



Leicester Medical School

Scoring of Application for Medicine A199 2025 entry

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1.0 General Information

This course is only available to students who meet a number of Widening Participation criteria; full details of which are available on the [Leicester Medical School](#) website for this 6-year course. There will be up to 15 places available for those living and studying in the East Midlands and a further 23 places available for those living and studying throughout the United Kingdom.

This course is not open to International or Graduate applicants.

Please ensure you have read the full criteria, and the FAQs.

Other requirements:

All applicants will be required to complete the UCAT before the 15th October 2024 UCAS deadline. To commence the course, you will be required to have satisfactory DBS and Occupational Health checks.

Re-applicants:

Applicants who have applied to us previously may be considered, providing they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants presenting with achieved A-levels, IB or equivalent who have applied once before, but have not been interviewed, will be considered and scored as usual on their second application, provided that they will be within 2 years of leaving school at the start of the course.
- In all cases, applicants who have been rejected following interview will only be considered in a subsequent application if their interview score was no more than 5% below the level required for an offer in the year that they applied. They will need to demonstrate a significant improvement in any potential interview score to be considered for an offer, as the previous year's score will also be taken into account. We do this to balance out any advantage due to being familiar with our interview process and stations.

Applicants who were invited to interview but failed to attend and did not submit a valid reason, will not be reconsidered.

N.B., Applicants who are not successful and subsequently undertake another degree may be eligible to apply for our 5-year A100 course after graduation; please note there are different minimum entry requirements for GCSEs etc. Full details on these entry requirements can be found on the [Leicester Medical School](#) website.

Please Note:

We reserve the right to change our scoring system at any point in order to rank applicants appropriately.

IMPORTANT: -

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS ARE ENTERED ON YOUR UCAS FORM (INCLUDING FIRST SIT AND RESIT IF APPLICABLE). IF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO OUR MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IS MISSING (e.g., GCSE results or predicted grades) WE WILL NOT CHASE YOU FOR INFORMATION. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED FOR THIS CYCLE. All predicted qualifications must also be included.

2.0 Minimum Entry Requirements

We will not confirm, in response to telephone queries, whether you meet our minimum requirements since not all information will be available to us.

Initial assessment of all UCAS forms will be based on academic ability and having a valid UCAT score from the year of application.

Please note, if you have not reached the minimum requirements listed below, your application will be automatically rejected unless there are very significant mitigating circumstances that have been previously agreed by the admissions tutors in writing.

GCSE: Minimum of **Grade 5 or C** in English Language (as a first language), Maths and two sciences (Biology and Chemistry, or Double Science).

GCSE Resits

We will consider resits in GCSE English Language and Maths from any applicant for meeting our minimum requirements. We will only consider resits in other GCSE subjects if there are very significant mitigating circumstances that have been previously agreed by the admissions tutors in writing. First-sit results must be listed on your UCAS application alongside resits as these will be used for scoring purposes.

A-Level or International Baccalaureate: We require **BBB** at A-level including Chemistry or Biology, and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology, but excluding General Studies, Citizenship Studies, Critical Thinking or Global Perspectives.

For International Baccalaureate (IB), we require a minimum score of 30 points and a minimum of 5 in three higher level subjects including Chemistry or Biology, and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology.

N.B., if the 3rd subject is a language other than English that you are a native or home speaker of, you would be made an adjusted offer if you reached the offer stage.

We will also consider applicants with **ABC** (or **6,5,4** for IB), provided the AB (or IB 6,5) are in the two science subjects including Chemistry or Biology.

Since we know predicted grades can be inaccurate, we will score any candidate predicted at least **BBC** (IB **5,5,4**).

A-levels sat in year 12 will not form part of the pre-interview selection process, nor will EPQs or 4th subject AS levels, except in the rare situation of a candidate being in a borderline group. Candidates must take 3 subjects in year 13 to show they can cope with the depth and breadth of study required.

A-Level Resits

Applicants who have not attained the required grades at first-sit, will only be considered for resits if there is substantial mitigation that has previously been agreed by the Admissions Tutors. All mitigation requests should be sent along with formal supporting evidence to medfound@le.ac.uk by the 1st October. If the request is received by midnight on the 1st September, we will provide a definitive response on whether or not the mitigation is accepted before the UCAS closing deadline; after this date we are not able to guarantee that candidates will receive a response before the UCAS closing date.

BTEC Extended Diploma (predicted/obtained): DDD in Applied Science.

T level in Science (predicted/ obtained): Distinction in Science with a minimum of B in the core component and a minimum of merit in the occupational specialism.

Graduates, Access to Science or Access to Medicine candidates will not be considered. Candidates must be within 2 years of leaving school when they apply. Candidates who have already attended higher education are not eligible to apply.

3.0 UCAT

UCAT will form 50% of the pre-interview scoring system.

Applicants with band 4 in the Situational Judgement Test will be automatically rejected pre-interview.

Points will be awarded by the total score using the following sequence until the bottom 2 deciles:

TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points	TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points	TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points
>3,200	32	2850 - 2899	28.5	2500 - 2549	25
3150 – 3199	31.5	2800 - 2849	28	2450 - 2499	24.5
3100 – 3149	31	2750 - 2799	27.5	2400 - 2449	24
3050 – 3099	30.5	2700 – 2749	27	2350 - 2399	23.5

3000 – 3049	30	2650 - 2699	26.5	2300 - 2349	23 or 16*
2950 – 2999	29.5	2600 – 2649	26	If bottom 2 deciles	Max 16
2900 – 2949	29	2550 - 2599	25.5		

*depending on where bottom two decile begins

Applicants with a total score in the bottom two deciles of that year's results will typically be rejected as they will not score sufficient to be invited to interview, (*for 2023/4 entry, this would have been less than or equal to a total UCAT score of 2270*). Those who have a UCAT score in the lowest 2 deciles will be considered for interview on a case-by-case basis. The personal statement and reference will be used to allow us to distinguish between borderline applicants

UCAT offers a range of adjusted tests, which will be considered on receipt of formal evidence to support these adjustments. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/access-arrangements>

UCAT also offers a bursary scheme for some applicants and receipt of a UCAT bursary gives you a contextual flag. If you are entitled to a UCAT bursary, we strongly recommend you apply for one.

4.0 Scoring for those applying with A-levels, IB etc.

Academic ability will be scored on the basis of 8 first-sit GCSE results including the mandatory subjects of English Language, Maths, and two Sciences, for candidates with predicted grades; for those with achieved A-levels/IB, this will be scored on the basis of 5 GCSEs (including the mandatory subjects of English Language, Maths, and two Sciences) and A-level/ IB results. It will form 50% of the pre-interview score. **We will only score subjects taken in the same academic year (unless one of the mandatory subjects has been taken early).**

If your school did not permit you to take 8 GCSE subjects, we require formal evidence from the school to support this before the 1st October 2024, otherwise we cannot make an adjustment. In this instance, you may wish to consider deferring application until you have completed A-levels.

Please note:

Only one maths subject will be scored. If the Further Maths grade is higher than Maths, then this will be used for scoring, but the maths must meet the minimum grade 5/C.

For students taking Methods and Applications in Maths, our minimum requirement is a **Grade C or 5** in both but we will only score the Methods in Maths.

4.1 Candidates with predicted A levels or IB

Candidates must be predicted **BBC** in Chemistry **or** Biology, plus one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology, and a 3rd subject excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking, Global Perspectives and Citizenship Studies. Biology and Human Biology cannot both be counted. For IB candidates, we require 30 points overall, predicted at least 5,5,4 in Higher Level Chemistry **or** Biology, plus one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology, and a 3rd subject. A-levels or IB must usually be obtained within 2 years of your GCSEs (see resit policy).

Please note that all candidates will be subject to our standard offer of **BBB** or **555** (or **ABC / 6,5,4** with AB / 6,5 in the two science subjects including Chemistry or Biology). If the 3rd subject is a language other than English that you are a native or home speaker of, you would be made an adjusted offer if you reached the offer stage.

Academic score will be based on eight first-sit full-length GCSEs (may include one Level 2 BTEC); these must be GCSE, iGCSE or non-UK equivalents. The mandatory subjects (English Language, Maths and two Sciences) plus the four best others will be scored (excluding Citizenship Studies and Global Perspectives). If it subsequently transpires that the original sitting result was not disclosed by a candidate, or an incorrect grade given, then an investigation into their probity will be started. First sittings only will be scored, and it is expected that all subjects will have been sat in the same academic year.

8 GCSE qualifications will be taken into account as below:

English language	or	English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best four other subjects		Biology
		Best four other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A* or 8/9	=	4
A or 7	=	3
B or 6	=	2
C or 5	=	1

Example scoring for applicants with predicted A-levels:

<i>English Language</i>	<i>A or 7</i>	= 3
<i>Maths</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	= 4
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	= 4
<i>Biology</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	= 4
<i>Physics</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	= 4
<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>A or 7</i>	= 3
<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>B or 6</i>	= 2
<i>French</i>	<i>C or 5</i>	= 1
GCSE Total		= 25/32

Please note: When scoring, we will only take into account initial GCSE grades. No resit grades will be considered.

4.2 Candidates with achieved A Levels

Academic ability and UCAT will each be scored out of 32, giving a total score out of 64.

5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:

English language	OR	English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best other subject		Biology
		Best other subject

We will score the 3 best A-levels studied over the same two-year period, including one of Chemistry **or** Biology; one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology; a 3rd subject (excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking, Citizenship Studies) or a language other than English Language, unless confirmed that student is not a home/native speaker. An applicant studying Mathematics and Further Mathematics will have only one of these subjects scored.

A-level scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	=	5
B	=	4
C	=	3

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A* or 8/9	=	4
A or 7	=	3
B or 6	=	2
C or 5	=	1

5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:

English Language	OR	English Language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best other subject		Biology
		Best other subject

Example scoring for applicants with obtained A-levels:

GCSE		
English Language	C or 5	= 1
Maths	B or 6	= 2
Chemistry	A or 7	= 3
Biology	A or 7	= 3
Physics	A* or 8/9	= 4
GCSE Total		= 13
A-Level		
Chemistry	B	= 4
Biology	A	= 5
Maths	B	= 4
A-Level Total		= 13
Academic Grand Total = 26/32		

Although it is possible to achieve a score of 35 maximum academic score awarded will be 32

Please note: For applicants who have obtained an A-level during a different year to the rest of their A-levels, this grade will not be taken into account for scoring purposes. Resits of A-level exams or A-levels taken over more than two years will not normally be considered, unless the applicant has substantial mitigation and has received confirmation from the medical school that this will be accepted prior to applying.

4.3 Candidates with achieved International Baccalaureate:

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A* or 8/9	=	4
A or 7	=	3
B or 6	=	2
C or 5	=	1

The best 3 Higher Level subjects, to include Chemistry or Biology and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology will be scored.

IB Higher Level scoring will be as follows:
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7/6	=	5
5	=	4
4	=	3

Example scoring for applicants with obtained IB:

GCSE		
English Language	B or 6	= 2
Maths	A or 7	= 3
Double Science	A,A or 7,7	= 3,3
Business Studies	C or 5	= 1
GCSE Total		= 12
IB (HL) obtained		
Chemistry	7	= 5
Biology	6	= 5
Maths	5	= 4
IB (HL) Total		=14
Academic Grand Total = 26/32		

Results of IB exams or IB taken over more than two years will not normally be considered, unless the applicant has substantial mitigation and has received confirmation from the Medical School that this will be accepted prior to applying.

4.4 Candidates with achieved BTEC extended diploma in Applied Science or T level in Science:

5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:	
English Language	English Language
Maths	Maths
Double Science (2)	Chemistry
Best other subject	Biology
	Best other subject

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

A* or 8/9	=	4
A or 7	=	3
B or 6	=	2
C or 5	=	1

The BTEC Extended Diploma and T Levels will be scored as follows:

BTEC Extended Diploma:		T Level: overall, core, occupational specialism	
D*	= 5	D* / A*	= 5
D	= 4	D / A	= 4
M	= 3	M / B	= 3

Example scoring for applicants with BTEC Extended Diploma:

GCSE		
English Language	B or 6	= 2
Maths	A or 7	= 3
Double Science	A,A or 7,7	= 3,3
Business Studies	C or 5	= 1
GCSE Total		= 12
BTEC ED obtained	DDD	= 12
BTEC ED Total		= 12
Academic Grand Total = 24/32		

Candidates with other qualifications or combinations should email medfound@le.ac.uk for further information.

5.0 Personal Statements and Contextual Information

The personal statement and reference are **not** routinely checked. However, for borderline candidates or tie-break situations the personal statement and reference may be used along with all other available information from the UCAS application (see Section 7).

The following attributes will be considered:

- Motivation
- Commitment
- Appreciation of challenges of a medical career
- Work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Contribution to school/college life
- Contribution to wider community
- Written communication skills
- Support from teachers/staff
- Confirmation of some aspects of personal statement in reference

6.0 Mitigating Circumstances

We aim to be as inclusive as possible and, therefore, will give due consideration to substantial mitigating circumstances that may have affected your academic achievement. Please view our [Mitigating Circumstances Guide](#), which applies primarily to our current students but also provides a definition of mitigation and depicts the kind of unusual circumstances which may constitute special consideration. Possible circumstances may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Personal health
- Close family health (first degree relatives or grand-parents)
- Domestic circumstances
- Educational disadvantage
- Educational disruption (we would not consider the pandemic per se as this has affected everyone's education)

It is essential that you contact us via medfound@le.ac.uk as soon as possible if you believe that your academic achievement has been affected by any of the above; this we may be able take these issues into account when assessing your application. However, we will **NOT** accept academic qualifications below our minimum requirements. Accepted mitigation may mean we consider resits, or award bonus academic points (maximum 2).

Please note: In order for mitigation to be considered, an official letter must be provided by the relevant professional (e.g., school/college/university/health consultant/GP) to corroborate such circumstances. This letter should include the applicant's full name and UCAS number. It should be printed on letter-headed paper, signed and dated. This should be submitted via email preferably with your UCAS number.

The evidence must explain: (1) what the circumstance was, (2) exactly how it affected you in relation to your studies and (3) precisely when it occurred (i.e., identifying which assessments were affected).

All mitigation and supporting documents **must** be received by **the 1st October 2024**. If we do not receive mitigation by this date, it will not be considered and the scoring of the application will be carried out on the basis of no mitigation.

If mitigation is received by the **1st September 2024**, we will give you a definitive response as to whether we will or will not accept the mitigation before the closing date for applications. No decision on mitigation will be given via the telephone.

We do not usually consider mitigation for the UCAT test, but will consider this on an individual basis. UCAT does inform us of any issues that arise during the test, and significant annotations will be taken into account.

7.0 Interviews

Following scoring of academic ability and UCAT, applicants will be ranked within 4 groups (predicted A levels, achieved A levels, predicted BTEC/ T level or achieved BTEC/ T level). The highest ranked applicants will be sent an eligibility form to confirm they meet the Widening Participation requirements; all those that do will be considered for interview. The lowest ranked applicants will not be considered further and will be rejected via UCAS. Those who have a UCAT score in the lowest 2 deciles will be considered for interview on a case-by-case basis. The personal statement and reference will be used to allow us to distinguish between borderline applicants (see Section 5.0).

We run Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI). The number of stations and whether the interviews are delivered online or face to face will depend on the situation at the time, but currently we are planning face to face for 2025 entry.

Invitations to interview are sent by email. Unfortunately, such emails sometimes find their way into the junk folder. Please regularly check your junk email folder. Applicants with Gmail accounts have had particular problems in the past. Some junk folders are automatically cleared after one month. It is your responsibility to check this.

The Medical School does not endorse any interview courses as we do not feel they are necessary, nor beneficial. We regularly review our interview process and, whilst we reserve the right to change our interview format, we aim to make it equitable for all applicants. Situations outside our control (e.g., university closure due to a pandemic) may make it essential to offer alternative interview formats for some applicants.

7.1 Stations

The various stations will assess a number of attributes, including:

- Communication Skills
- Problem solving
- Personal qualities and values
- Motivation and suitability
- Ability to show empathy and compassion
- Organisational ability
- Numeracy

7.2 Outcome of Interviews

Each station will be scored and applicants will be ranked on the basis of those scores. If applicants are equally ranked following interview or in a borderline group, the UCAS application and UCAT score may be used as a tie-breaker or to inform the final decision.

On occasions, at the point of considering an offer, issues may be identified on the UCAS form or comments may be made by interviewers, that mean we wish to give candidates a further opportunity by inviting them to a second interview. This will usually be held on an offer holders' day and take the format of a panel interview.

Please note we are not in a position to provide feedback to successful candidates. For unsuccessful candidates, we will provide some suggestions on areas for improvement, but will not provide individual station scores.

7.3 Students with Disabilities, Special Needs and Medical Conditions

Applicants with disabilities, special needs (including dyslexia) and medical conditions should enter the relevant disability code on their UCAS application or inform the Medical School in writing immediately after submission of their application. This will ensure that any necessary reasonable adjustments to the interview process can be made. We will make reasonable adjustments based on the adjustments that are available once on the course.

Informing us at the application stage also allows us to make offer holders aware of support services available on the course, but also in their professional career as we work with the local NHS trust's Occupational Health department.

7.4 Timing of Interview

Interviews will normally take place between December and February. Specific dates will be published on [our website](#) once confirmed.

Please Note: If applicants cannot attend any of the interview dates offered then please do contact us immediately. However, we may not be able to offer any alternative dates, nor be able to reschedule.

N.B., we reserve the right to alter our interview dates if other circumstances necessitate this.

8.0 Offers

Although we hope to make the majority of our offers in late February/March, some offers will be made later in the process. Medical Schools are subject to a numbers cap enforced by the Office for Students, and we must await decisions from earlier offer holders to ensure we do not exceed our cap. Many decisions are not made by early offer holders until the June UCAS deadline. Consequently, the offer making process will continue into summer 2025. Whilst we acknowledge that this causes angst and stress, the process unfortunately cannot be made any faster whilst we are under such external constraints.

9.0 Additional Information

If an applicant wishes to submit additional information to support their application, we must receive any documentation/correspondence by **the 1st October in the year of application.**