximately 900 Home/EU applicants are expected to be interviewed, although this is subject to change.

Re-applicants:

We are willing to consider re-applicants. Those who were unsuccessful following interview, and were invited to interview again, would need to demonstrate a significant improvement in their interview score in order to receive an offer.

Please Note:

We reserve the right to change our scoring system at any point in order to rank applicants appropriately.

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1.0 Minimum Entry Requirements

Initial assessment of all UCAS forms will be based on academic ability and UKCAT score only.

Please note if you have not reached our minimum requirements your application will be automatically rejected.

Undergraduates

Grade C in English Language, Maths and 2 sciences at GCSE. Predicted or obtained AAA at A-level (including Chemistry and Biology, unless AS biology being offered), or predicted or obtained International Baccalaureate (IB) with a minimum score of 36 points (excluding core or bonus points) and a minimum of 6 in 3 higher level subjects including Chemistry and Biology.

Note: we only accept foreign language A-levels or equivalent if the candidate is not a native speaker of that language. Candidates with foreign language A-levels or equivalent will be asked to declare whether or not they are a native speaker.

Graduates

Grade C in English Language, Maths and grade B in 2 sciences at GCSE. Applicants must have achieved or be predicted a minimum of an upper second class honours degree, or equivalent. We will consider honours degrees in any discipline provided the applicant meets our minimum GCSE requirements.

Access Applicants

Please ensure you have also read our entry requirements. We will not consider Access to Medicine courses in lieu of poor science A-level results; or poor A-level results in graduate applicants.

2.0 UKCAT

We do not have a cut off score, but the total UKCAT score is used in selection for interview (please see below). Applications from candidates with band 4 in the Situational Judgement Test will be fully scrutinised prior to and, if appropriate, following interview.

2.1 UKCAT ALL APPLICANTS

UKCAT will be scored according to the total, as follows:

2,400 = 24	>2,250 = 22.5	>2100 = 21	>1950 = 19.5	>1800 = 18	>1650 = 16.5
> 2,350 = 23.5	>2,200 = 22	>2050 = 20.5	>1900 = 19	>1750 = 17.5	>1600 = 16
> 2,300 = 23	>2,150 = 21.5	>2000 = 20	>1850 = 18.5	>1700 = 17	etc

2.2 UKCATSEN ALL APPLICANTS

Applicants are entitled to sit the UKCATSEN if they normally require additional time for public examinations based upon a medical diagnosis or report from a specialist teacher. This is likely to relate to applicants with dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dysorthographia, attention deficit disorder or working memory deficit. This may also apply to a range of other medical conditions.

Please Note:

Applicants who sit the UKCATSEN will be required to provide supporting evidence before being called to interview.

3.0 Undergraduate Entry

Academic ability and UKCAT will each be scored out of 24, giving a total score out of 48. For most applicants, the academic score will be based on 8 completed GCSEs (including the mandatory subjects of English Language, Maths, and 2 sciences); or 5 GCSEs (same mandatory subjects) and 3 completed A-levels (or IB) including Chemistry.

Please note:

For students taking Methods and Applications in Maths our minimum requirement is a Grade C in both, but we will only score the Methods in Maths.

If your school did not permit you to take 8 GCSE subjects we require formal evidence from the school to support this before the UCAS closing date of 15th October 2016.

For applicants who have taken qualifications other than GCSEs, an assessment of equivalence will be made. If candidates have not sat formal examination at this stage then internal school results will be asked for.

For applicants who have not taken A-levels or International Baccalaureate, an assessment of equivalence will be made.

3.1 Candidates with predicted A levels or IB

Predicted grades must be clearly stated on the 'qualifications not yet completed' section of the UCAS form. This should include the individual subject levels for IB candidates.

8 GCSE qualifications will be taken into account as below:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best four other subjects	OR	Biology
		Best four other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A*	=	3
A	=	2
B	=	1
C	=	0

Example scoring for applicants with predicted A-levels

<i>English Language</i>	A	= 2
<i>Maths</i>	A*	= 3
<i>Chemistry</i>	A*	= 3
<i>Biology</i>	A*	= 3
<i>Physics</i>	A*	= 3
<i>Business Studies</i>	A	= 2
<i>Religious Studies</i>	B	= 1
<i>French</i>	B	= 1
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<i>GCSE Total</i>		= 18/24

Please note:

When scoring, we will only take into account initial GCSE grades. No resit grades will be considered.

3.2 Candidates with achieved A levels

6 GCSE qualifications will be taken into account as below:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best two other subjects	<u>OR</u>	Biology
		Best two other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	=	2
B	=	1
C	=	0

We will score the 3 best A-levels studied over the same two year time period, including Chemistry but excluding Critical Thinking and General Studies. An applicant studying Mathematics and Further Mathematics will have only one of these subjects scored.

A-level scoring will be as follows:

A*	=	4
A	=	3

Example scoring for applicants with obtained A-levels:

GCSE

English Language	C	= 0
Maths	A*	= 2
Chemistry	A	= 2
Biology	A*	= 2
Physics	A*	= 2
Business Studies	A	= 2
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GCSE Total		= 10/12

A Level

Chemistry	A*	= 4
Biology	A	= 3
Maths	A	= 3
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A Level Total		= 10/12

Academic Grand Total = 20/24

Please note:

For applicants who have obtained an A-level during a different year to the rest of their A-levels, this grade will not be taken into account for scoring purposes. Results of A-level exams or A-levels taken over more than two years, will not normally be considered, unless the applicant has substantial mitigation and has received confirmation from the medical school that this will be accepted prior to applying.

3.3 Candidates with achieved International Baccalaureate:

6 GCSE qualifications will be taken into account as below:

English language
Maths
Double Science (2)
Best two other subjects

OR

English language
Maths
Chemistry
Biology
Best two other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	=	2
B	=	1
C	=	0

The best 3 Higher Level subjects, including Chemistry and Biology

7 points obtained at HL = 4

6 points obtained at HL = 3

Example scoring for applicants with obtained IB:

GCSE

English Language A* = 2

Maths A* = 2

Double Science AA = 4

French A* = 2

Business Studies A* = 2

GCSE Total = 12/12

IB (HL) obtained

Chemistry 7 = 4

Biology 6 = 3

Maths 6 = 3

IB (HL) Total = 10/12

Academic Grand Total = 22/24

Results of IB exams or, IB taken over more than two years, will not normally be considered, unless the applicant has substantial mitigation and has received confirmation from the medical school that this will be accepted prior to applying

4.0 Graduate Entry (A100, 5 Year Course)

Academic ability and UKCAT will each be scored out of 24, giving a total score out of 48. For most applicants academic ability will be based on GCSE and A-level grades, with a contribution from the degree.

Please note:

For applicants who have taken qualifications other than GCSE and A-levels, an assessment of equivalence will be made.

For applicants who are offering a degree that is not classified in the same way as the UK honours classification, transcripts will be required and an assessment of equivalence will be made.

We may ask you to provide us with transcripts of your qualifications, in order for us to assess the UK equivalence through NARIC. It may help to speed up the processing of your application if you provide the transcripts prior to applying.

10 points out of the maximum total of 24 points will derive from **GCSEs**:

5 GCSEs will be scored, including English Language, Maths, two Sciences + other best GCSE (**first sitting only**).

A/A*	=	2
B	=	1
C	=	0

12 points out of the maximum total of 24 points will derive from **A Levels**:

3 best A Levels, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking

A*	=	4	(or 3 if taken over 3 year period)
A	=	3	(or 2 if done over 3 year period)
B	=	2	(or 1 if done over 3 year period)
C	=	1	(or 0 if done over 3 year period)

2 points out of the maximum total of 24 points, will derive from the **degree prediction or classification**:

First Class obtained	=	2
First Class predicted	=	1
Upper Second Class obtained	=	1
Upper Second Class predicted	=	0

Example scoring for graduate applicants

Scoring for an Final Year Graduate

<u>GCSEs</u>		
English Language	B	= 1
Maths	A	= 2
Chemistry	A*	= 2
Biology	B	= 1
French	B	= 1
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GCSE Total		= 7
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<u>A Level</u>		
Chemistry	A	= 3
Biology	B	= 2
Maths	B	= 2
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A Level Total		= 7
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<u>Degree Prediction</u>		
Upper Second Class		= 0
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<u>Academic Grand Total = 14/24</u>		

Scoring for a Graduate

<u>GCSEs</u>		
English Language	B	= 1
Maths	A	= 2
Chemistry	A*	= 2
Biology	B	= 1
French	B	= 1
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GCSE Total		= 7
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<u>A Level</u>		
Chemistry	A	= 3
Biology	B	= 2
Maths	B	= 2
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A Level Total		= 7
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<u>Degree Obtainment</u>		
First Class Honours		= 2
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<u>Academic Grand Total = 16/24</u>		

5.0 Access Candidates

We require all Access candidates to submit a full CV detailing all employment and educational attainments, and any gaps, before the UCAS closing date of 15th October 2016. Graduates studying for an Access to Medicine qualification will be scored as graduates

Academic Score Maximum = 24

Six GCSEs will be scored:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best two other subjects	<u>OR</u>	Biology
		Best two other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	= 3
B	= 2
C	= 1

Non science A-level scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	= 3
B	= 2
C	= 0

One point may be awarded for Grade A in up to three non-science AS grades providing the candidate has not studied full A-levels or equivalent. BTECs/ NVQs/ Diplomas etc will be scored as AS or A-level equivalent based on UCAS points.

An additional 6 points may be available for candidates who have completed Access to Medicine with 45 credit distinctions. The total academic score will not exceed 24 points.

UKCAT/UKCATSEN Maximum Score = 24

UKCAT will be assessed in the same way as for all other applicants (see above).

References / Employment – scored by 2 independent admissions tutors out of 5. Maximum score 10

We will expect to be able to track your employment / educational history from school to current day. We will expect to have any gaps explained; and in particular if you are <21 we will want to know why you did not stay at school to complete A levels at that stage.

Personal statement / commitment to medicine - scored by 2 independent admissions tutors out of 5. Maximum score 10

We will expect you to be able to explain why you have decided on medicine and how you have come to it via this route and not the traditional route. As well as what you have done to ensure you understand the career you are getting into. Your CV and personal statement will be used to score this section.

The total score out of 68 and Access candidates will be considered as a separate group when selecting for interview.

6.0 Personal Statements

The personal statement and reference are not routinely scored except for candidates applying with an Access to Medicine qualification. However in borderline candidates or tie-break situations these sections may also be used (see 8.0) to generate a combined score out of 10, giving a total score for Personal Qualities.

Where appropriate, the Personal Qualities score will be added to the academic and UKCAT score in order to determine the final ranking and selection for interview.

The following attributes will be considered:

- Motivation
- Commitment
- Appreciation of challenges of a medical career
- Work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Contribution to school/college life
- Contribution to wider community
- Written communication skills
- Support from teachers/staff
- Confirmation of some aspects of personal statement in reference

7.0 Mitigating Circumstances

We aim to be as inclusive as possible and, therefore, will give due consideration to any mitigating circumstances that may have affected your academic achievement. Please view our [Mitigating Circumstances Guide](#), which applies primarily to our current students but also provides a definition of mitigation and depicts the kind of unusual circumstances which may constitute special consideration. Possible circumstances may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Personal health
- Close family health (first degree relatives)
- Domestic circumstances
- Educational disadvantage
- Educational disruption

It is essential that you contact us (in writing) as soon as possible if you believe that your academic achievement has been affected by any of the above, as we may be able take these issues into account when assessing your application.

Please note:

In order for mitigation to be considered, an official letter must be provided by the relevant professional (school/college/university/health consultant/GP) to corroborate such circumstances. This letter should include the applicant's full name and UCAS number. It should be printed on letter-headed paper, signed, dated and sent directly from the author to the following address: Leicester Medical School, Medical School Office, University of Leicester, Centre for Medicine, Lancaster Road, Leicester LE1 7HA.

The evidence must explain:

- (1) what the circumstance is;
- (2) exactly how it affected you in relation to your studies;
- (3) precisely when (i.e. identifying which assessments were affected);

All mitigation and supporting documents **must** be received by **15 October 2016**.

8.0 Interviews

Following scoring of academic ability and UKCAT, applicants will be ranked. The highest ranked applicants will be invited for interview. The lowest ranked applicants will not be considered further. The personal statement and reference will be used to allow us to distinguish between borderline applicants (see 6.0).

Interviews will be held in a Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) style for 2017 entry and will comprise 8-9 stations.

The Medical School does not endorse any interview courses. We regularly review our interview process and whilst we reserve the right to change our interview format, it will be the same for all applicants.

8.1 Stations

The various stations will assess the following:

- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Listening
- Problem solving
- Personal qualities and values
- Motivation and suitability

8.2 Outcome of Interviews

Each station will be scored and applicants will be ranked on the basis of those scores. Approximately, 550 offers are expected to be made, although this is subject to change. If applicants are equally ranked following interview, the UCAS form score may be used as a tie-breaker.

8.3 Students with Disabilities, Special Needs and Medical Conditions

Applicants with disabilities, special needs (including dyslexia) and medical conditions should enter the relevant disability code on their UCAS application, or inform the Medical School (in writing) immediately after submission of their application. This will ensure that any necessary adjustments to the interview process can be made.

8.4 Timing of Interview

Interviews will be likely to take place during the following weeks:

W/C 12 December 2016

W/C3 and 9 January 2017

W/C 6 February 2017

Specific dates will be published on [our website](#), once confirmed.

Please Note:

If applicants cannot attend the date that they are given, we may not be able to reschedule. Applicants, who know of any dates that they will not be available, should inform the Medical School (in writing) by **15 October 2016**. We reserve the right to alter our interview dates.

9.0 Offers

Although some offers may be made after each round of interviews, the majority of offers will be made later in the process because of the numbers cap enforced by HEFCE, and whilst we await decisions from some earlier offer holders. Consequently the offer making process will continue into April 2017.

Whilst we acknowledge that this causes angst and stress, unfortunately the process cannot be made any faster whilst we are under such external constraints.

10.0 Other Information

If an applicant wishes to submit additional information to support their application, we must receive any documentation/correspondence by **15 October 2016**.