A100 Admission Guidelines
for applicants offering the International Baccalaureate 2019-20

BMAT:
All applicants must sit the Biomedical Admissions test to be eligible for consideration. More information about the test and how to register can be found online: www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/

Academic qualifications: Evidence of excellent attainment in both GSCE examinations (or equivalent) and the International Baccalaureate.

**GCSE**
- In nine subjects attained by the end of Year 11
- At least a score of 15 points from the nine where A*-A or 7-9 = 2 points; B or 6 = 1 point
- A minimum of a grade B or 6 in the following required subjects:
  - Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Core & Additional Science)
  - English Language and
  - Mathematics
- All other subjects must be at least grade C or 4.

**International Baccalaureate**
- 36 points overall, to include:
  - At Higher Level (HL): any two of Biology, Chemistry or Psychology and one other subject; all at a minimum of 6 points.
  - At Standard Level (SL): three subjects, all at a minimum of 5 points.
- We will consider applications from applicants who have taken longer than 2 years to achieve the required grades in the International Baccalaureate.

**English Language Requirements:**
If you are applying from outside the UK or if English is not your first language, you must demonstrate proficiency in English through one of the following recognised English Language qualifications:
- IELTS (a minimum score of 7.0 with no component less than 7.0) or
- Pearson PTE Academic qualification (at least 70 overall and at least 70 in each communicative skill sub-test).

This is in addition to the academic entry requirements outlined above. We do not accept other English Language proficiency qualifications. Applicants must demonstrate their English language proficiency before application. Applicants who do not include details of their English language proficiency qualification on their UCAS application will not be considered. English language qualifications must be less than 2 years old at the time of application.

**Additional Information:**

1. **BTEC Level 2:** Dist/Dist*= 2 points; Merit (or equivalent) = 1 point
2. Two points is the maximum score awarded in each subject area: for example, only one of Maths and Further Maths considered; Dual Award GCSEs (with the exception of Dual Award Science) are awarded a maximum of 2 points. Short courses will be awarded, at most, half the points of a full GCSE.
3. BTEC qualifications are not acceptable replacements for English, Maths and Science subjects.
4. This includes those who have repeated Year 12, resat the entire IB or have re-taken components of the IB after Year 13. Applicants must acknowledge and reflect on their individual circumstances (need to re-take year 12, need to resit IB etc) in their personal statement. Applicants who have taken longer than 3 years to achieve the required grades will not be considered.
Selection Process:

Lancaster Medical School considers applications to its medical degree programme in a four-stage process:

**Stage 1:** Academic Qualifications: All applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will progress to stage 2.

**Stage 2:** Applicants will be ranked according to their BMAT score.

**Stage 3:** Multiple mini-interview. No applicant will be made an offer without interview.

**Stage 4:** Fitness to practice. All applicants must have the potential to function as a fully competent doctor and fulfil the rigorous demands of professional fitness to practice. More information can be found on the GMC website: [www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise](http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise)

Dominic Beith (Furness College) is studying on the MBChB Medicine and Surgery programme. Here is what he had to say about the course:

The application process can be both stressful and extremely exciting at times. I would advise students to ask as many questions as they can on Open Days and apply to a medical school with the curriculum that suits them rather than choosing a university for its status. Its small cohort, excellent facilities, and group teaching within the PBL curriculum attracted me to Lancaster Medical School.

I am thankful that I applied and chose Lancaster Medical School. Working in small groups within the PBL curriculum enables you to be fully engaged in the session and provides a fantastic opportunity to learn off others. Starting clinical placement at the start of second year has provided me with an excellent insight into my future career and has enabled me to apply the knowledge that we learn in first year. Because of the small cohort, we have lots of opportunity for one to one teaching and this means that I feel well supported throughout my learning.

In second year, we spend two days per week in hospital. Initially it was very daunting starting to clerk and examine real patients on the ward, but I have found it crucial to my understanding of the PBL curriculum. The best part about placement is the breadth of cases that we may see throughout our ward rotations and on the key clinical experiences organised throughout the year. A highlight for me was the orthopaedic theatre session and this has further reinforced my interest in surgery.

Medicine is unlike other courses at Lancaster and I would suggest that you are proactive from the beginning and try to stay organised. What really helped me was planning how much time I had free and fitting my learning around that. The most important thing to remember is that you are not alone, and the beauty of the small cohort means that you can easily interact with other students if you do feel overwhelmed. Your Year 2 mentor is an excellent resource for information; do make sure to ask them if you have any questions. Because of the nature of PBL, you direct the learning outside of contact hours. Find what strategies of learning work best for you.

More information about our degree programme, our entry requirements and our selection process can be found on our website: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lms)

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