



MBChB Admissions Cycle: 2021-22

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100):

For Home applicants, we substantially altered our algorithm for calculating an application score last year, therefore historical data from previous years is not directly comparable to admissions from 2020-21 onwards.

For the 2021-22 application cycle, we have made further amendments to this scoring algorithm and past data should be used with great caution when making a judgment about the likelihood of success of a future application.

Number of places (2021 entry): Home –332; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (45% GCSE: 35% UCAT and 20% contextual score).
2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:
 - a. Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
 - b. Ranking by total UCAT score

For full details, see <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/medical-school/applying-to-medicine/selection-for-interview.aspx>

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101):

Number of places: Home – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

This is the second year that we will calculate an application score and rank applicants by this score in order to determine who we will invite to interview (though other factors are relevant). The parameters contributing to the score are: degree result; A Level grades; UCAT score; time in FT employment/PG study.

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MBChB Admissions Cycle: 2020-21

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100):

It is very important to note that for the standard 5-year undergraduate programme (A100) we substantially altered our algorithm for calculating an application score in 2020 (for 2021 entry). Therefore historical data from previous years is not directly comparable to admissions from 2020-21 onwards and should be used with great caution when making a judgment about the likelihood of success of a future application.

Number of places (2021 entry): Home – 340 (i.e. 332 plus 8 extra places for one year only to account for additional deferrals from 2020 entry); International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (45% GCSE: 30% UCAT and 25% contextual score).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)	UCAT score (threshold)	UCAT score (median)	GCSE score (threshold)	GCSE score (median)
Standard	7.000	7.167	2830	2960	4.125	4.500
Contextual ¹	7.000	7.906	2260	2740	2.438	4.125

1. note – this excludes applicants on recognised widening participation (WP) programmes who receive guaranteed interview places (and therefore do not have an application score calculated)

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- c. Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- d. Ranking by total UCAT score – threshold: 2820

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled (total)
Home (all)	2850	1122	800	401
Standard	1190	240	222	95
Contextual ¹	1307	578	444	202
Widening participation	353	304	134	104
International	604	69	56	28

1. note – this excludes applicants on recognised widening participation (WP) programmes who receive guaranteed interview places (and therefore do not have an application score calculated)

2. Data as at 15/09/2021
3. Note that an additional 23 offer holders deferred to 2022 entry via an incentivised scheme available for 2021 only, and a further 14 offer holders transferred to another Medical School via an incentivised scheme available for 2021 only.



4-Year Medicine Programme (A101):

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

This is the first year that we calculated an application score and ranked applicants by this score (though other factors are relevant). The parameters contributing to the score are: degree result; A Level grades; UCAT score; time in FT employment/PG study.

Threshold: 16.00 (maximum = 20)

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled (total)
Home	1101	79	49	32



MBChB Admissions Cycle: 2019-20

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100)

Number of places (2020 entry): Home – 332; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home/EU – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (60% GCSE: 40% UCAT).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)	UCAT score (median)	GCSE score (median)
Standard	8.56	9.25	3.56	6.0
Contextual	7.03	7.78	2.22	5.5

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- e. Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- f. Ranking by total UCAT score - threshold: 2640

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled (total)
Home	2827	1248	923	343
International	512	121	86	36

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101)

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

This is the first year that we calculated an application score and ranked applicants by this score (though other factors are relevant). The parameters contributing to the score are: degree result; A Level grades; UCAT score; time in FT employment/PG study.

Threshold: 15.11 (maximum = 20)

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled (total)
Home	917	93	48	38



Admissions Cycle: 2018-19

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100)

Number of places (2020 entry): Home/EU – 332; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home/EU – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (60% GCSE: 40% UCAT).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)	UCAT score (median)	GCSE score (median)
Standard	8.1	9.1	3.6	6.0
Contextual	5.5	6.9	1.8	5.5

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- a. Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- b. Ranking by total UCAT score – threshold: 2550

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	1894	1154	895	329
International	387	126	78	27

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101)

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by degree result and A level grades.

Threshold: 1st class degree with ABB A levels or 2:1 degree (67%+) with AAA A levels

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	827	104	50	43



Admissions Cycle: 2017-18

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100)

Number of places (2020 entry): Home/EU – 332; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home/EU – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (70% GCSE: 30% UCAT).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)	UCAT score (median)	GCSE score (median)
Standard	8.1	9.0	2.3	7.0
Contextual	6.7	7.4	1.0	6.4

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- a. Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- b. Ranking by total UCAT score – threshold: 2620

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	2116	1130	897	327
International	523	123	69	25

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101)

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by degree result and A level grades.

Threshold: 1st class degree with ABB A levels or 2:1 degree (67%+) with AAA A levels

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	783	117	52	41



Admissions Cycle: 2016-17

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100)

Number of places (2020 entry): Home/EU – 306; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home/EU – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (70% GCSE: 30% UCAT).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)	UCAT score (median)	GCSE score (median)
Standard	8.1	9.0	2.3	7.0
Contextual	7.5	7.8	1.7	6.4

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- Ranking by total UCAT score – threshold: 1920 (only 3 sub-tests contributed to score)

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	2061	1019	775	305
International	416	132	71	31

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101)

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by degree result and A level grades.

Threshold: 1st class degree with ABB A levels or 2:1 degree (67%+) with AAA A levels

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	742	110	48	41



Admissions Cycle: 2015-16

5-Year Medicine Programme (A100)

Number of places (2020 entry): Home/EU – 306; International – 28

Interview selection process:

1. Home/EU – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by application score (70% GCSE: 30% UCAT).

Score statistics:

Category of interview candidate	Total score (threshold)	Total score (median)
Standard	5.6	8.4
Contextual	4.1	5.1

2. International – Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview:

- Minimum academic thresholds are met (predicted standards equivalent to AAA at A Level)
- Ranking by total UCAT score – threshold: 2470

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	1224	963	715	306
International	431	128	57	25

4-Year Medicine Programme (A101)

Number of places: Home/EU – 40 (no international places)

Interview selection process:

Primary mechanism for selecting those for interview (other factors are relevant): ranking by degree result and A level grades.

Threshold: 1st class degree with ABB A levels or 2:1 degree (67%+) with AAA A levels

Numbers at each stage of the admissions process:

Category of applicant	Applications	Interview invitations	Offers	Enrolled
Home	813	103	57	41