



UCL Academic Manual 2015-16

Chapter 8: Derogations and Variations

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Derogations

including candidates following the MBPhD programme

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The following regulations apply to students enrolled on Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programmes, including candidates following the MBPhD programme, at UCL **in addition to** the main taught programme regulations detailed in the UCL Academic Manual and in particular in Chapter 1: Admissions, Registration and Student Conduct and Chapter 4: Assessment Framework for Taught Programmes.

1. General Information

- 1.1 These regulations are governed by the Ordinances and General Regulations of University College London.
- 1.2 The MBBS programme is managed by UCL Medical School and taught in the four faculties of the School of Life and Medical Sciences: Faculty of Brain Sciences, Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences and Faculty of Population Health SciencesETBT1.0455 0 0 1 168.89 2 c-5(lty)-3(5es)-r4
- 1.3 The MBBS programme is designed as a 6 year integrated course consisting of:
 - Year 1 – Fundamentals of Clinical Science 1
 - Year 2 – Fundamentals of Clinical Science 2
 - Year 3 – Scientific Method in Depth (Integrated BSc degree)

Year 4 – Integrated Clinical Care
Year 5 – Life Cycle
Year 6 – Preparation for Practice

1.3.2 The course of study leading to the MBBS is governed by the provisions of the regulations for the MBBS degrees.

1.3.3 The MBBS degrees shall be taught in accordance with curricula that meet the requirements of the General Medical Council. The programme for the MBBS excluding Year 3 (IBSc), shall involve not less than 5,500 hours of practical and theoretical study, of which at least Years 4, 5 and 6 shall have been undertaken while registered at UCL, unless exempted from part of the programme of study under the provisions below, and of which not more than 12 weeks shall have been spent at an institution other than UCL either in the UK or overseas.

1.4 The MBPhD programme is designed to enable students to undertake an intercalated PhD between Year 4 Integrated Clinical Care and Year 5 Life Cycle, during which clinical study and experience is maintained.

1.4.1 Entry to the MBPhD

3. Exemptions

- 3.1 Graduates who have a degree from a university outside the UK may, at the discretion of the Divisional Tutor, be exempted from the integrated degree.
- 3.2 A candidate who has pursued in this or another university or institution of similar standing in the UK a course of study equivalent to the programme for Years 1 and 2 of the MBBS programme and who has passed the examinations therein and is eligible to continue at their own school may be exempted from the course of study and examinations for Years 1 and 2. All applications will be considered individually on their merits.
- 3.3 No exemption may be granted from any part of the course or examinations in Years 4, 5 and 6 and there are no aegrotat or special provisions in the MBBS/MBPhD programme.

4. Programmes of Study

- 4.1 The programme of study will consist of:
 - Year 1 - Fundamentals of Clinical Science 1
 - Year 2 - Fundamentals of Clinical Science 2
 - Year 3 - Scientific Method in Depth (Integrated degree)
 - Year 4– Integrated Clinical Care
 - Year 5– Life Cycle
 - Year 6 - Preparation for Practice
- 4.2 The programme of study in Years 1 and 2 will integrate the study of human structure, function, development and behaviour with personal and professional development and the acquisition of clinical skills. It will include sufficient study in medical sciences to enable candidates to understand disease and medical care. The course will comprise the following components:
 - a) Sequential integrated modules:
 - Foundations of Health and Medical Practice
 - Infection and Defence
 - Circulation and Breathing
 - Fluids, Nutrition and Metabolism
 - Movement and Muscular Skeletal Biology
 - Neuroscience and Behaviour
 - Endocrine Systems and Reproduction
 - Genetics, Development and Cancer
 - b) Clinical and Professional Practice modules which span the programme including:
 - Patient Pathways
 - Anatomy and Imaging

- b) The elective period will be not less than 8 weeks and arrangements must be approved by the Divisional Tutor or nominee.

5. Examinations in Years 1 and 2

- 5.1 There will be summative examinations at the end of Year 1 and at the end of Year 2.
- 5.2 Reports of concerns over professional behaviour(s) will be considered by the relevant Sub Board of Examiners in determining results.
- 5.3 The examinations will be held in Year 1 and Year 2.

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required course work, student selected components and clinical placements, and must have satisfied the examiners in all preceding parts.

- 7.9 In Year 4 and in Year 5, candidates are permitted one attempt at the examinations at the end of the academic session and one attempt at the end of the following academic session after repeating the full programme of study for the year.
- 7.10 Candidates are required to complete all sections of the assessments in one diet and at the times designated by the Medical School except where extenuating circumstances approved in advance by the Divisional Extenuating Circumstances Panel preclude this. In such cases, the

integrating elements of Pathological Sciences with a clinical scenario.

Acute Clinical Conditions – covering the common presenting emergencies in an A/E Department and in a GP Surgery; their relevant symptoms and signs, and investigations; their management, including the use of medicines, observations and continuing care.

Chronic Clinical Conditions – covering presentation and management of chronic clinical conditions in hospital and primary care.

- 8.5 The clinical assessment will consist of Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs).
- 8.6 The pass marks for the written and clinical assessments will be determined by criterion-referenced standard setting.
- 8.8 The overall result will indicate a pass or fail designation for each candidate.
- 8.9 Candidates will be required to observe the instructions for conduct of examinations in the Examination Guide for Candidates.
- 8.10 Before entry to the final examinations in Year 6, a candidate must have completed the full prescribed course of study to the satisfaction of the Divisional Tutor and submitted a portfolio containing marks all required course work, student selected components and clinical placements, and

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- 8.15 A candidate who is found, after examination entry has been confirmed, to have submitted an incomplete portfolio or who fails to complete post finals course requirements will not be awarded the degrees of MBBS until all requirements are fulfilled.

9. Amendments to MBBS

12. Pass Lists

- 12.1 The official pass list for the MBBS degrees will be published not later than 14th July.
- 12.2 The date of the award of the degrees will be 15th July.
- 12.3 The official pass list shall show the names of successful candidates and include the awards of distinction.

13. Marks of Distinction

- 13.1 Marks of distinction may be awarded in Medical Sciences, in Clinical Science, and in Clinical Practice.
- 13.2 Marks of distinction in Medical Sciences will be awarded on the basis of examination performance in Years 1 and 2 of the MBBS course.
- 13.3 Marks of distinction in Clinical Science will be awarded on the basis of examination performance awarded in Year 4 and Year 5.
- 13.4 Marks of distinction in Clinical Practice will be awarded on the basis of examination performance in Year 6 of the MBBS course.
- 13.5 Candidates who are re-sitting examinations are not eligible for the award of a mark of distinction.