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Medicine (graduate-entry/accelerated) Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024

This course is an intensive four-year medical course and has been designed for graduates who are trained in applied or experimental sciences.

The four-year graduate-entry/ accelerated course (UCAS code A101 BMBCh4) is open to graduates who already have a [degree in an experimental science subject](#).

The course has a strong emphasis on academic medicine within a clinical context. We aim to produce doctors who are broadly educated in science and clinical practice, and whose clinical practice is informed by their scientific approach to medicine.

Many of the graduates from this course will choose careers in academic medicine: that is, in posts that combine medical research with clinical practice. Not all of our graduates will pursue research interests in later life, but we hope that all will bring a scientific approach to their thinking and to their practice at the bedside.

We recognise that graduates will wish to work on their own and explore areas that particularly interest them. The course aims to develop the skills that graduates have acquired in their first degree: there will be a relatively small amount of didactic lecturing, and plenty of time for private study and discussion of topics additional to core material. Exploration and appraisal of clinical and scientific literature, and its application to clinical practice, will feature strongly in both teaching and assessment.

This may be the right course for you if you are academically strong, interested in the scientific basis of medical practice, and have the self-discipline to plan your studies in such a way as to be able to cover a large and intensive syllabus by yourself.

If you fit this description, you will gain a great deal from Oxford's very strong academic and clinical teaching.

The first two years cover both basic medical science and clinical skills. The first year concentrates on science taught within a clinical context but with a gentle introduction to clinical practice, while the second year concentrates on clinical teaching with a smaller science component.

Graduates are encouraged to work at their own pace, and to pursue in depth those areas of medicine that particularly interest them. The final two years are shared with the six-year course. Students are fully integrated into the clinical course at this stage, and take the same final exams as candidates on the six-year course.

The first year

The first year of the course builds on your science background to cover most of the basic science that is needed for medicine, as well as essential clinical skills such as taking a clinical history and performing a basic physical examination. Students will spend one full day each week on clinical placement.

The aims of this year are for you to cover the core of medical science and clinical skills in which all medical students must be competent, to understand the application of science to clinical practice, and to gain experience in applying science and clinical skills to the process of diagnostic problem-solving.

The second year

The second year builds on the basic science and clinical skills of the first year and leads to periods of more intensive clinical practice. By the end of this year, you should be able to recognise common disease patterns in medicine and surgery and be capable of reaching a diagnosis of the commoner illnesses. You should also be able to plan first-line clinical investigations.

A clinical pathology ('Laboratory Medicine') block is interspersed with the clinical attachments. The science teaching continues throughout the year, oriented more directly towards clinical practice. You will be expected to review clinical trials and clinical research reports, and to appraise the application of such reports to clinical practice.

The third year

For the final two years you will be fully integrated into the main stream of the standard clinical course.

The third year consists of a series of attachments to clinical specialties such as orthopaedics, paediatrics and psychiatry. The aim of this year is to provide an overview of the major specialties within medicine, to allow you to recognise common complaints and to develop an understanding of when it is appropriate to refer a patient for specialist treatment. You can read more about this year of study on the [clinical course pages](#) of the Medical Sciences Division website.

The fourth year

The final year of the course is designed to prepare you for life after qualification, with teaching specifically aimed at practical matters of diagnosis and management. During the year there are also opportunities for special study, with blocks set aside for you to pursue areas of particular academic interest (normally this takes place within Oxford). There is also an elective period, which most students choose to take overseas.

The final examination is in February of the final year, allowing several months before the formal end of the course for you to concentrate on preparing for practice in your Foundation Years.

You can read more about this year of study on the [clinical course pages](#) of the Medical Sciences Division website.

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The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2024.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

Year 1 students

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students – see Note below)	£43,670

Pre-clinical fees are charged in year 1 of the graduate-entry/ accelerated course (A101), although there are clinical elements of study throughout the course.

Fees for the later years have not yet been confirmed but please note that these may be different from the pre-clinical fees. Clinical fees are charged in years 2 to 4 of the graduate-entry/ accelerated course (A101). As a guide, these are the annual fees for students who will complete the pre-clinical stage of their course and progress to the clinical years in 2024.

Year 2, 3 and 4 students

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students – see Note below)	£57,690

Note: Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme are eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) pages for more information.

Living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2024 are estimated to be between £1,345 and £1,955 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs. For further details please visit our [living costs webpage](#).

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£495	£2,835	£4,455
Accommodation (including utilities)	£745	£925	£6,705	£8,325
Personal items	£190	£320	£1,710	£2,880
Social activities	£40	£95	£360	£855
Study costs	£35	£85	£315	£765
Other	£20	£35	£180	£315
Total	£1,345	£1,955	£12,105	£17,595

In order to provide these likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University and the Oxford SU conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources, including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The current economic climate and high national rate of inflation make it very hard to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of around 5% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation. UK inflationary increases will be kept under review and the [living costs webpage](#) updated.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Graduate-entry Medicine

The Graduate-entry Medicine course has extended terms. This means that you will need to budget for slightly higher living costs in all years, but especially in Years 2-4, as you will be required to be in Oxford for longer than the standard term. (See the [likely range of living costs](#) for an additional month in Oxford.)

Year 1 – 30 weeks

Year 2 – 40 weeks

Year 3 – 48 weeks

Year 4 – 48 weeks, including 10 weeks elective study (see below)

For more information about fees and funding for this course, please see [Funding for UK/EU Medical Students](#).

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Elective study

Each final year student has a period of 10 weeks for elective study within the overall 48 weeks of the course. (This is year 4 for A101 students.)

Your elective study may be conducted in Oxford, elsewhere in the UK, or anywhere in the world provided the content of the placement is appropriate experience for medicine. Approval must be granted by the Director of Clinical Studies.

A student who stays in Oxford for their elective would be expected to incur no additional costs apart from their living costs. Many students opt to travel outside the UK in which case the additional cost is on average around £3,000, but may be lower or higher depending on location (very occasionally a student has spent up to £9,000.)

Students who have not completed the core training in clinical medicine may be required to follow a prescribed course of study in Oxford for all or part of their 10-week elective instead of arranging a placement.

There are opportunities to apply for additional financial support which varies depending on the destination proposed. This support is usually around £300 to £500 towards travel costs.