FAQS – A100 Medicine

Entry/Application requirements

What are the entry requirements?
Entry requirements are explained in detail on our website:
http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/med/medicine.aspx#CourseDetailsTab

Do you require UKCAT or BMAT?
We require UKCAT. Information about our UKCAT requirements can be found on our website:
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What is the UKCAT cut-off score?
We do not have a UKCAT cut-off score.

How will my application be scored?
An application will receive an overall score, which is the sum of weighted scores for each of the
academic and UKCAT components. The weightings will be: academic – 70%; UKCAT – 30%.
Applicants will be ranked according to this score.

What AS requirements do you have?
We do not use AS grades in our selection process.

How many and what subjects must I study at A-Level to apply for the Medicine course?
You must offer three subjects and two of these must be Biology and Chemistry. The third subject can
be anything except Critical Thinking and General Studies. All three subjects must be studied
concurrently over a maximum of two years.

I’ve completed one of my A-Levels in Year 12. Can this A-Level count towards the 3 A-Levels
required?
Three subjects (all A2 modules, where relevant) must be studied in Year 13 and an offer is based on
results in only these subjects. However, an A-Level completed by the end of Year 12 (where grade
A/A* has been obtained) will reduce the offer requirement to AAA for the Year 13 subjects.

For A-Level, does the A* grade have to be achieved in a specific subject?
The A* grade can be achieved in any of the three subjects.

Do you accept re-sits at A-Level?
We do not accept re-sits.

I have already completed my A-Levels. What grades do I need?
For those who have completed their A-Levels we require A*AA at A-Level. Only the final grade
achieved for full A-Levels is considered.

Do you accept the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)?
We do not use the EPQ as a method of selection for interview, nor is a good result able to
compensate for not meeting other academic requirements. The topic of the EPQ may, however, be a
discussion point at interview.

Do you accept Access or Foundation courses?
We do not accept any Access or Foundation courses at this Medical School.

I am an international applicant and my qualifications are not listed on the website. Please can you advise if they are accepted?
Please email your qualifications to the Medicine Admissions Tutor, Dr Austen Spruce, and he will be able to advise if your qualifications are accepted. Dr Austen Spruce’s email address: a.e.spruce@bham.ac.uk

Do you consider applicants who have taken a gap year?
For our selection process, there is neither advantage nor disadvantage to taking a gap year. Approximately 10% of our students have done so. A gap year can be used to broaden your experiences either by working, travelling, voluntary service or some other activity. We do not necessarily expect it to be in a field directly related to Medicine.

Do you accept applicants who are studying another degree?
We will consider an applicant who is studying a University degree, only if they are in their final year of study (and an offer will be based on the final degree result). This applies to the A100 Undergraduate Medicine course.

I am a Graduate applying for the A100 Medicine course. What grades do I need?
Graduates applying for our A100 Medicine course must have at least a 2:1 degree (any subject) and a minimum of AAA at A-Level including Biology and Chemistry. GCSE English, Maths and Science grade A is essential. Applicants who have not taken A-Level Biology and Chemistry can do so, but their original A-L evels must be AAA minimum. The final result in each subject must be gained after a maximum of two years of study in that subject. We also require the UKCAT. Academic results will not be scored. Applicants who meet the threshold academic requirements described above will be ranked according to UKCAT score alone.

Do you consider applicants with a 2:2 degree?
We do not consider applicants with a 2:2 or below. We require a minimum of a 2:1.

I am a Graduate who studied a degree outside of the UK, would this be accepted?
Preference must be given to applicants who offer a degree from a UK-based institution because of the uncertainty in assessing the equivalence of degrees from overseas institutions.

What work experience do I need?
We do not require you to have shadowed doctors but you must have volunteered/worked in a healthcare environment (i.e. nursing home, hospice) where you can observe the work of healthcare professionals. We do expect that the time spent is indicated in your personal statement. We are more likely to be reassured of your commitment if you offer a combination of around two full weeks of experiences.

Do you have a minimum age requirement for students starting the Medicine course?
Our current policy is that a student must be at least 17 years old when they begin the Medicine course. However, the student must turn 18 years old within their first year of study.

I received a rejection after interview. Can I reapply next year?
We do not consider applicants who have been rejected previously after interview.

Can I transfer to Medicine?
We do not accept transfers under any circumstances.
I have withdrawn from my course, can I apply for Medicine?
We do not consider applicants who have withdrawn or been required to withdraw from courses/medical courses elsewhere.

Do you have a Foundation year?
We do not have a Foundation year at this Medical School.

How can I apply and what is the UCAS deadline?
All applications must be made through UCAS at www.ucas.com. The deadline is 15th October for entry the following September.

Do you accept late applications?
We do not accept late applications under any circumstances.

Do you consider additional information/references?
In order to maintain a fair process to all applicants we do not consider additional information/references sent separately to the UCAS form.

Do you have a waiting list?
We do not have a waiting list.

Do you go through Clearing?
We do not go through Clearing.

Can I apply through UCAS Extra/Adjustment?
We do not use UCAS Extra/Adjustment.