

**Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery
Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the entry requirements?

Our typical entry requirements are AAA at A level. We would specifically require A Level Chemistry and Biology plus one further subject.

The typical entry requirement for the International Baccalaureate is 36 points overall with scores of 6 in Higher Level Biology and Higher Level Chemistry.

Applicants studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma will require DDD, and also require one grade A and in GCE A Level Biology and Chemistry.

Applicants studying an Access Course will require 30 Level 3 credits at Distinction Grade and 15 Level 3 credits at Merit Grade. This is to include 15 Level 3 credits at Distinction Grade in Biology and 15 Level 3 credits at Distinction Grade in Chemistry.

General Studies will not be included in any offer.

You will need to show evidence of acceptable levels of literacy and, where applicable, numeracy. This is normally evidenced by GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics with a minimum pass of Grade C or 4, or above. Higher grades may be specified for individual programmes of study. International students should view our requirements at <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/entry/>

Do I need to take the UCAT or GAMSAT test?

Candidates who will enter the BMBS programme no more than two full academic years after completing their level 3 (A level or equivalent) studies will be considered as direct school leavers and will be required to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). A threshold score will be set upon receipt of all scores in November in the year of application.

On the other hand, if you have completed a degree programme or it has been more than two years since you completed your full A levels, you will be considered as a non-direct school leaver. In this instance you will be required to take the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) in order to be considered. Your performance in GAMSAT will be the only necessary information on your application. Applicants will be given an Exeter score pertaining to their GAMSAT score. Your performance in a prior degree or past secondary school will not be taken into consideration. GAMSAT scores are valid for two years.

Do you require work experience in order to be considered for the Medicine programme?

Work experience is not part of our standard entry requirements and therefore whether you have work experience or not, you are very welcome to apply to our programme.

Do you accept re-sit students?

Exeter Medical School does not discriminate against applicants who have re-taken part or all of a qualification and will treat an achieved or predicted qualification grade in the same way irrespective of whether or not re-takes are involved.

How do you select for interview?

Applicants who meet the published entry requirements will have their UCAT and Academic qualifications weighted in order to assign a score. Weightings will be 25% UCAT and 75% Academic achievement.

The below table shows the Exeter score for each decile and grade combination we would consider for non-contextual applicants. *The information below can only be used for a guide to give applicants some indication. The scores for 2023 entry could change*

Decile/Grade	A*A*A*	A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	AAB	ABB	BBB	BBC	BCC	CCC or below
9 th	100	93	85	78	70	63	55	48	40	0
8 th	98	90	83	75	68	60	53	45	38	0
7 th	95	88	80	73	65	58	50	43	35	0
6 th	93	85	78	70	63	55	48	40	33	0
5 th	90	83	75	68	60	53	45	38	30	0
4 th	88	80	73	65	58	50	43	35	28	0
3 rd	85	78	70	63	55	48	40	33	25	0
2 nd	83	75	68	60	53	45	38	30	23	0
1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All subject/extra conditions must also be met (see <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/medicine/medicine/#Entry-requirements>)

What is the interview process like?

Our Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) are designed to determine whether applicants possess the non-academic qualities such as the communication skills, reflectiveness and empathy required to become successful doctor. Whether or not an offer is made will typically depend on your performance at the interview.

Where is the programme run?

You will be based at St Luke's campus for the first year of study. During the second and third years you may be based at either St Luke's or our Truro campus, alternating for years four and five. You will rotate through a series of hospital and community placements which provide extensive experience of a wide range of clinical settings. Your campus rotation will be given to you following enrolment on the programme.

How will I be assessed on the programme?

Our Medicine programme is mainly assessed through The Applied Medical Knowledge Test (AMK). This test is delivered in a multiple-choice question format and is designed specifically to assess a student’s long term and practical knowledge and measures how much you are learning, not how good one is at revision or cramming/rote memorisation. All our students take this test four times a year and will receive their grade and percentage score along with the mean percentage of each test.

What are the tuition fees?

	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5
Home/EU and Islands	£9,250 per year	£9,250 per year	Paid for by the department of Health
International	£38,500 per year	£38,500 per year	£38,500

Please note that the fees for students starting in 2023 have yet to be set. The fees provided above are the fees for students starting in 2022 and are for guidance only. The fees for 2023 entry will be released shortly.

When can I apply?

All applications must be submitted via UCAS (www.ucas.ac.uk) between September and 15th October in the year prior to entry.

Is there an opportunity to intercalate whilst doing my BMBS degree?

Currently, the University of Exeter offers students the opportunity to undertake an intercalated degree between years 3 & 4 of the Medicine programme. Intercalation is offered to the highest performing students based on assessments during the third year wherein approximately the top quartile receive an automatic offer while the second quartile will have to compete for any remaining places. A small quota may apply to intercalate externally for degrees that are not available locally- e.g. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. You will be able to join the final year of the degree course to BA or BSc level; some Masters programmes are also possible.

Useful Websites:

University of Exeter Medical School	www.exeter.ac.uk/medicine
UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)	www.ukcat.ac.uk
Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)	www.gamsatuk.org
Fees and Funding	www.exeter.ac.uk/studying/funding/