

# Scoring of Applications for A199 Medicine with Foundation Year 2021 entry

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## 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 25 places available for those living and studying in the East Midlands and a further 10 places available for those living and studying throughout the United Kingdom.

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

### **Other requirements:**

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

### **Please Note:**

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

## 1.0 Minimum Entry Requirements

Initial assessment of all UCAS forms will be based on academic ability and UCAT score only.

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

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

### **Resits**

We will consider resits in GCSE English Language from any applicant. 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.

**A-Level (predicted/obtained):** **BBB** in Chemistry **or** Biology, and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> subject excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking, Citizenship Studies, within 2 years of your GCSEs. NB if the 3<sup>rd</sup> subject is a language other than English, and you are a native or home speaker of that language you would be made an adjusted offer if you got to offer stage.

A-levels sat in year 12 will not form part of the pre-interview selection process, nor will EPQs or 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Resits**

Applicants who attain **BBC** or **BCC** at their first A-level attempt can apply with a resit in one or two subject(s). First sit grades must be declared on the UCAS form. Applicants with lower grades at their first A-level attempt and significant mitigation can apply if their mitigation is accepted in writing prior to application. However, such applicants must apply only after they have attained the required grades of **BBB**. Predicted grades will not be considered for such applicants.

**IB pass diploma (predicted/obtained):** **30 points with 5 points** each from three higher level subjects including Chemistry or Biology and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology.

**BTEC diploma (predicted/obtained):** **DDD** in Applied Science.

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.

### 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.
- 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 10% below the level required for an offer in the year that they applied. They will need to demonstrate a significant improvement in their score to be considered for an offer.
- Applicants who were invited to interview but did not attend and had not submitted a valid reason will not be reconsidered.

NB Applicants who are not successful and subsequently undertake another degree may be eligible to apply for our 5 year A100 course after graduation. Full details on 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 SITTING 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. Predicted qualifications must also be included.**

## 2.0 UCAT

Academic ability and UCAT will each be scored out of 32, giving a total score out of 64 (i.e. academic and UCAT scores are weighted equally).

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

The total UCAT score will be out of a maximum 3600 in 2020. 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 enough to get to interview, (for 2020 entry cycle this would have been less than or equal to a total UCAT score of 2280).

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>

**\* Note: Should UCAT scores not be available by the time we need to select for interview, we may just decide to score academic qualifications and use UCAT later if available.**

### 3.0 Predicted Year 13 Results

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

**Please note:**

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

If your school did not permit you to take 8 GCSE subjects, we require formal evidence from the school to support this before the UCAS closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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.

Predicted grades must be clearly stated on the 'qualifications not yet completed' section of the UCAS form. This should include the individual subject levels for IB candidates.

**8 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:**

English Language		English Language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)	<b>OR</b>	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>B or 6</i>	<i>= 2</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>A or 7</i>	<i>= 3</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	<i>= 4</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>A* or 8/9</i>	<i>= 4</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<i>A or 7</i>	<i>= 3</i>
<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>C or 5</i>	<i>= 1</i>
<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>B or 6</i>	<i>= 2</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>C or 5</i>	<i>= 1</i>
<b>GCSE Total</b>		<b>= 20/32</b>

**Please note:**

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

## 4.0 Achieved Year 13 Results

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

**Though total possible 35 maximum academic score awarded will be 32.**

### Please note:

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 completed A levels

#### 5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)	<b>OR</b>	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

We will score the 3 best A-levels studied over the same two year time period, including Chemistry **or** Biology, and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### 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**

#### A-level scoring will be as follows:

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

### 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. Results 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.

## 4.2 Candidates with achieved International Baccalaureate:

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### 5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)	<b>OR</b>	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 best 3 Higher Level subjects, including Chemistry and Biology*

6/7 points obtained at HL	= 5
5 points obtained at HL	= 4

### **Example scoring for applicants with obtained IB:**

#### **GCSE**

English Language	B or 6	= 1
Maths	A or 7	= 3
Double Science	AA or 7,7	= 3,3
French	C or 5	= 1
Business Studies	C or 5	= 1
<b>GCSE Total</b>		<b>= 12</b>

#### **IB (HL) obtained**

Chemistry	7	= 5
Biology	6	= 5
Maths	5	= 4
<b>IB (HL) Total</b>		<b>= 14</b>

**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

### 4.3 Candidates with achieved BTEC extended diploma in Applied Science

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#### 5 GCSE qualifications will be considered as below:

English language		English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)	<b>OR</b>	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 will be scored as follows:

<u>D*</u>	=5
<u>D</u>	=4

Candidates with other qualifications or combinations should email [medfound@le.ac.uk](mailto:medfound@le.ac.uk) for further information.

## 5.0 Personal Statements

The personal statement and reference are not routinely scored. However in borderline candidates or tie-break situations these sections may also be used (see 7.0) to generate a combined score out of 10, giving a total score for Personal Qualities.

Where appropriate, the Personal Qualities score will be added to the academic and UCAT score in order to determine the final ranking and selection for interview.

#### 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 any 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)
- Domestic circumstances
- Educational disadvantage
- Educational disruption

It is essential that you contact us (via [medfound@le.ac.uk](mailto:medfound@le.ac.uk)) as soon as possible if you believe that your academic achievement has been affected by any of the above, as we may be able take these issues into account when assessing your application. However, we will **NOT** accept qualifications below our minimum requirement e.g. Grade 4/C at GCSE in mandatory subjects.

**Please note:** In order for mitigation to be considered, an official letter must be provided by the relevant professional (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, dated. This should be submitted with the online mitigating circumstances form.

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

**All** mitigation and supporting documents **must** be received by **1<sup>st</sup> October in the year of application**. If we do not receive mitigation by this date then 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 **31<sup>st</sup> August in the year of application**, we will give you a definitive response as to whether we will or will not accept it. After this date we are not able to guarantee a response before the UCAS closing date.

No decision on mitigation will be given via the telephone or before the online mitigating circumstances form has been submitted.

We do not usually consider mitigation for the UCAT test but will be consider this on an individual basis.

## 7.0 Interviews

Following scoring of academic ability and UCAT, applicants will be ranked. The highest ranked applicants will be invited for interview. The lowest ranked applicants will not be considered further. 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 5.0).

We run Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI) comprised of 8 timed stations and a 9<sup>th</sup> administrative station.

**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 with gmail sending invitation to interview emails to the junk folder. 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. 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 coronavirus, may make it essential to offer alternative interview formats for some applicants

### 7.1 Stations

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The various stations will assess the following:

- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Listening
- Problem solving
- Personal qualities and values
- Motivation and suitability
- Organisational ability

### 7.2 Outcome of Interviews

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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 form and UCAT score may be used as a tie-breaker or to inform the final decision.

### 7.3 Students with Disabilities, Special Needs and Medical Conditions

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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 adjustments to the interview process can be made. We offer adjusted stations, not extra time stations; and will make reasonable adjustments based on those that are available once on the course.

This information also allows us to make offer holders aware of support services available.

## 7.4 Timing of Interview

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Interviews will take place between December and February. Specific dates will be published on [our website](#), once confirmed. THESE ARE PROVISIONAL DATES.

10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**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. We reserve the right to alter our interview dates.

## 8.0 Offers

Although we hope to make the majority of our offers in late February / early 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. Consequently, the offer making process will continue into May 2021. Whilst we acknowledge that this causes angst and stress, unfortunately the process cannot be made any faster whilst we are under such external constraints.

## 9.0 Other Information

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