Leicester Medical School Highlighted Regulations

Students registered for the MBChB programme should be familiar with the University of Leicester Regulations and are at all times subject to those regulations (General Regulations for Taught Programmes). Medical students should in particular, note the following:

1. All Students are required to sign an annual Medical Student Agreement. This Agreement will be updated annually, and all University of Leicester medical students will be required to sign the current Medical Student Agreement as part of their annual registration at the commencement of each academic year of their course.

2. Attendance at all sessions is an essential requirement of the Medical course at Leicester. Failure of attendance is deemed a Neglect of Academic Obligations. Repeated failure of attendance is deemed a failure of Apprenticeship Obligations.

3. Departments are empowered to authorise short absences for personal reasons, but requests for absences of more than one week (5 working days) must be explicitly approved by the University, and will only be granted with the agreement of the Medical School and if the student concerned takes full responsibility for the completion of academic work. This procedure applies if the absence is for religious reasons http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/documents/senatereg4-studentobligations.pdf/. Failure to observe this regulation will be considered a Neglect of Academic Obligations (see 3 below).

4. The Medical School will follow the University’s policy on Neglect of Academic Obligations as prescribed in Senate Regulation 11: Regulations governing student discipline. http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/documents/Senatereg11-discipline.pdf. The Medical School’s academic obligations are defined in the document entitled Leicester Medical School Regulations regarding Student Misconduct, Academic Misconduct and Neglect of Academic Obligations.

5. If a student fails to attend a summative assessment then, regardless of the reason, the student will be managed in exactly the same way as a student who has took the assessment and failed. This means that such a student will be required to take the Resit Examination and will be assessed at the Resit Examination in exactly the same way as students who attended the examination and are resitting because of a previous failure. Students who fail to attend an assessment can submit a mitigating circumstances form.
6. Students must reside in Leicester or within easy commuting distance of the city for each semester. The Medical school considers a 20 mile radius from the centre of Leicester as the limit beyond which commuting is not possible (http://www.distance-calculator.co.uk). All students must register their term-time address with the University and must notify the Registry immediately of any change of address. http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/documents/senatereg4-studentobligations.pdf/. Failure to observe this regulation will result in referral to the University’s Authorised Non-Academic Officer.

7. Candidates for the degrees of MBChB (5 year) shall be required to follow the approved programme of study for a period of 5 years. Candidates for the degrees of MBChB (4 year) shall be required to follow the approved programme of study for a period of 4 years. Registration on the MBChB course is for a maximum of 7 years (for the students on the 5-year programme) or for a maximum of 6 years (for students on the 4-year programme), and will not include more than one repeat year of study.

8. Medical students without ID badges should not attempt to enter University or NHS premises where University ID badges are required, and that an attempt to do so is unprofessional. The Medical School has required porters who are approached by students without ID badges to take their name and the name will be given to the Professionalism Concerns Group. This is because to attempt to enter University or NHS premises without identification is unprofessional.

9. Some Medical students have not submitted a mitigating circumstance form in the presence of a possible mitigating circumstance and subsequently stated that they did not do so because their family or cultural background has not been to ‘make excuses for failure’. The Medical School will not accept this as a reason for failure to submit a mitigating circumstance form. The reason for this is that a qualified doctor must recognise and respond appropriately if he/she cannot work properly because of illness or other circumstances. This is because failure to do so may impair patient safety. This requirement applies to all doctors regardless of family or cultural background.