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1. Welcome to the College

Congratulations on joining Imperial College London, the only university in the UK to focus exclusively on science, medicine, engineering and business.

From Fleming’s discovery of Penicillin to Gabor’s invention of holography, Imperial has been changing the world for well over 100 years. You’re now part of this prestigious community of discovery and we hope you will take this opportunity to make your own unique contribution.

We’re committed to providing you with the very best academic resources to enrich your experience. We also provide a dedicated support network and a range of specialist support services to make sure you have access to the appropriate help, whether that’s further training in an academic skill like note taking or simply having someone to talk to.

You’ll have access to an innovative range of professional development courses within our Graduate School throughout your time here, as well as opportunities to meet students from across the College at academic and social events – see page 6 for more information.

We actively encourage you to seek out help when you need it and try to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Our choice of over 380 clubs, societies and projects is one of the largest of any UK university, making it easy to do something different with your downtime. You also have access to gym and swimming facilities (following an annual fee of £30 in 2018-19) across our campuses.

As one of the best universities in the world, we are committed to inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers, clinicians and business leaders by continuing to share the wonder of what we do through public engagement events. Postgraduate students, alongside our academics and undergraduate students, make a significant contribution to events such as our annual Imperial Festival and our term-time Imperial Fringe events – if you’re interested in getting involved then there will be opportunities for you to do so.
Our Principles

In 2012 the College and Imperial College Union agreed ‘Our Principles’: a series of commitments made between students and the College. The Principles are reviewed annually by the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee and changes recommended for Senate approval.

Imperial will provide through its staff:
- A world class education embedded in a research environment
- Advice, guidance and support
- The opportunity for students to contribute to the evaluation and development of programmes and services

Imperial will provide students with:
- Clear programme information and assessment criteria
- Clear and fair academic regulations, policies and procedures
- Details of full programme costs and financial support
- An appropriate and inclusive framework for study, learning and research

Imperial students should:
- Take responsibility for managing their own learning
- Engage with the College to review and enhance provision
- Respect, and contribute to, the Imperial community

The Imperial College Students’ Union will:
- Support all students through the provision of independent academic and welfare assistance
- Encourage student participation in all aspects of the College
- Provide a range of clubs, societies, student-led projects and social activities throughout the year
- Represent the interests of students at local, national and international level

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/our-principles
Welcome from the Graduate School

Professor Sue Gibson, Director of the Graduate School

The Graduate School has several roles but our main functions are to provide a broad, effective and innovative range of professional development workshops and to facilitate interdisciplinary interactions by providing opportunity for students to meet at academic and social events. Whether you wish to pursue a career in academia, industry or something else, professional skills development training will improve your personal impact and will help you to become a productive and successful researcher.

Professional development courses for Master’s students are called “Masterclasses” and they cover a range of themes, for example, presentation skills, academic writing and leadership skills (http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills/masters/). All Masterclasses are free of charge to Imperial Master’s students and I would encourage you to take as many as you can to supplement your academic training. The Graduate School works closely with the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) and is keen to respond to student needs so if there is an area of development training, or an activity that you would like us to offer, but which is not currently provided, please do get in touch (graduate.school@imperial.ac.uk).

The Graduate School also runs a number of exciting social events throughout the year which are an opportunity to broaden your knowledge as well as to meet other students and have fun. You should regularly check the Graduate School’s website and e-Newsletters to keep up to date with all the events and development opportunities available to you. Finally, I hope that you enjoy your studies here at Imperial, and I wish you well.

Sue Gibson

The Graduate School

You automatically become a member of the Graduate School when you register as a postgraduate student at Imperial.

Dr Janet De Wilde, Head of Postgraduate Professional Development

I would like to welcome you to the Graduate School programme for postgraduate professional development. Our team of tutors come from a wide variety of experiences and we understand just how important it is to develop professional skills whilst undertaking postgraduate studies and research. Not only will this development improve success during your time at Imperial College, but it will also prepare you for your future careers. We are continually working to develop the courses we offer and over this year you will see a range of new courses including face-to-face workshops, interactive webinars and online self-paced courses. I encourage you to explore and engage with the diverse range of opportunities on offer from graduate school and I wish you well in your studies.

Janet De Wilde
The Graduate School has been set up to support all postgraduate students at the College through:

- Training and development courses
- Networking activities, social and academic events to encourage cross-disciplinary interactions
- Forums to represent the views of postgraduate students throughout the College

‘Masterclass’ professional skills courses

You can see the full range of free professional skills courses for postgraduate students on the Graduate School website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills/masters

All courses can be booked online.

Contact us

Level 3, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus
020 7594 1383
graduate.school@imperial.ac.uk
www.imperial.ac.uk/graduate-school
2. Welcome from the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU)

I am delighted to welcome you to Imperial College! Let me introduce you to the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU). We are the representative body defending your interests as a postgraduate student in major decisions taken by the College. Beyond that, we work towards building a thriving postgraduate community that spans faculties and where students effectively communicate in an interdisciplinary way. Our committee is comprised of motivated postgraduate students like yourself, who have been appointed in university-wide elections and volunteer to make your experience at Imperial as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible.

So, what are we up to for this coming year 2018/19? We are going to focus on three major areas of action:

- Continue improving post-graduate well-being by increasing the quality of supervision and by creating strategies to tackle common mental health challenges in higher education.
- Develop the GSU to become central to the postgraduate community by improving the two-way flow of information, between the GSU and you.
- Organise exciting events around the topics of well-being, interdisciplinary research, and entrepreneurship.

As the GSU president, I would like to emphasise that Imperial College London is relying on its postgraduate students to maintain its position as a front-runner in world-class research and teaching. For us, the GSU, to be successful we need to receive as much of your input as possible. We want to work with you, for you!

Finally, I hope that you have a fantastic time here at Imperial and take advantage of the richness of opportunities that awaits you. If ever you have questions or ideas to share with us, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we are looking forward to seeing you at our events!

Ute Thiermann, GSU President 2018/19

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3. Introduction to the Department

Welcome from the Head of Department

I am delighted to welcome you to the Department of Bioengineering at Imperial College London, and to congratulate you on gaining admission to Imperial. You have made a wise choice: Imperial is an outstanding university, and bioengineering is an exciting field that has a great future; bioengineering is the one field of engineering where engineers directly work to make sure people are fit and well, to maintain health, and to help manage ageing; this will never “go out of fashion” and can only grow as technology drives ever-stronger links between engineering, medicine, and the life sciences. The Department of Bioengineering has a history that goes back to the 1960s, and yet we are very focussed on the future of this new and fast-developing field of engineering. I hope that you will be energised by the excitement within the Department as we educate the leaders of tomorrow (that’s you!) and advance the frontiers of knowledge in this area.

Of course, university is about more than just the formal curriculum: here you will form lasting friendships and develop interests that will persist long after you have left Imperial. I hope that you will sample all that the Department and College have to offer outside the classroom, whether that be sports, student union, student clubs or volunteering opportunities. On behalf of the Department, I wish you all the best during your studies here.

Professor Anthony Bull
Head of Department
September 2018

Welcome from the Director of the MRes Bioengineering Programme

Many congratulations on having secured a place on the MRes in Bioengineering at Imperial College London this academic year. On behalf of all members of staff, I am writing to extend to you a very warm welcome to our department.

This MRes is a one-year full-time programme that is structured in two sections. The taught element encompasses subjects that will develop your critical evaluation of scientific literature, writing and presentation skills, as well as your abilities in programming and statistical analysis. During the research module, you will have the opportunity to lead a research project in one of our groups, and fully integrate into the research culture in our department.

Our MRes programme is designed to be a milestone in your career and open up opportunities in a broad range of employment areas. Bioengineering is a field with endless possibilities for creativity and ingenuity, which is something very important to consider when one contemplates a future research career. Furthermore, Imperial College London is an ideal institution for interdisciplinary research both within the College itself and with other institutions; its strategic location in the heart of a thriving metropolis offers a unique opportunity for collaborative work. Finally, more than 50% of our students come from overseas, and this will allow you to enjoy several cultures while gaining experience in scientific research.

I hope that you find your studies with us exciting and rewarding, and truly encourage you to excel and push the boundaries of our knowledge in the particular field of research upon which you will embark.

Dr Armando E. del Río Hernández, Programme Director
Welcome from the Director of Postgraduate Studies Research

Welcome to the Department of Bioengineering at Imperial College London. I am the Director of Postgraduate Studies (Research) and together with the Student Support Team, we are here to enable you to achieve your full academic potential. The Department of Bioengineering is young, dynamic, highly international and extremely interdisciplinary. Research groups here strive to understand biological processes and solve engineering problems that range from the molecular scale to the physiological level, with diverse methodologies encompassing mathematical and computational modelling to clinical studies. We are the UK’s leading bioengineering department at one of the best universities in the world precisely because we attract people like you. Your time ahead in the department will no doubt be full of challenges, but I am sure it will also be an exhilarating journey!

Dr Angela Kedgley

Director of Postgraduate Studies (Research)
Welcome!

Welcome to the place of innovation, where science-fiction meets science and reality. Welcome to the place, where the applications mathematics and physics can save lives. Welcome to the place with the best departmental music band in the World... Welcome to the Department of Bioengineering at Imperial College London!

I am Miro and I am your Departmental Representative. That means that my job is to help you to make your time at Imperial one of the best experiences in your life. And how will I accomplish this? Well, I will make sure that all of us can have a say into how things are run here and that students' opinions are always heard, reflected and respected.

I will be here to negotiate on your behalf at various levels across the College, from the Departmental Teaching Committee, to the College Education Representation Boards. Along with my colleagues (year representatives that you will soon elect) we will be discussing a variety of issues during the Staff-Student Committee meetings, we will be talking with external examiners, and doing many other things to represent your voice.

Having been a Dep Rep last year and a Year Rep for two years, I can confirm that your voice and opinions really matter! We have been able to achieve many positive improvements through constructive discussion with staff members. These can range from addition of a new microwave in the RSM Café to the changes in course structures. Therefore, no matter how tiny your issue is, do not hesitate to let me or your Year Reps know. Even small suggestions can lead to significant developments and will allow us to keep our reputation as one of the best Bioengineering departments in the World – and not only academically! Furthermore, we have a College-wide curriculum assessment ahead of us, and all your comments and thoughts will be immensely helpful and appreciated.

I could give you many practical tips regarding student lifehacks, academic tips or the best places to get coffee on campus, all accompanied with good stories from our daily life here. But why not to hear all these from me in person? Seriously, this leads me to the most important thing – do not ever hesitate to talk to your Year Reps or to talk to me – I will be here for you, ready to talk or to go for a coffee (I drink loads of it, so I can drink it with you as well 😊). And never forget that we have awesome staff members and lecturers here at Department of Bioengineering, so never be afraid to speak with them!

In a short time, some of you will work for big companies, some will start their own, and some of you will become famous researchers. However, I hope that all of you will always keep the time you spent at Imperial in your memory as one of your best experiences and I am ready to help you with that! And now enough talking and let’s start the new academic year!

Miro
Miroslav Gasparek
Department of Bioengineering Student Representative
4. Welcome from the Imperial College Bioengineering Society

Welcome!

Undergraduate degree, **check**. Postgraduate degree, **loading...** As a postgraduate student, you have a challenging year ahead but are you ready for what’s to come? Of course! Having surpassed all undergraduate challenges, your enhanced problem solving skills and grit will keep you moving forward. Therefore, it is a great privilege for the ICBE committee to welcome you into our Bioengineering department!

To know more about us, read on 😊 But before the fun stuff, a bit of history and formalities:

ICBE is a constituent society of the Imperial College Union (ICU) and is under the wing of the City and Guilds College Union (CGCU). Since the society was established just over a decade ago by a group of enthusiastic MSc students, ICBE has been run with the aim of broadening the experiences of Bioengineering students beyond that of the curriculum. Are you an undergraduate (MEng) or postgraduate (MSc, MRes, PhD) student? In that case, then you are a member of ICBE!

As your Departmental Society, ICBE organises and executes the socials, careers fair, trips and networking opportunities for you to grow as a Bioengineer at Imperial, but also to enjoy your time here as a student! Everyone in the committee chose to volunteer and serve all other Bioengineering students by offering these opportunities to you, and we hope that you will find value in all the events that you attend.

Now here’s the fun stuff:

Did you hear about Christmas Dinner, networking with entrepreneurs and getting internship advice? Then you heard right! ICBE organises yearly Christmas Dinners and subsidized trips to other cities (in the past: Bristol, Brighton, Bath). Besides socials, you will have the opportunity of hearing from your fellow Bioengineers, who will share their summer internship or research experiences, or from biotech start-up CEOs and senior entrepreneurs, whom you will also have the opportunity of networking with!

In recent years, ICBE co-organised a 2-day IC HealthHack, the first Imperial hackathon that focused on the creation of software and hardware solutions to healthcare problems. You too will have the opportunity to take part in the next hackathon we organise and further develop your technical skills!

Is there anything else you would like to see? Then please contact us (see email below) or anyone in the committee about your idea and we will consider if your idea will benefit you and your peers.

But for now, the ICBE committee genuinely wishes you a great year ahead at the Department of Bioengineering and that you grow as a Bioengineer at Imperial!

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To keep up to date with our upcoming events or to contact us, see the links below:

Email: bgsoc@ic.ac.uk
5. Using this handbook

The handbook contains very important information for your academic life, and also for your life at Imperial College London outside of study. You should read the handbook as soon as possible after you receive it so that if an event or circumstance arises, you know what action to take, or at least know that the information on what action to take is available to you.

You will be issued with a copy of the handbook for your programme and year of study in week one of the autumn term, and you will also be able to access the PDF document online from the current research students page of the Department of Bioengineering website.

Included in this handbook is essential information about:
- What to do if you run into difficulties affecting your academic life;
- What to do if you run into difficulties in your personal life, such as illness;
- Departmental and College contacts and resources available to you;
- The structure and content of your degree programme and year of study.

There are a number of other important sources of information from the Department, and we would encourage you to make use of these:
- Useful links, module descriptors, timetable information and year-specific information can be accessed via the current research students page on the Department of Bioengineering webpages, at http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/research/.
- There is an information board outside the Student Study Room (3.06, RSM)
- Important information will be communicated to you via email, so please ensure you check your College email address regularly.
6. Key academic staff

- **Professor Anthony Bull**
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8. English language requirement

If you are not a native English speaker you must meet the College’s English language requirements. See the Admissions website for details:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements/english

For information on English language support available while you’re here:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english/masters-students/
9. Important procedures – Attendance, emergencies and absence

- You must inform your Postgraduate Tutor if you are absent from the College for more than three days during term
- If the absence is due to illness you must produce a medical certificate after seven days
- If you miss an examination through illness you must contact your Postgraduate Tutor on the day and provide a medical certificate within five working days
- If illness has impacted on your ability to take assessment, you should seek advice and support about making a claim for mitigating circumstances
- Please note that there is a deadline of 5 working days from the date the assessment is due (hand-in date or examination date for example) to make a claim under mitigating circumstances.

- The Registry will be informed of all student non-attendances as the College is obliged to report the non-attendance of students on Tier 4 visas to the Home Office.

From time to time unfortunate events can happen, so it is important you are familiar with these procedures, so that you know who to contact and what to do in case of an emergency or serious problems.

1. If there is any fire, medical or security emergency:

In an emergency, dial extension 4444 from any internal phone or 020 7589 1000. This line is supported 24 hours a day. State your exact location, your name and extension number. Security Control will immediately mobilise the required emergency services. Do not ring 999 – Security will do this.

If you discover a fire, immediately press the nearest red alarm call point. Warn people in the vicinity. Evacuate the building and be ready to tell Security and Fire Officers where the fire is.

Read more about our Health and Safety procedures in Section below.

2. If you are ill and think you may miss an exam or assessment deadline:

You should do both of the following:

a. Immediately contact the Department via one of the below channels:
   i. Student Office: Ms Rebecca Pointer: +44 (0)20 7594 5122 (r.pointer@imperial.ac.uk) or one of the Student Administrators
   ii. Postgraduate Tutor: Dr Tom Ellis (t.ellis@imperial.ac.uk)

b. Contact a registered medical doctor as soon as possible for an examination - they are the only people who can pronounce that you are medically unfit to take an exam.
   i. You must follow the mitigation procedure and it is vital that you obtain a medical certificate from a registered doctor. This is necessary to support your mitigation request.
   ii. We highly recommend that you obtain a medical certificate by contacting the Imperial College Health Centre - they are equipped to help in this situation, and if you attend as soon as you can after 8.30am, stating that you have an exam, they will make sure that you get seen quickly.
      Imperial College Health Centre: +44 (0)20 7584 6301 (imperialcollege.hc@nhs.net)

3. If you, or a friend, are/is suffering stress or depression:

a. Contact the Health Centre (details above) or the Student Counselling Service: +44(0)20 7594 9637 (counselling@imperial.ac.uk).
b. If you feel you can, contact someone in the Department such as the Postgraduate Tutor or your Supervisor.

c. The Student Space website has lots of useful information on dealing with stress and where to find additional help and support: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space/

4. Illness, absence, or inability to submit coursework

a. If you have to be absent through illness or for any other personal reasons, you must let the Student Office (details above) know as soon as possible. If you are likely to miss a coursework, lab or exam deadline, please ensure you contact the Student Office without delay.

b. It is important that you familiarise yourself with the information about absences in Section 2, ‘Attendance and absence’.

Who to speak to if you need help
There are a lot of people and resources in place to support you during your time at Imperial College London. Don’t suffer in silence - we take the welfare of our students very seriously indeed and will try to provide all the help that we can if you encounter problems of any sort. If we can’t help directly, then we will direct you to someone who can. Contacts in the Department of Bioengineering

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Bioengineering Librarian: Ms Eleni Zazani
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- finding books, and using e-journals.
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Student representatives
- Liaison between the student body and the Department, and other student organisations e.g. Imperial College Union
  - Find your representatives on the webpage: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/staff-student-committee/

College-wide resources
Outside the Department, the College provides extensive student support services.

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| Imperial College Security       | In case of any kind of fire, medical emergency, or threat, contact Security immediately.       | security.control@imperial.ac.uk
  - +44 (0)20 7589 1000
  - Dial 4444 from any internal telephone.                                           |
| Imperial College Health Centre  | Doctors and nurses are available to provide care for a range of medical and psychological problems. | imperialcollege.hc@nhs.net
  - +44 (0)20 7584 6301
  - http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk                                     |
| Student Counselling Service     | Free and confidential short-term counselling is available to all students, to discuss any personal issue. | http://www.imperial.ac.uk/counselling/                                          |
| Student Hub                     | Advice and information on a wide range of topics, including admissions, finance, accommodation, exchange programmes and documentation. | http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub/                                          |
| International Student Support   | General international student support, information on visas and immigration and the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS). | https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/
  - +44 (0) 20 7594 8040.                                                            |
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10. Key dates 2018-19

You can also find useful information about key dates on the following websites:
- http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/secretariat/information-for-staff/college-year-card/
- http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/registry/term-dates/

### Bank holidays

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### Term dates

#### Autumn
- Saturday 29 September 2018 – Friday 14 December 2018

#### Spring
- Saturday 5 January 2019 – Friday 22 March 2019

#### Summer
- Saturday 27 April 2019 – Friday 29 June 2019

### College closures

- **Christmas**
  - Saturday 22 December 2018 – Tuesday 1 January 2019 (Inclusive)
- **Easter**
  - Thursday 18 April 2019 – Tuesday 23 April 2019 (Inclusive)
Your student journey
As a postgraduate Masters student, you’ve already spent a significant amount of time at university, whether here at Imperial College London or elsewhere. Congratulations on your achievements so far; you’ve joined the leading Department for Bioengineering in the UK, at one of the best universities in the world.

Your programme of study in Biomedical Engineering will be complemented by a comprehensive programme of professional development, delivered by Imperial’s Graduate School. This is a critical part of postgraduate study at Imperial. It includes over 100 free professional development courses to enable you to continually develop as a researcher and gain skills that will benefit your career.

You will all have a different journey, and different experiences during your time at Imperial. In the Department you will find many of your fellow students are studying on different programmes. This will be very beneficial for you in developing an interdisciplinary outlook, as it offers opportunities to engage with colleagues who specialise in different areas and have different background knowledge.

Bear in mind that some things at Imperial may be very different to previous institutions at which you may have studied. It is best not to make assumptions about rules and what you have to do – always ask your Supervisor, Module Leader, Personal Tutor, the Academic Tutor or the Student Office if you’re not sure of something.

We hope that you will find the Department of Bioengineering to be a lively, inspiring place. As you know, university students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and welfare, but there are lots of people and resources in place to support you, so please do make the most of them and ask for help or information if you need it.

Our MRes programmes will prepare you for a research career in Bioengineering. The programme aims to:

- Produce postgraduates equipped to pursue careers at the interface between the physical, biological and medical sciences in academia, industry, the public sector and non-governmental organisations
- Develop the ability to undertake research in multidisciplinary teams at this interface
- Develop research and analytical skills related to bioengineering
- Develop oral and written scientific presentation skills
- Provide an experience which is intellectually stimulating, enjoyable and meets students’ needs
- Provide a solid foundation for those intending to go on to study for a PhD.

You may have moved from another university to attend Imperial College London, or perhaps you’ve moved internationally. It can take some time to adapt to the changes and you may feel overwhelmed. We understand this and would recommend that you get involved with Departmental life and also explore some of the clubs and societies outside of your academic area. London is a fantastic city so make sure you do some exploring as well.

Programme Description

The MRes Bioengineering is a 12-month full-time programme, leading to the award of the MRes Bioengineering degree. Total credits awarded are 90 ECTS.

The course involves lectures and practical work in the first term, followed by full-time work on a research project. A variety of seminars and workshops are provided to deepen and broaden your research skill base. The programme will prepare students to analyse and solve problems in bioengineering using an integrated, multidisciplinary approach.

Students are integrated into the research culture of the department by joining a research group. A selection of “short workshop” format modules is provided, primarily in the first term, to address key
technical training requirements common to many areas of bioengineering. Most research training, however, is provided within the research group and overseen by the Research Supervisor.

The programme begins with compulsory (core) and elective modules and practicals in the first term, during which time you also make your choice of research project, and begin working on a literature survey and research proposal (to be submitted in January).

You will also attend the dedicated MRes journal club in the first term, as well as attending Departmental seminars throughout the year, and the Department of Bioengineering PhD Assessment days, which are structured as mini-symposia. During terms 2 and 3, you concentrate mainly on your research project, but additional modules may also be taken.

A piece of coursework on a small data analysis or modelling project conducted during term 1 is submitted in January. A presentation is given at the journal club during term 1, which is assessed by the MRes Programme Director. A piece of coursework (an essay of 1500 words) on the topic of one of the seminars attended must be handed in by the end of May latest. The exact deadlines will be confirmed and communicated appropriately by the Student Office. You also present a poster giving preliminary details of your research at a Departmental Poster Day.

You hand in your final thesis (project report) in early or mid-September, with an oral examination after the submission of the thesis (report) at the end of September. The Graduate School Plagiarism Awareness course must also be taken before August. Students are also encouraged to take further two professional skills courses that are offered by the Graduate School.

The programme specifications can be accessed at:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/study/postgraduate-research/

Further information, about programmes, for current students can be found at:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/research/mres/

Information about the Department of Bioengineering, including history, teaching and research information can be found on our website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/about/

Information about Imperial College London, including history, strategy, finances, structure and governance can be found on the website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/introducing-imperial/

Programme Learning Outcomes

The Imperial Graduate Attributes are a set of core competencies which we expect students to achieve through completion of any Imperial College degree programme. The Graduate Attributes are available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/students/academic-support/graduate-attributes

Knowledge and Understanding of:

- Core and specialised concepts in bioengineering research
- Research techniques, including information retrieval, experimental design and statistics, computer modelling, sampling, experimental techniques, engineering design, problem solving, and laboratory safety
- Detailed knowledge and understanding of the essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relevant to the student’s project
- Management and communication skills, including problem definition, project design, decision processes, teamwork, written and oral reports, scientific proposals and publications.

Intellectual Skills:

- Analyse and solve problems in bioengineering using an integrated multidisciplinary approach
- Integrate and evaluate information
- Formulate and test hypotheses using appropriate design of models or experiments, as well as statistical analysis of data
- Plan, conduct and write-up a programme of original research.
Practical Skills:

- Plan and execute safely a series of experiments or computations
- Use laboratory methods or computer-based tools to generate data
- Analyse results, determine their strength and validity, and make recommendations
- Prepare technical reports
- Give technical presentations
- Use the scientific literature effectively.

Transferable Skills:

- Communicate effectively across different scientific disciplines through oral presentations, computer processing and presentations, and written reports
- Apply knowledge, experimental and modelling skills
- Management skills: decision processes, objective criteria, problem definition, project design and evaluation needs
- Integrate and evaluate information from a variety of sources
- Transfer techniques and solutions from one discipline to another
- Use Information and Communications Technology
- Manage resources and time
- Learn independently with open-mindedness and critical enquiry
- Learn effectively for the purpose of continuing professional development.

Programme Structure

Please note that not all combinations of optional modules may be possible due to timetabling constraints. The timetable can be found online at:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/programme-administration/

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In addition to above: All postgraduate students are required to take a compulsory online course in plagiarism awareness and encouraged to take two professional skills courses. run by the Graduate School:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills/
Selecting elective modules
As part of your MRes programme, you are able to choose elective modules. Elective modules may only be chosen within the constraints specified by your programme, and it should be noted that not all combinations of optional modules may be possible due to timetabling constraints.

In 2018-19 elective module selection will be via the Departmental Student system (DSS), accessible at http://www.imperial.ac.uk/dss.

You must use DSS to select both your compulsory specialist modules and your elective option.

Once you have selected your modules on DSS, you will be enrolled in Blackboard. The system refreshes overnight so you may not see the modules appear in Blackboard straight away. Further instructions on module selection will be provided via email at the start of the academic year. If you have any difficulties or questions please speak to someone in the Student Office.

Modules that need to be registered via DSS-Departmental Student System include the modules below (full descriptors available on the Departmental website: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-ug/options/b9a1/)

All assignment descriptions can be found on the Blackboard page of BE9-MRESBIO MRes Bioengineering programme: https://bb.imperial.ac.uk
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### Selecting modules on DSS

Please familiarise yourself with DSS once you have arrived in the department and select your options online once you have discussed this with your supervisor. Electives should be selected as soon as possible and at the latest by the end of week 2. Registration of elective modules on DSS ensures that you are also enrolled in Blackboard.
Research modules
Students should begin working on their 6-page literature review and research proposal in the first term, ready to submit in January.

In the second term (normally in June), as part of a departmental poster day, students will produce a poster detailing their plan of research and preliminary results and give a brief oral presentation on the poster to two examiners.

The research project will comprise much of the time spent on the course over the year and the project report (MRes thesis) is worth 45% of the overall degree mark. Arrangements for the project can be flexible, for example a student may:

- Be supervised by one supervisor only, or by two or more supervisors with different expertise
- Have one supervisor from industry
- Work on one single unitary thesis or on two individual subjects, assessed separately
- Conduct their research in one laboratory or undertake “rotations” in more than one lab.

The format of the research project should be discussed with the supervisor and (if required) MRes Programme Director and finalised in the first term.

Timetables
Your timetable will be made available at the beginning of term. The Department publishes year-group timetables online on the following page but students are always advised to consult their own personal timetable in the first instance: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/programme-administration/

Reading lists
Reading lists for each of your modules can be found online in Leganto and/or will be supplied directly by the lecturers. The College Central Library has copies of all the textbooks you will need so there is no need to rush out and buy copies of them! The Department also has a small collection of books which you are welcome to use but you may not take away from the Department.

Reading week
Every term, there is a Reading Week, usually Week 7 of term. The Reading Week is free from lectures (but study groups and labs do still take place) and is meant for reading, studying and catching up. The following rules apply to reading week:

1. You are expected to remain present and assessable during Reading Week. The UKVI and College regulations require you, as an enrolled student to be present during term time. Absences are not allowed unless they are necessary and these must be authorised in advance. A request for absence can be made with the appropriate form, available online from http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/
2. There will be no lectures in Reading Week so you can catch up with learning and also work on coursework or projects
3. GTA (Graduate Teaching Assistant) led laboratories/practicals and study groups will run during Reading Week so you can continue to get GTA support. Attendance at these labs and study groups is still mandatory.
4. The Reading Weeks apply to Bioengineering modules only. If you take modules in other Departments you will probably have lectures during our Reading Week. Although some Departments also have a Reading Week, it might not be the same week as ours.

Laboratory information and procedures
The Department is housed in newly refurbished purpose-built space within the historic Royal School of Mines and its adjacent Bessemer buildings. Our Department boasts state-of-the-art laboratories, from 'wet labs' for cell culture, chemistry, histology, flow studies, biosensors and electrophysiology to 'dry labs' for modelling, electronics, 3D printing and imaging. The space has been designed to promote greater interaction among researchers, exactly what is needed for the interdisciplinary field that is modern bioengineering.
The individual labs can be further explored here:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/about/facilities/

Usually it is the project supervisor who authorises lab access and advises on ordering consumables and equipment when needed. There is a comprehensive Laboratory/Safety Intranet where students can/should:

- Access training information and book training sessions
- Contact lab manager (Ken Keating) or lab technicians
- Do lab risk assessments
- Request lone working
- Order lab material (need approval from supervisor)
- Log equipment or infrastructure defects
- Report accidents.

→ https://imperiallondon.sharepoint.com/sites/foe/Bioengineering/LIMS

**Competency Standards**
The Department’s competency standards can be accessed online at:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/programme-administration/

**Module Descriptors**
Module descriptors can be found online at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/options/

**Professional Skills Development**
All postgraduate students are required to take a compulsory online course in plagiarism awareness and at least 2 professional skills courses. Such courses are provided by the award-winning Graduate School. Their MasterClass programme has been designed specifically to meet the needs of Master’s level students. It is a series of stand-alone lectures covering a range of skills. Each of the sessions has been designed to give you an introduction to each individual topic.
The lecture sessions are normally 90 minutes in duration and held on Wednesday lunchtimes. Courses are free and there is no limit to the number you can attend. These generic lecture sessions also offer a great opportunity for you to meet fellow students from other parts of the College. The full programme can be viewed on the Graduate School website, and you should read the course description and discuss your timetable with your course director before booking.

A booklet detailing the courses is provided in your welcome pack and full details can also be found on the Graduate School website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills/masters/

You are required to complete the compulsory Plagiarism Awareness Online Course.

**Imperial Mobile app**
Don't forget to download the free Imperial Mobile app for access to College information and services, including your programme timetable, College emails and a library catalogue search tool.

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/imperialmobile](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/imperialmobile)

**Imperial Success Guide**
The Imperial Success Guide is an online resource with advice and tips on the transition to Master’s level study. More than just a study guide, it is packed with advice created especially for Imperial Master’s students, including information on support, health and well-being and ideas to help you make the most of London.

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/success-guide](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/success-guide)
12. Assessment

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*Denotes a core (compulsory) module

# Note: The usual assessment for elective MSc modules will be via a brief written report and not via examination or any other method described in the module descriptors. The report on elective modules is pass/fail only and does not contribute to the degree score. HOWEVER, there may be exceptions when selected MSc electives require every student to be part of the class or groups and thus relevant coursework must be completed.

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**percentage of total MRes mark

The method of assessment for the MRes (due dates in brackets):

- A journal club presentation (Term 1)
- A literature survey and thesis proposal (January)
- A written report (coursework) related to the Statistics & Data Analysis module (January)
- A piece of coursework (report) relating to the Computational Methods in Bioengineering module (January)
- A piece of coursework (essay of max 1500 words) on the topic of one of the seminars attended (May)
- A poster presentation to show preliminary results of the research (June)
- A piece of coursework on any elective modules taken in term. NB: This assessment is pass/fail and does not contribute to degree score
- A project report (thesis), due at the end of the programme (September)
- A final oral examination (September).

Assignment descriptions are available on Blackboard: https://bb.imperial.ac.uk.

Students should take note of the assessment deadlines as detailed in the MRes timeline, but will additionally be informed of all upcoming deadlines by the Student Office in sufficient time. Penalties will apply for late submission of assessments.
Rules of Progression and Classification

The pass mark for all Master’s level modules is 50%. Students must pass all elements in order to be awarded a degree. If any module score is less than 50% it must be compensated by other modules in the same element. However if any module score is less than 40% it is deemed to be failed and the Board of Examiners at their discretion will decide whether the student can be deemed to have passed the MRes overall.

1. Minimum standards (i.e. 50%) in each of the two assessed elements (coursework, written thesis and research presentation) will be required with an overall pass mark of 50%. To achieve pass with distinction a minimum of 70% is required in each of the elements. To achieve a pass with merit a minimum of 60% is required in each of the elements.

2. To qualify for the award of MRes, students must complete all the course requirements, including the participation in mandatory extra curriculum events, and must achieve an overall pass mark in the combined examinations.

3. Students will be given two marks, one for each marked element. There will also be an overall mark used to decide whether a student obtains a Merit or Distinction. For this overall mark, the weighting of the individual marks is 25% for the taught element (1/4 each for the written examination, journal club presentation, essay and report), and 75% for the research element (10% for the literature review & thesis proposal, 10% for the poster presentation, 45% for the thesis and 10% for the oral viva). The two independent viva examiners provide internal marks for the oral exam (about 45 minutes) and the research report. Both viva examiners will finally provide an agreed mark. The final mark for the research project, conduct, and viva is the average of the marks from the supervisors and the agreed mark from the viva examiners. The external examiners will moderate the final mark if necessary.

In order to achieve a Pass-  
A student must:  

- Achieve an aggregate mark of at least 50% in each of the two programme elements.

In order to achieve a Merit-  
A student must:  

- Achieve an aggregate mark of at least 60% in each of the two programme elements.

In order to achieve a Distinction-  
A student must:  

- Achieve an aggregate mark of at least 70% in each of the two programme elements.
Grade descriptions

In UK universities, exams and coursework are set to challenge all students even the best. Typically, modules have a mean mark in the range 60-70%. This is very different to for example Grade Point Average systems used in other countries, where the class mean is much higher. While exam marks are determined by the mark schemes, the following grade descriptors may be helpful in explaining what the examiners are looking for.

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<td>1st 70%+</td>
<td>An excellent piece of work that is well set out, lucid, unambiguous and factually complete. Indicates that the student has a good grasp of the concepts and mechanisms involved. Includes a critical or creative contribution. Good diagrams where appropriate.</td>
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<td>Upper 2nd 0-69%</td>
<td>A clear exposition that contains the essential material (including basic mechanisms and concepts) and sufficient additional material to show that the student has a good understanding of the subject. Good diagrams where appropriate. Normally free from errors in reasoning.</td>
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<td>Lower 2nd 50-59%</td>
<td>An adequate presentation, which includes most of the essential material logically presented with indications that it is understood rather than simply regurgitated.</td>
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<td>3rd 40-49%</td>
<td>Presentation of some of the basic facts/mechanisms but with little detail and some omissions and errors.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fail 39-30%</td>
<td>Facts rather thin, with some material confused or presented in an ambiguous manner that suggests that the student does not fully understand the appropriate concepts.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bad Fail 29% or less</td>
<td>Clearly lacking in content. Confused or erroneous reasoning. Major point(s) omitted and errors of fact.</td>
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Moderation policy

Occasionally it is necessary to moderate exam and/or module marks to account for a variety of situations (e.g. an exam that turned out to be too difficult or failed to discriminate between students well near the pass mark). Moderation only takes place on anonymised module marks.

The process of moderation for modules run by the Department of Bioengineering is explained below.

Module examiners mark exams and coursework according to the marking scheme agreed with the External Examiners. If small modifications to the marking scheme are necessary, these can be implemented and are noted at the Examiners’ Progression and Awards Board.

Modules are then reviewed by a moderation panel consisting of at least three of the following: Academic Tutor, Postgraduate Tutor, Examinations Officer, Director of Postgraduate Studies or their representatives or deputies.

The panel reviews the mean, standard deviation and also the distribution of the module marks. If the panel decides the distribution is unsatisfactory then moderation is considered and the Departmental moderation policy applied. The following moderations are usually considered:

a. If the mean is outside desired range, the minimal shift to bring it into this range is normally performed
b. If there is a double peak or a long tail, a ‘tail uplift’ moderation is usually performed
c. If there is a more complex problem (e.g. faulty question part), the panel may consider the effect of using more targeted, question based moderation.

Moderations are discussed with the External Examiners prior to the Examiners’ Progression and Awards Board and again at the Examiners’ Progression and Awards Board itself. This ensures all students are treated fairly and no one is disadvantaged by the process. Finally, at the Board, module leaders are requested to provide an explanation to the Board as to what happened, and present a plan to avoid moderation next year.

Mitigation policy

During your degree there may be exceptional times when your attendance, performance, ability to complete and submit work, sit exams or tests or otherwise meet your responsibilities as a student are adversely affected by circumstances beyond your control. Examples of these circumstances are serious illness or death of a close relative.

When genuine mitigating circumstances occur, the Department will do its best to help you deal with the situation, and ensure that you are not penalised for something that is not your fault.

The Department must also be careful to ensure that the circumstances are genuine and sufficiently serious enough to be classified as mitigating circumstances. Any fraudulent claims will be dealt with by the College’s disciplinary procedures.

The College therefore has a form for students to request that mitigating circumstances are taken into account, which is available from the College website:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/

In most cases students will also be required to submit documentary evidence, such as an official doctor's note.

If you think you have mitigating circumstances affecting any of the following:

- Attendance at exams
- Submission of coursework
- Attendance at progress tests, oral tests or any other kind of test whether assessed or non-assessed
- Any other responsibility as a student that is assessed, affects the assessment of others or may have any impact on marks or qualification.

Inform the Student Office as soon as possible in person or by telephone on +44 (0)20 7594 9296 followed by a confirmation email to m.obrien@imperial.ac.uk or +44 (0)20 7594 5122 followed by a confirmation email to r.pointer@imperial.ac.uk. If possible this should be before the deadline or affected exam.

If you cannot contact the Department because, for example, it is the weekend, email m.obrien@imperial.ac.uk and r.pointer@imperial.ac.uk as soon as possible. Please use your Imperial College email address if possible to ensure your email does not get spam filtered.

Then the following procedure must be followed:

1. Fill in the College form requesting consideration of mitigating circumstances and submit it.
2. The form should be submitted to the Student Office except in the case where confidentiality is essential, in which case it should be submitted to the Senior Tutor or Deputy Senior Tutor, and the Student Office should be notified that it has been submitted.
3. Obtain the necessary documentary proof – e.g. if you are ill, a doctor's note from a professionally recognised doctor. The College Health Centre is the best place for this as they understand that we require their opinion on the likely effects of your illness on your performance.

The complete form together with the documentary proof should be submitted as soon as possible, and within 5 working days of the start of the circumstances.
All cases will be considered by a Departmental Mitigating Circumstances Panel, consisting of the Senior Tutor, Deputy Senior Tutor and Academic Tutor, who meet throughout the term to make a provisional ruling. This is subject to approval by the Examinations Board, which meets at the end of the academic year.

If the circumstances described in the request form are not considered serious enough to be genuine mitigating circumstances or the evidence is not sufficient, then the request will be rejected, and the situation will be treated as it would have been had the request not been made.

For example, if an exam was missed for a reason that was not considered a genuine mitigating circumstance, (e.g. student had the wrong day), then the exam would be counted as a fail.

If the request for mitigating circumstances is accepted, the departmental Mitigation Policy is followed:

**In the case that one or two exams are significantly affected, the following potential outcomes apply:**

1. If there is an opportunity to resit the exam without disadvantaging the student, by for example taking a second mastery test as if it were the first attempt, then this is the favoured option
2. If the exam was taken and there is some evidence of learning (for example, from coursework), then the mark is set to ‘MP’, Mitigated Pass, which removes the mark from the degree calculations while allowing progression to the next year.

If a student has mitigating circumstances affecting all exams rather than one or two exams specifically identified as being affected, one or two exams may be set to ‘MP’, to take into consideration their overall performance.

Otherwise, if more than two exams are significantly affected or if overall performance is catastrophic, the student will be invited back to take exams, and the Board of Examiners should consider whether the student would benefit from attending the whole year again.

**In the case that coursework has been missed, the following potential outcomes apply:**

1. The coursework be accepted for full credit, or
2. That a new piece of coursework be submitted with a new deadline for full credit, or
3. The Committee will suggest an appropriate alternative assessment.

Please note that the Board of Examiners will look at patterns of lateness of coursework submission and lecture, tutorial and lab attendance over all terms when deciding which of the above outcomes is applicable.

**Aegrotat provision**

See the College's academic regulations for MSc degrees:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations/

**Assessment of project work**

Main guidance comes from the supervisor.

**Coursework deadlines and academic feedback policy**

**Types of coursework**

During your degree, you will work on various sorts of exercises to be carried out outside the classroom. These will include problem sheets, projects, practical reports and essays. Many modules include some assessed coursework (summative assessment). You may also have coursework to complete which doesn’t contribute to your final mark but is for your learning (formative assessments). It is extremely important that you complete all your coursework, whether formative or summative, as it is set for your learning.

**Deadlines for coursework**

There are very strict deadlines for the submission of assessed coursework. You should plan your work so that you can complete these assignments in the appropriate time. To help you plan and manage
your time, the Department publishes the coursework deadlines for the forthcoming term, and publishes
the date by which you can expect to receive feedback. This information is provided at the start of term.

The date and time for coursework submission will be published and it is essential that you submit your
coursework by this time. Please be aware that all dates and times are in UK local time and it is your
responsibility to ensure these are met. The method by which you submit your coursework will be
explained by the relevant module leader.

**Definition of late submission**
Late submission is defined by the College as “any piece of assessed work which is submitted beyond
the published deadline (date and time)”.

**Penalties for late submission**
Work submitted up to 24 hours after the assessment deadline will be marked but the mark will be capped
at the pass mark (typically 40% for undergraduate students and 50% for postgraduate students).

Work submitted more than 24 hours after the deadline will not be accepted as a valid attempt and a
mark of zero will be recorded. The Department is not obliged to mark (or provide feedback on) work
submitted more than 24 hours after the deadline but may do so if it judges the submission to be in a
reasonable time and that there are educational benefits. If late work is marked, feedback and marks
may be provided outside of the published schedule.

This policy relates to calendar days and so both weekends, weekdays and public holidays are included.

**Plagiarism**
Coursework must be your own work and not copied, or plagiarised, from others. Most coursework will
be submitted electronically via Blackboard, which has a plagiarism detector called Turnitin. For more
information on plagiarism, please see information in your handbook or on the College website at:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/library/learning-support/plagiarism-awareness/.

**Mitigating Circumstances**
This policy on late submission does not apply where a student has been granted an extension as a
result of successfully making a claim for mitigated circumstances, but it would apply if a student missed
the extended deadline without any subsequent approved further extension.

The full College Policy on Late submission of Assessment can be found online at:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-
services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/marking-and-moderation/Late-
submission-Policy.pdf

**Academic Feedback on Assessment**

**Marks**
Coursework marks will either be returned to you by the responsible lecturer or will be available from the
Student Office or the College’s Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Blackboard.

**Issuing of provisional marks**
The Department may release provisional marks for some assessed work prior to ratification by the
Board of Examiners. It will be made clear to students in the coursework calendar if provisional marks
will be released or not. Where such marks are released, they are provisional and are subject to change
by the Board of Examiners.

Provisional marks will not be released for major pieces of work (e.g. dissertations) prior to the meeting
of the Board of Examiners.

The College’s full policy on the Issuing of Provisional Marks to Students is available online at:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-
services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/marking-and-moderation/Guidelines-
for-issuing-provisional-marks-to-students-on-taught-programmes.pdf.

**Feedback formats**
Feedback may be provided in one of a number of formats, including (but not limited to):
• Oral (during or after lectures, personally or as a group feedback session)
• Personal (discussion with academics during office hours, meetings with Personal Tutors)
• Interactive (problem solving tutorials with GTAs & study groups, peer feedback)
• Written (solutions/model answers to coursework, electronic feedback on online quizzes).

**Timing of feedback**  
The dates for students to receive feedback on their assessments are indicated in the coursework calendars provided before the start of teaching.

Typically, these deadlines are set for 10 working days after the submission deadline (not including weekends, public holidays or College Closure days). However, in some circumstances, such as when an assessment is particularly significant and will therefore take a long time to mark, a longer timeframe for feedback may be set. A longer timeframe will also be set for feedback on examinations. Please refer to the coursework calendar for information on when coursework is due for submission and when you can expect to receive feedback on your work.

**Feedback on exams (if applicable)**  
Preliminary exam results will be provided to students as provisional marks. These results are provisional and are subject to change by the Board of Examiners, for example by moderation. Module leaders will produce a short summary of cohort performance in examinations which will be provided to students after the Board of Examinations.

**College policy on exams and religious obligations**  
The major examination periods are timed to accommodate the requirements of each individual degree programme and you may therefore find that you have an exam scheduled during a particular religious festival or period of religious observance.

If this is the case you should speak to someone in the Department as soon as possible – usually this would be the Postgraduate Tutor. Your Tutor should listen to your situation and discuss potential solutions with you, although it will not always be possible to find a solution.


**Instruction to Candidates for Examinations**  
Students who are candidates for examinations are asked to note that all examinations are conducted in accordance with the College’s Academic Regulations, the Regulations for Programmes of Study and the Examination Regulations.


**Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct**  
As your programme of study continues, you will be taught the concept of academic integrity and how you can ensure that any work that you complete now, or in the future, conforms to these principles. This means that your work acknowledges the ideas and results of others, that it is conducted in an ethical way and that it is free from plagiarism.

Academic misconduct is the attempt to gain an academic advantage, whether intentionally or unintentionally, in any piece of assessment submitted to the College. This includes plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, exam offences (cheating) or dishonest practice. Full details of the policy can be found at:
Definitions of the main forms of academic misconduct can be found below:

**Plagiarism**
Plagiarism is the presentation of another person’s thoughts, words, images or diagrams as though they were your own. Another form of plagiarism is self-plagiarism, which involves using your own prior work without acknowledging its reuse.

Plagiarism must be avoided, with particular care on coursework, essays, reports and projects written in your own time and also in open and closed book written examinations.

Where plagiarism is detected in group work, members of that group may be deemed to have collective responsibility for the integrity of work submitted by that group and may be liable for any penalty imposed, proportionate to their contribution.

**Collusion**
This is the term used for work that has been conducted by more than one individual, in contravention of the assessment brief. Where it is alleged that there has been collusion, all parties will be investigated under the Academic Misconduct procedure.

**Exam offences**
Exam offences include behaviour such as bringing authorised material into an exam, attempting to communicate with others apart from the invigilator, trying to remove examination material without permission, taking an exam for someone else or getting someone else to take an exam for you.

**Dishonest practice**
Examples of dishonest practice include bribery, contact cheating (buying work from an essay mill or other individual to submit as your own), attempting to access exam papers before the exam, making a false claim for mitigating circumstances or providing fraudulent evidence, falsifying documentation or signatures in relation to assessment.
13. Board of Examiners

Board of Examiners  MRes Bioengineering

Professor Alberto Saiani: University of Manchester

External Examiners (all programmes in the Department of Bioengineering)

- Professor Anna Barney: University of Southampton
- Dr Amy Zavatsky: University of Oxford
- Professor Patricia Lawford: University of Sheffield
- Mark Van Rossum, University of Nottingham
- Professor Barbara Webb: University of Edinburgh
- Professor Alberto Saiani: University of Manchester
- Professor Maarten de Vos: University of Oxford
- Dr Gavin Jell: University College London
- Professor Azzam Taktak, University of Liverpool
- Professor Adam Gibson, University College London

It is common for Master’s level students to have some form of academic or social interaction with their external examiners at some point during or after their studies as well as during the assessment process itself.

It is inappropriate for you to submit complaints or representations direct to external examiners or to seek to influence your external examiners. Inappropriate communication towards an examiner would make you liable for disciplinary action.

A summary of External examiners reports from the previous academic year can be found here:

14. Location and Facilities

Imperial has a number of campuses in London and the South East. All have excellent travel links and are easily accessible via public transport.

Your main location of study will be:
- South Kensington
  - Exhibition Road, SW7 2AZ

Shuttle bus
A free shuttle bus runs between our South Kensington, White City and Hammersmith Campuses on weekdays. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You need to show your College ID card to board. Download the timetable at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/estates-facilities/travel/shuttle-bus](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/estates-facilities/travel/shuttle-bus)

Maps
Campus maps and travel directions are available at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/visit/campuses](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/visit/campuses)

Accessibility
Information about the accessibility of our South Kensington Campus is available online through the DisabledGo access guides:

- [www.disabledgo.com/organisations/imperial-college-london-2](http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/imperial-college-london-2)

Smoke-Free Policy
All Imperial campuses and properties are smoke-free. This means that smoking by staff and students is not permitted on or within 20 metres of College land. The policy covers all College properties, including student accommodation and sports grounds.

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/smoke-free](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/smoke-free)

Café and refreshments
The nearest café to the Department is located on Level 3 of the Royal School of Mines. The College Café, located off Dalby Court, is also nearby.

Accessing the Department
Your ID card will give you access to the Department and laboratories (where appropriate/requested). In the interests of safety and security, please:
- Do not prop doors open
- Be aware of tailgating (someone following you through an access-restricted area).

You may work in the Department only between specified times, as detailed below. If you need to arrange other access please speak to your supervisor, tutor or the Student Office. College Security is very strict about this and comes down heavily on students and staff who do not comply. If you have any problems with your ID card, please contact staff at the Student Office (RSM 3.21c).
Access times for different users in the Department of Bioengineering:

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<td>07:00-23:59</td>
<td>7 days a week</td>
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<td>MSc, MRes</td>
<td>08:00-18:30</td>
<td>5 days a week</td>
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<td>UG</td>
<td>08:00-18:30</td>
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At some stage during your time in the Department, it may be necessary for you to gain access to some restricted areas, e.g. certain laboratories. If this is the case, you will need to follow these steps:

1. Get permission from your supervisor and the lab lead PI.
2. Ensure the relevant safety assessments are completed, including a risk assessment of work to be carried out.
3. Ensure the induction is carried out and the form completed (see Link to Swipe access information: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/info/swipe/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/info/swipe/) for more information)
4. Complete the online access request (including the uploading of the completed induction form).

**Computer access**

Computer access and printing is available in the Student Common Room (3.06 RSM). Students can also use G.08 on the ground floor of RSM.

**Printing**

The Department has black/ white and colour photocopiers in the utility areas on Levels 3 and 4 and in RSM 3.06, which are accessed using your ID card. These can also be used as printers and scanners via the ICT print service – check [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/ict/printservice](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/ict/printservice) for information on using this service. An additional colour (ICT) copier/printer is available in RSM 3.38.

If you have problems with these machines or your swipe card, please contact ICT - do not try to correct problems yourself. All student groups/years will receive an initial print credit on their account. Please try to use Departmental printers for your printing where possible, as opposed to those in other areas of the College.

**Virtual Learning Environment (VLE): Blackboard**

The Department makes use of the 'Blackboard' virtual learning environment: a web-based system hosted by ICT. You can login to Blackboard from the following link: [https://bb.imperial.ac.uk/](https://bb.imperial.ac.uk/)

Lecture notes and problem sheets can be found on Blackboard by navigating to the appropriate module using the links provided, and some modules will use it for more advanced purposes, such as self-tests and assessed coursework tests.

If you have any problems accessing Blackboard, try trouble shooting this first:

- Check if your computer allows Java pop ups
- Try using Firefox browser if you used IE before.

We strongly advise students to report any technical problems to ICT when submitting assignments so that they can keep a record and help you swiftly. You can contact ICT from an internal phone on extension number 49000, or from any other phone on 0207 59 49000. Alternatively you can raise an issue via the ASK ICT service: [https://imperial.service-now.com/ict/](https://imperial.service-now.com/ict/)

**Panopto**

Panopto is a College ICT service that allows the recording of a computer screen, in addition to audio and visual content. The Department aims to record as many lectures as possible. Most of the lectures that take place in the lecture theatres RSM 147 and RSM 228 are recorded and linked to the appropriate module page on Blackboard. Lectures outside of these rooms may not be recorded due to unavailability of equipment. If you cannot access a recording, please speak to the Student Office.

To watch lecture recordings, go to the respective module page on Blackboard ([https://bb.imperial.ac.uk](https://bb.imperial.ac.uk)) and find the link called ‘Lecture Recordings’ in the left-hand menu. You will be prompted to log in once you click on the link.
You can find out more about Panopto and lecture recordings at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/teaching-learning/elearning-services/panopto/students-use/.

Before using Panopto, please ensure you have read the College’s guidelines on audio and video lecture recording: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/whats-on/public/Audioandvideolecturerecordingguidelines.pdf
15. **Life in the Department**

We believe that the Department of Bioengineering is a welcoming and lively place to be. There are lots of events happening throughout the year and we really encourage you to get involved with Departmental life and make the most of the opportunities available to you, whether you are a first year, a final year, or a postgraduate student.

There are also many opportunities available to you as a student of Imperial College London. There are numerous talks, seminar series, student clubs, summer school and volunteering opportunities for you to participate in and enjoy. Find out more on the website at: [https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/)

**Seminar programme**
The Department of Bioengineering hosts a regular seminar programme, with guest speakers from other institutions talking about a range of academic topics relevant to Bioengineering. Find out more, including upcoming dates, on the Events page of the website: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/whats-on/events/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/whats-on/events/)

**Outreach**
The Department of Bioengineering hosts and participates in many outreach events. For more information, or to find out about getting involved, you can contact the Admissions and Outreach Manager Lorna Stevenson ([lorna.stevenson@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:lorna.stevenson@imperial.ac.uk)).

**Prizes and awards in the Department**
There are many prizes and awards received each year by students in the Department of Bioengineering. These can be specifically for undergraduates, postgraduates, or for any students in the Department. Some are run by the Department and others are College-level awards. You can find out more about these awards and prizes, including background information and eligibility, on the website at: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/prizes/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/prizes/)

**Imperial College Union Bioengineering Society**
The Imperial College Union Bioengineering Society is a constituent society of the Imperial College Union, under the wing of the City and Guilds College Union (CGCU). Started 13 years ago by a group of enthusiastic MSc students, the ICU Bioengineering Society has been run, since its inception, with the aim of broadening the experiences of Bioengineering students beyond that of the curriculum. All undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in the Department of Bioengineering are automatically a part of the Bioengineering Society. Find out more by looking at the Society’s website: [https://www.union.ic.ac.uk/guilds/bioeng/](https://www.union.ic.ac.uk/guilds/bioeng/)

**Imperial College Union-Engineering Students’ Association**
The IC Engineering Students’ Association has the following objectives:
- To aid the academic, welfare, sporting and social interests of members of the faculty
- To encourage, promote and support clubs and societies
- To represent the needs and interests of members to the College, ICU and external bodies.
Find out more by looking at the Association’s website: [https://cgcu.net/](https://cgcu.net/)

**Engineers Without Borders Society (EWB-UK)**
Engineers Without Borders Society (EWB-UK) is a student-led charity aiming to facilitate human development through engineering. If you wish to find out more please visit the website at: [http://www.ewb-uk.org/](http://www.ewb-uk.org/) or the Imperial College Union website at: [https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/activities/a-to-z/229](https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/activities/a-to-z/229)

**Other activities**
There is a very wide range of non-academic activities available and we recommend that you participate in these activities to gain a wider experience of the life here at Imperial and in London, and in many cases you can pick up skills that employers value.

Fresher's Fair in Week 1 gives you the opportunity to see what is available and introduce yourself to the organizers of those activities. Find out more on the website at: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week/)
The College defines a placement as:

“work experience, assessed project work, a period of course-based study or a period of research (for which academic credit is awarded and/or where the student remains subject to College student regulations during the relevant period) and where there is a transfer of direct supervision of the student to a third party (i.e. where a member of staff at the third party acts as the day-to-day supervisor/manager) for a period of two weeks or more.”

Academic departments are responsible for managing any study or work placement which forms part of your degree programme. It is expected that you will contribute to the process of planning your placement.

For guidance on this, see the College’s Placement and Learning Policy and associated good practice:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/placement-learning](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/placement-learning)

Your Departmental Placement Manager:

- Mr Robert Ferguson
- Telephone: 020 7594 6371
- Email: robert.ferguson@imperial.ac.uk

For more information on placements visit the Placements website:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/placements](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/placements)

If you are considering/planning a placement outside the UK you should also refer to the Placement Abroad Handbook:

[www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/information-for-imperial-college-students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/information-for-imperial-college-students)
17. Working While Studying

If you are studying full time, the College recommends that you do not work part-time during term time. If this is unavoidable we advise you to work no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be principally at weekends and not within normal College working hours.

Working in excess of these hours could impact adversely on your studies or health.

If you are here on a Tier 4 visa you can work no more than 20 hours a week during term time. Some sponsors may not permit you to take up work outside your studies and others may specify a limit.

If you are considering part-time work during term time you are strongly advised to discuss this issue with your supervisor or Personal/Senior Personal Postgraduate Tutor. If you are on a Tier 4 visa you should also seek advice from the International Student Support team regarding visa limitations on employment.

The College’s examination boards will not normally consider as mitigating circumstances any negative impact that part-time work during term-time may have had on your performance in examinations or in other assessed work. Examinations or vivas cannot be rescheduled to accommodate your part-time working arrangements.

18. Bursaries and Scholarships

The College has a lot of resources available to help you find bursaries and scholarships to support your studies here. For example, the College runs the Imperial Bursary scheme and the President’s Undergraduate Scholarships scheme.

A search tool is also provided to enable you to find out more about other available scholarships. You can find out more about these schemes and tools on the website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships/

The College also provides a list of funding opportunities from external organisations, for information. This list can be accessed online at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships/further-funding-opportunities-/external-awards/
19. Health and Safety

The Department of Bioengineering considers the health and safety of staff, students, contractors and visitors to be of paramount importance.

We expect staff, students, contractors and visitors to share our commitment to safety by complying with our policies and procedures and to understand that they too have legal and moral obligations to themselves and to one another.

You are responsible for looking after your own health and safety and that of others affected by your College-related work and leisure activities. You must:

- Comply with all local and College policies, procedures and codes of practice and with the arrangements which the College has in place to control health and safety risks
- Ensure that your activities do not present unnecessary or uncontrolled risks to yourself or to others
- Attend appropriate induction and training
- Report any accidents, unsafe circumstances or work-related ill health of which you become aware to the appropriate person
- Not interfere with any equipment provided for Health and Safety
- Inform your supervisor or the person in charge of the activity in cases where you are not confident that you are competent to carry out a work or leisure activity safely, rather than compromise your own safety or the safety of others.

Information about health and safety can be found on the College website at:

http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/safety

The College’s Health and Safety Statement can be found at:


Your Departmental safety contact is:

Ken Keating
Room C01 – Bessemer Building Level 2
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7594, +44 (0)7590250478
k.keating@imperial.ac.uk

The Department will provide, manage and maintain a work environment which is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and where risks to health are controlled.

The Department and College will offer training to all staff and students in safe methods of working and will foster responsible attitudes to health and safety. Specific methods of research and the safety of this is the responsibility of the Principle Investigator.

As a student, you must not work alone and unsupervised, nor out of hours.

All major health and safety decisions are made by the Departmental Safety Committee, which meets termly.

Further safety specific information regarding the departmental processes and procedures can be found at the departmental website: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/. (Internal > health and safety) It is essential that you ensure to familiarise yourself with these sites.
The College Safety Department
The Safety Department offers a range of specialist advice on all aspects of safety. This includes anything which you feel might affect you directly, or which may be associated with teaching, research or support service activities.

The College’s activities range from the use of hazardous materials (biological, chemical and radiological substances) to field work, heavy or awkward lifting, driving, and working alone or late.

All College activities are covered by general health and safety regulations, but higher risk activities will have additional requirements.

The Safety Department helps departments and individuals ensure effective safety management systems are in place throughout the College to comply with specific legal requirements.

Sometimes the management systems fail, and an accident or a near-miss incident arises; it is important that we learn lessons from such situations to prevent recurrence and the Safety Department can support such investigations. All accidents and incidents should be reported online at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/safety

To report concerns or to ask for advice you should contact your programme director, academic supervisor or departmental safety officer in the first instance. You may also contact the Safety Department directly.

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Occupational Health requirements
The College Occupational Health Service provides services to:

- protect health at work
- assess and advise on fitness for work
- ensure that health issues are effectively managed

The Service promotes and supports a culture where the physical and psychological health of staff, students and others involved in the College is respected, protected and improved whilst at work.

www.imperial.ac.uk/occupational-health

Security and safety are closely linked. Please help us keep the building secure and safe by following the following simple rules:

- Always wear your College Security/ ID card whilst at College. Neck lanyards (red for students, blue for staff) are available from Security or the Student Office.

- Do not allow strangers in the building, particularly out of hours.

- Never lend your ID card to anybody; if they cause damage or present a risk to security or safety, you will be liable.
Emergency procedures
In an emergency, dial extension 4444 from any internal phone or 020 7589 1000. This line is supported 24 hours a day. State your exact location, your name and extension number. Security Control will immediately mobilise the required emergency services. Do not ring 999 – Security will coordinate this to ensure that the emergency services gain site access.

If you discover a fire, immediately press the nearest red alarm call point. Warn people in the vicinity. Evacuate the building and be ready to tell Security and Fire Officers where the fire is. Do not attempt to tackle fires, chemical spillages or intruders yourself. More information about fire safety is available on the Fire Safety website: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/estates-facilities/health-and-safety/fire-safety/.

Fire alarms
The emergency evacuation alarm is a continuous siren in the building. Leave the building immediately by means of the stairways – do not use lifts. Do not attempt to tackle fires, chemical spillages or intruders yourself.

Building evacuation
Familiarise yourself with the various evacuation routes and use the nearest staircase - see the maps at the end of the safety section in this handbook. Do not always head for the main staircase in the RSM regardless of where you are as this gets very congested. There is fire evacuation signage throughout the building identified by a white arrow on a green background and sometimes a “running man”.

From the main RSM staircase the fire exit is onto Prince Consort Road. The assembly point is towards the junction of Prince Consort Road and Exhibition Road. For the other evacuation routes you should follow the signs down to the lower ground floor and then out onto the RSM courtyard at the rear of the building. The assembly point for these exits is by the Queens Tower.

In the event of a fire alarm all doors are automatically released from swipe card control and you will be able to access the corridors to the other stairwells. If the doors are not released automatically, press the green emergency exit button.

Leave the building quickly. Never use the lifts. Do not return to collect personal belongings.

PEEPS: to arrange a Personal Emergency Egress Plan please see the college guidance and contact the Departmental Safety manager.

First aid
Local emergency help is provided by qualified first-aiders – a list of who these people are in the Department: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/info/safety/first-aiders-and-fire-wardens

If no local help is available, ring Security on extension 4444 from an internal phone or +44 (0)20 7589 1000.
Evacuation routes
**Safety Induction**
There will be a safety induction lecture during the first week of term - you are required to attend and a register will be taken.

**Laboratories and Workshops**
Undergraduates and MSc students may not use laboratory or workshop equipment without permission and until training has been given. All local rules must be adhered to at all times.

Please note:
- You will not be given access to the labs until you have completed the necessary safety procedures, training and inductions - therefore do this promptly when you are asked
- Departmental technical staff are here to assist you in your project, however please be aware that these are busy roles with many people to help so please plan in advance and make arrangements in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

**Practical Classes**
For each practical class, an agreed risk assessment has been completed before commencement of each class. The objective is to ensure that all such classes are conducted in a safe manner, where exposure to any hazard is eliminated or minimised as far as is practicable. All relevant safety information will be provided in the instructions and protocols issued for each class.

**Accidents and Near Misses**
All accidents, dangerous occurrences or near misses must be reported to the academic member of staff giving the lecture/tutorial or supervising the practical class. It is then essential that a SALUS report is filed to allow this to be logged and any potential lessons to be learned, or improvement/fixes to be made to help prevent future occurrences.

It is appreciated that mistakes happen and that we can all make them from time to time. The department fosters a strict no blame culture and would like all occurrences to be reported on SALUS in order for us to ensure the safety of each researcher, staff member and student within it. We are all responsible for safety.
Department of Bioengineering

FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

9AM to 5PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FIRST AIDERS LISTED BELOW

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*All have the Emergency First Aid at Work qualification except for Paschal Egan, who has the full First Aid at Work qualification.**Medically qualified.
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If you cannot get hold of a local first aider, contact Security: **4444**
Out of normal working hours contact Security: **4444**
From a mobile ring: **020 7589 1000**

Nearest First Aid Box and plasters: A first aid box is available in 3.05A.
RSM Fire Escape Routes

Prince Consort Road

Main Entrance

Exhibition Road

RSM Courtyard

Bessemer Building

Alleyway

Fire Assembly Point 1

Fire Assembly Point 2

Fire Escape Staircase

Fire Escape Route

Imperial College London
Regulations for Students
All registered students of the College are subject to the Regulations for Students, the College Academic and Examination Regulations and such other regulations that the College may approve from time to time.

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations
www.imperial.ac.uk/students/terms-and-conditions

Academic Feedback Policy
We are committed to providing you with timely and appropriate feedback on your academic progress and achievement, enabling you to reflect on your academic progress. During your study you will receive different methods of feedback according to assessment type, discipline, level of study and your individual need. Further guidance on the Policy of Academic Feedback can be found on the Academic Governance website:

http://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/academic-feedback/Academic-feedback-policy-for-taught-programmes.pdf

Please consult the Department’s coursework calendar for details on when you should submit your work and when you can expect feedback.

Provisional Marks Guidance
Provisional marks are agreed marks that have yet to be ratified by the Board of Examiners. These results are provisional and are subject to change by the Board of Examiners. The release of provisional marks is permitted except in certain circumstances. Further information can be found in the Guidelines for Issuing Provisional Marks to Students on Taught Programmes:


Late Submission Policy
You are responsible for ensuring that you submit your coursework assessments on time and by the published deadline. Any piece of assessed work which is submitted beyond the published deadline (date and time) would be classed as a late submission. Further guidance on Late Submission of Assessments can be found on the Academic Governance website:

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/marking-and-moderation/Late-submission-Policy.pdf

Academic Integrity
You are expected to conduct all aspects of your academic life in a professional manner. A full explanation of academic integrity, including information on the College’s approach to plagiarism, is available on the College website:


Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures
It is important that you learn how to properly attribute and acknowledge the work, data and ideas of others. Plagiarism is scientific misconduct, and students whose assessments can be shown to contain plagiarism are subject to penalties as outlined in the College’s Misconduct Policy and Procedures.

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline
MRes Code of Practice
The Code of Practice for MRes programmes is available here:


Appeal and Complaints Procedures
We have rigorous regulations in place to ensure assessments are conducted with fairness and consistency. In the event that you believe that you have grounds for complaint about academic or administrative services, or wish to appeal the outcome of an assessment or final degree, we have laid out clear and consistent procedures through which complaints and appeals can be investigated and considered:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/complaints-appeals-and-discipline

Student Disciplinary Procedure
The College has the right to investigate any allegation of misconduct against a student and may take disciplinary action where it decides, on the balance of probabilities, that a breach of discipline has been committed. The general principles of the Student Disciplinary Procedure are available on the College website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/secretariat/college-governance/charters/ordinances/students/

Intellectual Property Rights Policy
For further guidance on the College’s Intellectual Property Rights Policy is available on the College website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/enterprising-students/intellectual-property/

Use of IT Facilities
View the Conditions of Use of IT Facilities:

http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/computers-printing/staff-computers/conditions-of-use-for-it-facilities/
21. Animal Research

Understanding the basic biology of infections, injuries and chronic diseases is an essential step in finding new treatments and cures. From cancer to malaria and war wounds to heart disease, research using animals forms an important element of Imperial’s work.

The College believes that the use of animals in research is vital to improve human and animal health and welfare. Animals may only be used in research programmes where their use is shown to be necessary for developing new treatments and making medical advances.

Imperial is committed to ensuring that, in cases where this research is deemed essential, all animals in the College’s care are treated with full respect, and that all staff and students involved with this work show due consideration at every level.

For more information please see:

www.imperial.ac.uk/research-and-innovation/about-imperial-research/research-integrity/animal-research
22. Well-being and Advice

**Student Space**
The Student Space website is the central point for information on health and well-being.

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space)

**Work-life balance**
The pace and intensity of postgraduate study at Imperial can be demanding so it’s important to find time for outside interests.
Departmental support and College tutors
Your Department has a system of academic and pastoral care in place to make sure you have access to the appropriate support throughout your time here. This includes:

Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor is your first point of contact for pastoral support and advice. You can arrange to have a meeting with them at any time during your studies (although most Personal Tutors will have set office hours or may require you to make an appointment). What you discuss will be completely confidential. If necessary they will direct you to an appropriate source of support. Your Personal Tutor is usually a member of academic staff who is allocated to you for the duration of your programme to offer help and support with academic or personal issues. They will also follow your progress throughout the course to help keep you on track to succeed.

Your Personal Tutor will meet with you in groups termly during the year. The attendance of Personal Tutorials is compulsory. These are occasions where you can raise any areas of difficulty but these sessions will also be programmed to help you develop learning strategies.

Academic staff in the Department of Bioengineering are very active, internationally known researchers. However, this may mean that they are not always in their offices, and so email is an excellent way to arrange appointments and to consult them on minor issues. In the event that the problem is not resolved via this route, you may also want to consult the Postgraduate Tutor, Deputy Tutor or Director of Courses.

Additionally, as Bioengineering is a highly multi-disciplinary subject, your Personal Tutor may not always be able to answer all technical questions on modules outside their specialism, but they will happily put you in contact with someone who can - such as the appropriate lecturer or Module Leader.

Other members of the academic staff will generally make themselves available to discuss aspects of the module with which they are concerned. Please e-mail them to make an appointment.

Remember – your Personal Tutorials are timetabled and the attendance of them is compulsory.

Support in your hall of residence
If you’re staying in College accommodation you will have access to a range of support within your hall.

Well-being support
All halls have their own Residential Support team who are on call 24/7 to look after your wellbeing and maintain a friendly living environment, so that all residents can study, sleep, relax and enjoy themselves. They also play an important part in the social life of the hall, organising a rolling programme of events to bring everyone together. This is supported by the Hall Activities Fund, which all residents contribute to at a rate of £2/week (in 2018/19). The team includes a number of returning students, known as Hall Seniors, who can offer first-hand advice on making the most of life at Imperial.

Administrative support
Each hall has a Hall Supervisor or a Reception team who oversee the day-to-day running of the residence. So if you have any enquiries or want to report a maintenance issue there are people on hand to help you.

Advice services
The tutor system is complemented by a College-wide network of advice and support. This includes a number of specialist advice services.
Imperial College Careers Service
The Careers Service has strong links to your Department and you will have a named Careers Consultant and Placement and Internship Adviser who will run both group sessions and individual meetings within your Department. You can arrange to meet with your linked Careers Consultant or Placement and Internship Adviser either in your Department or centrally at the South Kensington Campus on Level 5, Sherfield Building where the Careers Service is based.

Visit the Career Service’s website to:
- Book a careers appointment
- Find resources and advice on successful career planning.

www.imperial.ac.uk/careers

Department of Bioengineering Careers Adviser
Students in the Department of Bioengineering can also seek advice and help with career planning from Robert Ferguson, the Department’s Industrial Liaison Manager. Robert Ferguson works with a wide range of companies in the medical technology, healthcare and biotechnologies industries in the UK, EU and internationally. He can help you with your career plans in the world of Bioengineering through:
- Weekly employer presentations from companies in the Bioengineering sector
- The annual Bioengineering Careers Fair
- A database of information about companies operating in the Bioengineering sector
- Company and sector information
- Advice about job search and finding internships or Year in Industry opportunities
- Help with applications and interviews.

You can find some specific information about careers in Bioengineering on the Department’s website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/study/career/

Or if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting please contact Robert Ferguson directly: robert.ferguson@imperial.ac.uk.

Student Hub
The Student Hub represents a single point of contact for all key administrative information and support. The Student Hub team can help you with enquiries about:
- Accommodation (including checking contracts for private accommodation)
- Admissions
- International student enquiries
- Research degrees
- Student financial support
- Student records
- Tuition fees

Level 3, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus

020 7594 9444

student.hub@imperial.ac.uk

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub

Library and IT

Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
If you’re having problems with technology (including computers, laptops and mobile devices), you can get help from ICT’s Service Desk.
Support with ICT
Any problems or queries relating to computing, including requests for new software, should be addressed first to ICT (service.desk@imperial.ac.uk) and to our IT Support Officer (Edit Toth, e.toth@imperial.ac.uk). To avoid infringement of licensing arrangements and to prevent the introduction of viruses, you are strictly forbidden to bring in programs from outside.

As long as you have completed Imperial's online registration process, you can use your College credentials to get Microsoft Office 365 software for free. You can install the latest version of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and much more on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, plus five tablets, including iPad. All work can be saved online in OneDrive for Business, so it can be accessed no matter which device you use.

Rules for using the College network
The Information and Communication Technologies group (ICT) has very strict rules regarding the downloading of illegal, inflammatory, pornographic or obscene material onto computers connected to the campus network. Infringement of these rules can have very serious repercussions, including expulsion or legal proceedings being brought against students. You should be aware that the content and level of network traffic is monitored continuously. You should read the College’s Information Systems Security Policies, available at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/be-secure/information-systems-security-policies/

Software shop
The Software shop offers a variety of general and subject-specific software programs and packages for free or at a discounted price for Imperial students.

Library services
The Central Library at South Kensington is open around the clock pretty much all year. Make sure you find out who your departmental librarian is as they’ll be able to help you find resources for your subject area. Also, don’t forget to check out the Library’s range of training workshops and our other campus libraries for access to specialist medicine and life sciences resources. Alongside these physical spaces and resources, the Library provides over 170,000 electronic books, journals and databases available both on and off campus and a free document delivery service to help you source books and articles from around the UK and the rest of the world:

Religious support
The Chaplaincy Multi-Faith Centre has chaplains from many different religions, as well as prayer rooms and information on places of worship. In addition, it runs meditation classes and mindfulness workshops for stress management. There is a student-run Islamic prayer room on campus and separate areas available for male and female Muslims.

Financial support and tuition fees
If you’ve got any questions about student financial support (loans, scholarships and research council studentships, US and Canadian loans) then contact the Student Financial Support team:

If you suddenly find yourself in financial difficulties or experience an unexpected change in circumstances, you may be eligible to apply for emergency financial help through the Student Support
Fund. The Fund offers a one-off payment of up to £2,000 to cover such emergencies as last minute accommodation and travel necessities, equipment and childcare. It does not have to be repaid.

http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/fees-and-funding/financial-assistance/student-support-fund/

For tuition fees queries, contact the Tuition Fees team:

020 7594 8011
tuition.fees@imperial.ac.uk
23. Imperial College Union

The Union’s range of 375+ student-led clubs, societies and projects is one of the largest of any UK university, opening up lots of ways for you to enjoy your downtime.

Physical Activity and Sport

Imperial College has a wide range of sports and activities on offer that cater for all standards and abilities. We have a recreational activity offer, competitive sports teams and an elite sport programme. We are dedicated to ensuring we have a diverse, inclusive and exciting offer for all.

For an annual fee of £30 you will be able to use the gym and swimming facilities on our campuses.

Imperial College Union support

All Imperial students automatically become members of Imperial College Union when they register at the College. The Union provides a range of support:

Graduate Students’ Union

The Graduate Students’ Union is the postgraduate arm of Imperial College Union. The GSU works alongside the Imperial College Union President to ensure that the requirements of postgraduate students are catered for. It also organises a number of academic and social events during the year.

Imperial College Union (ICU) Advice Centre

Imperial College Union runs the Advice Centre independently of the College with advisers on hand to provide free, confidential, independent advice on a wide range of welfare issues including housing, money and debt, employment and consumer rights, and personal safety.

Student representatives

The Union has many different opportunities for student representatives to get involved with issues they care about, including Liberation Officers ensuring views of under-represented and interest groups are heard, Academic Reps and Wellbeing Reps.

If you have any feedback about issues in your department relating to academic or wellbeing issues, you can speak to one of your student representatives.

Officer Trustees

The Union is led by a team of Officer Trustees who are elected every year by the students of Imperial College. They take a year out of their studies and work full-time at the Union, representing the voices of students in the Union, the College and the wider community.

The Officer Trustees represent students in a variety of roles, including Education, Welfare, Finance & Service and Clubs & Societies. These elected students are here to represent your views as a student body - do make sure you get in touch with them if there’s something you would like to discuss or change.
24. Health and well-being services

NHS Health Centre and finding a doctor
Even if you’re fit and healthy we recommend that you register with a local doctor (GP) as soon as you arrive in London. For help finding your nearest GP see the Student Space website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space/here-for-you/find-a-doctor

There is the Imperial College Health Centre on our South Kensington Campus which you may visit during clinic hours if you’re feeling unwell. Students living within the practice catchment area are encouraged to register with the Centre.

www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk

NHS Dentist (based in the Imperial College Health Centre)
Imperial College Dental Centre offers a full range of NHS and private treatment options.

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space/here-for-you/dentist

Counselling and Mental Health
The Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service offers short-term counselling to all registered students. The service is free and confidential. Counsellors are available at the South Kensington, Hammersmith and Silwood Park Campuses.

www.imperial.ac.uk/counselling

25. Support for disabled students

Disability Advisory Service
The Disability Advisory Service provides confidential advice and support for all disabled students and students with specific learning difficulties.

The Disability Advisory Service works with individual students no matter what their disability to ensure that they have the support they need. We can also help if you think that you may have an unrecognised study problem such as dyslexia. Our service is both confidential (information about you is only passed on to other people in the university with your agreement) and individual in that any support is tailored to what you need.

Some of the sorts of things we can help with are:

- Being an advocate on your behalf with others in the College such as your departmental liaison officer, Senior Tutor or exams officer, the accommodation office or the estates department
- Checking that your evidence of disability is appropriate and up-to-date
- Arranging a diagnostic assessment for specific learning difficulties
- Help with applying to the College for the cost of an assessment
- Help with your application for the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) see below
- Helping students not eligible for the Disabled Students Allowance in obtaining support from other sources
- Help with arranging extra Library support
- Supporting applications for continuing accommodation for your second or later years

If you think you may have dyslexia or another specific learning difficulty but have never been formally assessed, the Disability Advisory Service offers initial screening appointments.

Room 566, Level 5, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus
Disabled Students Allowance
All home students who are UK residents, pay home fees and who have a disability are eligible to apply for a grant called the Disabled Students Allowance, which can pay any extra costs that are a direct result of disability. This fund is not means-tested and is also a grant not a loan you will not be expected to pay it back. Remember students with unseen disabilities such as mental health difficulties, learning difficulties or long term health problems are also eligible.

Departmental Disability Officers
Departmental Disability Officers are the first point of contact within your department. They can apply for additional exam arrangements on your behalf, and will facilitate support within your Department. In Bioengineering, Louise O’Sullivan is the Department Disability Officer. Telephone: +44 (0)20 7594 9660, bg-ddo@imperial.ac.uk

Your Disability Liaison Officer, Ms Louise O’Sullivan, is your first point of contact within your department and is there to help you with arranging any support within the department that you need. She is also the person who will apply for Special Examination arrangements on your behalf. You need to contact her without delay if you think that you may need extra time or other adjustments for your examinations. More information on Departmental Disability Officers is available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/support/ddos


26. Support for international students

English Language Support
The Centre for Academic English provides free in-sessional English courses for international students while they are studying. These include classes and workshops on academic language, social language, the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, one-to-one consultations with a tutor to work on a piece of academic writing or an oral presentation, self-study resources in the VLE Blackboard, and the Conversation Project, which partners students with a native-speaker volunteer to practise social and conversational English.

International Student Support Team
Students from outside the UK make up around half of our student population, so our International Student Support team offers year-round support to help our international students settle into Imperial life. This includes UK visa and immigration advice and trips to different places of interest.

Visas

It is very important that you comply with all of the conditions of your visa. If you need help or advice about visas and your visa conditions please contact the International Student Support team: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/

Whilst in the UK on a student visa, you are required to comply with all of the conditions of your visa. This means that you must be engaged in full-time study for the duration of your visa. You should therefore be aware that if you need to take time out from your programme for any reason (e.g. an interruption of studies), you may be in breach of your visa conditions, unless you return home.

In addition, you should note that the UKVI require the College to monitor attendance for overseas students. Any student not in attendance at the College (e.g. missing meetings with their supervisor and/or group, etc.) will be reported to the UKVI via the College Registry. Students in breach of their visa conditions may face serious consequences, including refusal of British visas in the future.

The UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) require students to collect their BRP within 10 days of arrival in the UK, from either the nearest approved Post Office (in the College’s case, High Street Kensington) or from the Registry team at the College. The pickup location depends on what the student has indicated in their visa application.

Students who select Imperial College as their location for collection will be emailed, inviting them to book a slot so they can pick up their BRP which they should be able to slot around their Departmental induction activity and programme timetable. The collection point is likely to be Sherfield Building.

For further information, please get in touch with the College’s International Student Support team.
27. Student Records and Data

The Student Records and Data Team are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the student records for all students studying at the College. This includes enrolments, programme transfers, interruption of studies, withdrawals and processing of examination entry for research degree students. The team also use this information to fulfil reporting duties to the Student Loans Company, Transport for London and the UKVI, as well as other external bodies.

The Team is responsible for the processing of student results and awards on the student record system as well as the production and distribution of academic transcripts and certificates of award.

The Student Records and Data Team produce a variety of standard document requests for both current and previous students including council tax letters, standard statements of attendance and confirmation of degree letters.

Student records and examinations

+44 (0)20 7594 7268

studentrecords@imperial.ac.uk

Degree certificates

+44 (0)20 7594 8037

certificates@imperial.ac.uk
Feedback from Students
The College and Union is committed to continually improving your education and wider experience and a key part of this is your feedback. Feedback is thoroughly discussed by your student representatives and staff.

We are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards in teaching on all programmes.

Programme Quality
In the Department the Teaching Committee regularly review modules and take note of academic and peer review of lectures and classes. Our Board of Examiners also have a role in ensuring the courses delivered are of a high quality. They undertake activities such as reviewing syllabi, lecture content, reading lists, coursework requirements, examination papers etc. Students from all years meet with the Board of Examiners once a year to present their views and opinions.

You can find out more about the role of external examiners on the website at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-rgt/external-examiners/

At College level, high standards are maintained by the provision of staff development courses and the review of all taught components and formal examinations by the Programmes Committee. The programmes are subject to the College’s quality assurance processes. Many of our programmes are reviewed in detail and at regular intervals by the Professional Engineering Institutions to ensure that the high standards required for professional accreditation are maintained.

Student Feedback
As students of the Department, you have a very important role to play by communicating directly with members of staff or via Year or Departmental Representatives. As a cohort, you will be asked to elect year representatives who will sit on the Staff-Student Committee, work with the Departmental Student Representative and provide valuable feedback.

Formal routes by which students are involved in course evaluation are in the Staff-Student Committee, which meets once a term, and in your completion of surveys. You will be given more information about how to complete these surveys later in the term. The surveys give you the opportunity to comment anonymously on the modules and the lecturers. It is very important that these are completed, since the feedback that they give to us is invaluable in improving the degree programme for you. Informally you are welcome to speak to lecturers, your Personal Tutor, the Academic Tutor or the Student Office. You can raise issues at any time – you don’t have to wait for the SSCM.

Ultimately - if there is something wrong please tell the Academic Tutor or the Student Office as soon as possible, so that we can fix it.

Staff-Student Committee
Staff-Student Committees are designed to strengthen understanding and improve the flow of communication between staff and students and, through open dialogue, promote high standards of education and training, in a co-operative and constructive atmosphere. College good practice guidelines for staff-student committees are available here:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/student-feedback

In the Department of Bioengineering, the Staff Student Committee meetings serve as platform of exchange of students’ experience in the programmes; and for compiling the students’ complaints and suggestions. Staff also report implemented changes back to the students. In addition, all information is collected by the Student Union in order to present a global view of the College. Further, relevant issues raised at SSCM are discussed at the Departmental Teaching Committee Meeting, where academic staff discuss solutions.

Students from every year group of each degree programme are elected annually to serve as representatives. This could be you!

More details can be found here: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-rgt/staff-student-committee/
The Department’s “You Said, We Did” Campaign
You can find out more about what the Department has changed in response to student feedback by looking at our You Said, We Did webpage at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/you-said-we-did/

The Union’s “You Said, We Did” Campaign
You can find out more about some of the changes that have been made as a direct result of student feedback online, at https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/you-said-we-did

Student Representation
Student Representatives are recruited from every department to gather feedback from students to discuss with staff. More information about the role, and instructions on how to become an academic representative, are available on the Imperial College Union (ICU) website.

www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/your-representatives/academic-representatives/overview
29. Student Surveys

Your feedback is important to your department, the College and Imperial College Union.

Whilst there are a variety of ways to give your feedback on your Imperial experience, the following College-wide surveys give you regular opportunities to make your voice heard:

- PG SOLE lecturer/module Survey or departmental equivalent
- Student Experience Survey (SES)
- Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) – Spring 2018.

The PG SOLE lecturer/module survey runs at the end of the autumn and spring terms. This survey is your chance to tell us about the modules you have attended and the lecturers who taught them.

For PG SOLE your lecturers will receive their individual numerical results and comments shortly after the survey closes. To make the most of your opportunity to give your feedback, please do not use offensive language or make personal, discriminatory or abusive remarks as these may cause offence and may be removed from the results. Whilst this survey is anonymous, please avoid self-identification by referring to personal or other identifying information in your free text comments.

The Student Experience Survey (SES) is another opportunity to leave your views on your experience. This survey will cover your induction, welfare, pastoral and support services experience.

The Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) is the only national survey of Master's level (MSc, MRes, MBA and MPH) students we take part in. This is the only way for us to compare how we are doing against the national average and to make changes that will improve our Master’s students’ experience in future. PTES covers topics such as motivations for taking the programme, depth of learning, organisation, dissertation and professional development. PTES last ran in spring term 2018 and will next run in Spring 2020.

All these surveys are anonymous and the more students that take part the more representative the results so please take a few minutes to give your views.

As a result of feedback to previous surveys, we have made a number of changes. Some examples of these are given on the Department’s “You Said, We Did” webpage: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/admin/current-pgt/you-said-we-did/

The Union’s “You Said, We Did” campaign shows you some of the changes made as a result of survey feedback:

www.imperialcollegeunion.org/you-said-we-did

If you would like to know more about any of these surveys or see the results from previous surveys, please visit:

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/academic-support/student-surveys/pg-student-surveys

For further information on surveys, please contact the Registry’s Surveys Team at:

surveys.registysupport@imperial.ac.uk
30. **Alumni services**

When you graduate you will be part of a lifelong community of over 190,000 alumni, with access to a range of alumni benefits including:

- discounts on further study at the College and at Imperial College Business School
- alumni email service
- networking events
- access to the Library and online resources
- access to the full range of careers support offered to current students for up to three years after you graduate
- access to our Alumni Visitor Centre at the South Kensington Campus, with free Wifi, complimentary drinks, newspapers and magazines, and daytime left luggage facility.

Visit the Alumni website to find out more about your new community, including case studies of other alumni and a directory of local alumni groups in countries across the world.

[www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni)

31. **Staying in touch**

It perhaps seems a bit early to think about becoming an alumnus of the Department when you have only just arrived. However it will come around sooner than you think!

We really value all of our alumni and hope you will stay in touch with us as part of a lifelong connection, as part of the College’s global community of over 180,000 alumni.

As a current student, you can find out about what alumni from the College do now by reading some case studies online: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/resources/case-studies/alumni-case-studies/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/resources/case-studies/alumni-case-studies/).

You can also find out more about alumni of the Department in the on the website at: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/people/alumni/alumni-spotlight/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/bioengineering/people/alumni/alumni-spotlight/).

Attending Departmental and College events, public engagement events and other networking opportunities is also a good idea if you are interested in meeting alumni and expanding your network.

32. **Opportunities for Further Study**

After you have completed your MSc Biomedical Engineering degree, you may choose to continue your studies either at Imperial or elsewhere. Previous graduates have gone on to study for different Master of Science (MSc), Master of Research (MRes), or doctorate (PhD) awards both in the Department of Bioengineering and elsewhere.