

Medicine (6 years)

University of Edinburgh

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This six-year Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) degree equips you with the knowledge, understanding and skills you need to become a Foundation Year 1 doctor.

Medicine at Edinburgh offers a modern, innovative curriculum designed to prepare you for contemporary medical practice. Our aim is for you to graduate as a competent, ethical and reflective doctor, with the care of patients as your first concern.

Year 1:

You take courses that introduce the scientific, sociological and behavioural principles of medicine and place them in the context of patient care. Areas covered will include anatomy, surgery, infection, safe prescribing, knowledge to clinical practice and research and evidence-based medicine.

Year 2:

You will develop your practical, research and clinical skills, including history-taking and examination. You will develop your skills in homeostasis in the body, health promotion, global health and nutrition, statistical reasoning and medical informatics. You will work in small groups, taking part in clinical projects and spending time in general practice.

Year 3:

All students will enter an honours programme to obtain a Bachelor of Medical Sciences honours degree. Many students study a scientific discipline in depth, gaining research experience, and submit a dissertation. Recently established disciplines include health sciences and programmes in the medical humanities.

Year 4:

You will study all aspects of clinical medicine and healthcare delivery as part of a team. Courses continue to cover biological and clinical sciences and you will develop your practical experience through placements in hospitals and general practice.

Year 5:

You will move around a number of specialities, working on hospital wards as part of a team. In addition to further clinical placements in a range of disciplines, you will complete an individual research project in partnership with a clinical tutor.

Year 6:

You will consolidate your learning from previous years, working on an apprenticeship model to prepare for employment in the postgraduate Foundation Programme. There is an emphasis on developing practical skills and

knowledge of general and acute medicine, emergency medicine, surgery, anaesthetics and intensive care.

You will have the opportunity to assist a trainee doctor and, under supervision, undertake some of the duties of a Foundation Year 1 doctor. You also have an elective period, which is usually undertaken overseas.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MB ChB

UCAS Code

A100

Course Length

6 years

Faculty

College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

Department

Medicine

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

5 Highers at AAAAB (by end of S5) plus Advanced Highers at BB (in S6) including Chemistry and 2 from Maths (or Applications of Mathematics), Biology (or Human Biology) and Physics. For some applicants this subject combination at S5 is neither possible nor appropriate. If you meet the grade requirements in S5 but are missing one or more sciences, you may take the missing subject in S6. National 5 at B in English, Maths, Biology and Chemistry.

Widening access entry:

5 Highers at AAABB (by end of S5) plus Advanced Highers at BC (from S6) including Chemistry and 2 from Maths (or Applications of Mathematics), Biology (or Human Biology) and Physics. For some applicants this subject combination at S5 is neither possible nor appropriate. If you meet the grade requirements in S5 but are missing one or more sciences, you may take the missing subject in S6. National 5 at B in English, Maths, Biology and Chemistry.

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is a mandatory requirement for all students applying for this programme.

Further information on how to take this test is available on the UKCAT website.

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