Medicine MBBS Malta
2020/21 Entry

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Research strength
According to the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014 - the latest research assessment), Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry is placed within the top seven UK institutions in all three Units of Assessment – Clinical Medicine; Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care; and Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy.
Malta is a beautiful country filled with warm and welcoming people, and you will become part of one of the UK’s leading medical schools.

Malta is a very popular student destination with over 40 academic institutions on the islands. This is no surprise when you consider Malta’s Mediterranean climate, picturesque landscapes, warm seas and welcoming, friendly people. There are opportunities for all kinds of outdoor, social, cultural and sporting activities. The Malta Students Association, the Gozo Society, run clubs which include touch rugby, jog soc, football, basketball, netball, Afro-Caribbean society and more!

Students also enjoy peace of mind when it comes to personal safety as the islands offer a safe environment for both locals and visitors.

Malta is part of the EU and its currency is the Euro. The general cost of living on the islands is low in comparison with other European countries.

For more information visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta-student-life

Having the opportunity to study abroad and to be part of a new community in Malta is particularly exciting.

The course structure at Barts and The London stands out with its variety of teaching methods including traditional lecture style teaching, clinically based teaching, practicals and problem based learning. The spiral curriculum and mixture of continuous assessment and end of year exams allows you to consolidate your learning and revisit themes and systems throughout the five years.”

Marie-Sophie Gomm
MBBS Malta Year 3 student
Studying in Malta

Study mode: Full-time
Duration: Five years

Course highlights
- The same core curriculum as the MBBS in London
- Junior doctor positions available in Malta
- Early clinical experience with an innovative research-led curriculum
- Taught in English.

Entry requirements
Minimum AAB from 3 A-levels taken over not more than two years study.
1. Chemistry or biology
2. Chemistry, biology, physics or maths
3. Any except critical thinking, general studies or further maths.

International Baccalaureate: minimum 37 points in total with a minimum of 6 points in the Higher Level science subjects and 5 points in the third Higher Level subject.

Graduate applicants: Degree with at least a classification of 2:1 or above in any subject (achieved or predicted).

We consider students with a number of European and international qualifications; for full entry requirements and further details on all accepted qualifications, please visit: qmul.ac.uk/mbbs-malta

Please note: EU citizens do not need a visa to live and study in Malta. Non-EU students do require a visa to live and study in Malta.

English language requirement
Minimum IELTS at 7.0 or the equivalent.

Aptitude test
All candidates must sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). Please check our website for the latest entry requirement.

Fees
Annual tuition fees for 2019/20 were €19,500 per year for UK, EU and international (non-EU) students. Fees for 2020/21 will be announced in late 2019.

Application deadline
The deadline for 2020 will be announced online in late 2019.

For detailed information on the course, entry requirements, selection criteria and fees, please visit: qmul.ac.uk/mbbs-malta or email: qmul-malta@qmul.ac.uk

Please also check that this degree is accepted in the country in which you wish to practice and that you have the right to live and work in that country.
The MBBS programme has been designed to provide you with the medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes that are required to become a competent doctor up to the level of an individual who is eligible for full registration with the UK General Medical Council (GMC). Our spiral curriculum is taught in a series of modules based on body systems which, in turn, encompass various scientific and medical themes.

**Early clinical experience**

An early introduction to clinical topics provides a context for your learning and makes studying more enjoyable and relevant. In the first two years, you will be able to start applying your growing knowledge in a clinical context.

MBBS students accompany GPs in consultations, discuss diagnoses, work with general practice staff and, most importantly, meet patients.

**Student-selected components (SSCs)**

There are 13 separate SSCs spread across the five years of the MBBS, comprising around 20 per cent of the total programme. Some are carried out in blocks, lasting from two to six weeks, while others run throughout the year. They are an integral part of the curriculum, enabling you to demonstrate mandatory competencies alongside optional components which students can tailor to their individual interests. You are encouraged to pursue an area related to medicine or medical sciences that has particularly interested you. You are also encouraged to organise your own SSCs.

**Learning and teaching**

With support from tutors, we encourage you to develop an independent attitude to learning. This approach is designed to prepare you well for life as a qualified doctor where you will have to take responsibility for keeping your knowledge up to date through continuous professional development.

**Important features of our teaching and learning include:**

- **Problem-Based Learning (PBL)** - a central element of our curriculum - PBL is an active way of learning where students develop problem-solving skills and teamwork while acquiring basic medical knowledge
- **Practical sessions** - these take place in laboratories, IT labs, clinical skills labs and wards
- **Communication skills** - we provide practical training in interviewing techniques with special sessions devoted to communication between doctors and patients
- **Project work** - projects bring you into contact with the local community
- **E-learning** - this allows you to have access to a large amount of teaching material online.

For more information visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta-learning-and-teaching

**Medical Licensing Assessment**

The General Medical Council (GMC) has decided to introduce a Medical Licensing Assessment (the MLA) from 2022 to demonstrate that those who obtain registration with a licence to practise medicine in the UK meet a common threshold for safe practice. Applicants should be aware that to obtain registration with a licence to practise, medical students will need to pass both parts of the MLA, pass university finals and demonstrate their fitness to practise. The MLA will be in two parts: there will be a knowledge test, which will be set and run by the GMC, and an assessment, delivered by medical schools, that will evaluate students’ clinical and professional skills.

**Global Recognition**

MBBS Malta degree is recognised in a wide range of countries and we are gaining additional recognition all the time. Please see qmul.ac.uk/smd/undergraduate/malta/faqs/ for the latest information.
Malta and Gozo

Our academics
A large number of the academics and clinicians who deliver the teaching on our Malta programme will also teach or have taught on the London MBBS course. The MBBS Malta course will be overseen by London staff.

Where will I be based?
The Maltese islands are situated in Europe’s Mediterranean Sea about 100km off the coast of Italy, with a population of just under half a million. The official languages of Malta are Maltese and English, and most people speak a good level of English. The islands enjoy a Mediterranean climate with hot summers and mild winters.

In the first two years of the programme, students will be taught mainly at the Gozo campus. From an early stage, students will gain experience in the local community through attachments with general practices which are currently in Malta, where they can learn about the clinical context of their medical knowledge.

In the third, fourth and fifth year, students will spend time on the wards and clinics where they will be introduced to clinical medicine. Students’ knowledge and clinical skills will be enhanced by working alongside clinical teams both in the hospital and also within community placements.

Students will regularly return to the main medical campus on Gozo for teaching weeks and assessments.

There is a frequent ferry service that carries passengers between Malta and Gozo. Students must allow for travel time from the ferry port to their final destination which is normally by bus.

For more information visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta-location

Teaching hospitals
Gozo General Hospital (GGH)
The hospital provides the main health care services on the island of Gozo. It will be one of the larger hospitals in the Maltese Islands, involving a range of in- and out-patient services as well as excellent medical care facilities.

Mater Dei Hospital (MDH)
Mater Dei Hospital is a large general teaching hospital in Malta that offers a full range of hospital services.

In collaboration with academic institutions, it also provides an extensive range of specialist services as well as being actively engaged in research and innovation.

Students may also spend time in these hospitals in Malta:
- Mount Carmel Hospital
- St Luke’s Hospital
- Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital
How will I find support?

Studying at an overseas university can be a daunting experience, but with close support, especially in the early stages, students feel very welcome and comfortable in their new home in Gozo. We have a dedicated Academic and Pastoral Support Unit in Malta with a Mental Health Coordinator who can make sure that you can get expert, personal and academic support at every stage of your studies from both the medical school in Malta or the wider university to help you get the most out of life as a Barts and The London Malta student and achieve your full potential.

For more information visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta-support

Residency and employment

An MBBS from Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry gives our graduates not only the skills and abilities needed to become a competent Foundation Year Doctor, but also the cutting-edge when they enter the competitive jobs market. Our London-based graduates have an impressive list of international postings on qualifying.

The number of Foundation jobs in Malta will be increased to accommodate Queen Mary MBBS Malta graduates.

For those who wish to pursue their postgraduate training elsewhere we will be able to give advice before and after enrolment. However, everyone’s situation is unique, so it is the responsibility of each applicant to check that this degree is acceptable to the Medical Council of the country or countries in which they wish to practise and that they have the right to live and work in those countries.

For more information visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta-accommodation
Queen Mary became a signatory to the Athena SWAN charter in 2005 and obtained its first Bronze award in 2008. In 2017, both the University and the School of Medicine received Silver Athena SWAN Awards.

Our student and staff community reflects our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion in order to ensure Queen Mary and Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry remain an exciting and inclusive environment of opportunity.

Please visit: qmul.ac.uk/malta for more details or email: qmul-malta@qmul.ac.uk
The new dental school is exceptional! I was privileged to be one of the first students to use the new and advancements.

Kulvir Singh Guram
Dentistry BDS 2018

Improving the appearance and function of teeth has a real and positive impact on the quality of people’s day-to-day lives.