

Question Type	Topic	Question	Answer
Curriculum	Assessment	How many essays do you have to write in the course, and what are the weightings (in terms of overall marks) on these essays?	We don't really have essays within the course. There may be a few assignments where we have to write 500 words etc. but so far I haven't been asked to write any essays.
Curriculum	Advice	What is the dropout rate?	The dropout rate is very small at Imperial. We do not aim to withdraw you from the programme. Some students chose to leave after the first year as medicine may not be what they want. Remember that everyone will get a minimum of two attempts at assessments and with approved mitigating circumstances, you can have additional attempts.
Curriculum	Anatomy	Do you do dissection?	Knowledge of the human body will be delivered through Anatomy and Diagnostics via cadaveric teaching, clinical imaging and linked clinical skills You will develop research skills through the Clinical Research and Innovation module with the opportunity to select a research experience. Imperial does prosection mainly now where the specimens are already prepared for you.
Curriculum	Anatomy	How is anatomy taught at Imperial?	Anatomy is taught via cadaveric teaching (aka prosection), clinical imaging and linked clinical skills.
Curriculum	Assessment	What are the exam styles throughout the course?	We have a variety of approaches to assessment to ensure we assess a full range of skills. We have some traditional examinations (e.g. questions answered in a specified timeframe), some performance based assessments (e.g. poster presentations and oral presentations [just like conferences]), clinical assessments (e.g. demonstrating clinical and communication skills) and workplace-based assessment (e.g. observed activities at, or following, a clinical encounter). A range of assessment approaches enables all students to excel in different ways.(What are the exam styles throughout the course?)
Curriculum	Assessment	How are Imperial medics tested during the medical course. I am aware that there are normally a mix of practical and theory tests, but how are these distributed throughout the course?	So during the first three years of the MBBS/BSc programme (which we call Phase 1a, 1b and 1c, respectively), Imperial teach an integrated model of biomedical science and clinical medicine, with a strong scientific focus underpinned by our world-class research. Your education will be based on local and national health needs, addressing our social responsibility, and preparing you to meet global health challenges. During Phase Two, you will work towards your BSc by completing a series of modules and a supervised research project in a scientific/medical subject of your choice. This gives you the chance to develop your scientific knowledge and research skills, as well as expose you to research and researchers at the cutting edge of the field. Finally in Phase Three, you will build on the knowledge, skills and behaviours developed in the first four years of the MBBS. In hospital and community settings, you will experience how clinical teams work together to deliver patient care from beginning to the end of life. Throughout Phase Three, significant emphasis will be placed on preparing you for clinical practice. (Akash (Unverified) asked "How are Imperial medics tested during the medical course. I am aware that there are normally a mix of practical and theory tests, but how are these distributed throughout the course?")
Curriculum	Assessment	how can we improve our critical thinking?	You will be given the skills/training to think critically both independently and in groups through peer review. You are also provided with an academic tutor who will help with your study skills teaching and making sure you are working smart. You do not need to come already equipped but be open to considering new methods of learning.
Curriculum	BSc	what are the options like in relation to intercalation? - what degrees can you do?	There are a wide variety of BSc options available, drawing on the strengths of the University and its associated hospitals. However whichever option is chosen, the emphasis in phase 2 is on the development of generic research skills such as data analysis, team working and presentation skills that you can use in your future careers.
Curriculum	BSc	Is it possible to select an intercalated course? If yes, what subjects are on offer?	Phase 2 of the programme leads to the award of a BSc at the end of Year 4. You will undertake a series of modules and a research project in an area of particular scientific or medical interest. There are a wide variety of BSc options available, drawing on the strengths of the University and its associated hospitals. However whichever option is chosen, the emphasis in phase 2 is on the development of generic research skills such as data analysis, team working and presentation skills that you can use in your future careers. Some possible pathways are: Anaesthesia and Critical Care Biomedical Engineering Cancer Frontiers Cardiovascular Sciences Endocrinology Gastroenterology and Hepatology Global Health Haematology Humanities, Philosophy and Law Immunity and Infection Management Neuroscience and Mental Health Pharmacology Remote Medicine Reproductive and Developmental Sciences Surgical Design, Technology, and Innovation Translational Respiratory Medicine
Curriculum	BSc	Is there any small group or one-to-one teaching? Thank you	No, the intercalated year is a required part of the 6 year course. You can't "opt out" of taking it.
Curriculum	BSc	are there opportunities to pick up a language or go abroad during the course?	An intercalated degree means that you will come away from medical school training with both a BSc degree and a MBBS qualification

Curriculum	Career	Which kind of careers can we have after being graduated?	After graduation and should you enter the UK Foundation Programme you can undertake the next stage of your training as junior doctors. You can also take alternative medicine, academic or research pathways. The Career service at Imperial has a dedicated career officer for medics to help advise on possible pathways: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/
Curriculum	Career	Are all your placement locations in London? If they are outside, is accommodation provided?	Your clinical placements tend to take place around Central West and Northwest London. You can expect to complete attachments at the below list of teaching hospitals, provided as a guide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chelsea and Westminster Hospital •London Northwest Healthcare NHS Trust – Ealing Hospital •Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust •Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust – Charing Cross, Hammersmith, St Mary's, and Western Eye Hospitals •London Northwest Healthcare NHS Trust – Northwick Park •Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust •West Middlesex University Hospital <p>You will also have healthcare placements within the community throughout the course.</p>
Curriculum	Career	Do international students get equal opportunities as home students in foundation and specialist training after graduating from Imperial?	Yes, all enrolled students get the same opportunities as everyone else. You are all on an equal ground when you join Imperial. When you move onto your Foundation Post, your allocation will be based on the calculations made by the Foundation Programme. For more information please see here: https://foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/
Curriculum	Clinical	What is clinical exposure like in the first few years?	You will start clinical experience from the first year where you will experience general practice opportunities every few weeks as well as the opportunity for hospital placements through the first two years. As you move into your third year and the end of Phase 1, you will attend longer attachments at hospitals and general practices.
Curriculum	Clinical	When do you start clinical skills?	You will start learning clinical skills from the first term at medical school. You will learn clinical communication skills early on in the course through interactions with patients in the community.
Curriculum	Clinical	Do you learn Basic Life Support courses in the first year?	Yes, you will learn Basic Life Support during the first year and continue your training through the second year (called Phase 1b).
Curriculum	Clinical	How much patient contact is received by students in yrs 1, 2 and 3?	We get patient contact throughout years 1-3! In year 1&2, we have GP placement fortnightly and hospital placements for 2 weeks. Year 3 is considered clinical so you will receive a lot of patient contact.
Curriculum	Clinical	What are the clinical years learning like? Where does the learning take place - is this in the hospital (ie ward based) or are there still lectures? If there are lectures how often are these?	I love the clinical years, they've been my favourite so far. You have teaching in medical areas eg. wards and clinics, surgeries and GP settings. We still have some weeks of lectures, but most of the year is learning in these clinical areas with patients.
Curriculum	Clinical	Is there any Case-Based Learning during the degree? Thank you!	Yes, you will have Case-based learning from the start in year 1!
Curriculum	Facilities	What kind of facilities are available for medicine as well as the wider uni eg. libraries, study spaces?	There are a wide variety of facilities available to all students at Imperial. This includes the Ethos gym space (there is also gym spaces at the Charing Cross Campus which medics use), library spaces across multiple campuses and your own dedicated SU common room spaces. You can find out more about the facilities at Imperial here: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/campus-facilities/ .
Curriculum	International	What are the placements/electives in the 6th year like? It is possible to do this abroad in a non-English speaking country?	I know that we have a map in our Education Office at Charing Cross campus, which has pins in it showing where our students go each year. I am certain this includes more than 30 destination countries, if not more. Electives abroad are definitely something that is supported.
Curriculum	Overview	Would you say the course favors the clinical side of medicine or scientific research?	I wouldn't say that the course favors one or the other. To be a successful doctor, it's important we appreciate both clinical and academic medicine and the course prepares us for both. There are always more opportunities for research outside the course if this is something you're interested in, but it's not essential.
Curriculum	Overview	How does the curriculum work? Why did Imperial's MBBS programme evolve into a spiral curriculum?	The curriculum is a complex composition of the syllabus (what you will learn), the learning activities (how we support you to achieve the learning outcomes) and the assessment (how we can evaluate achievement of the learning outcomes). Our learning outcomes, learning events and assessments are constructively aligned, which means we draw clear links between all elements that we make clear using our resources and curriculum map. Our learning events are designed to enable you to achieve the learning outcomes.
Curriculum	Overview	How has teaching been impacted since the pandemic?	Due to the pandemic, the majority of our teaching has been online. However, we've still had the opportunity to have in-person teaching for anatomy, clinical skills etc.
Curriculum	Research	Was I wondering whether there is a lot of opportunity to engage in research throughout the degree?	Yes there are, during the first three years of the MBBS/BSc programme (which we call Phase 1a, 1b and 1c, respectively), we teach an integrated model of biomedical science and clinical medicine, with a strong scientific focus underpinned by our world-class research. Your education will be based on local and national health needs, addressing our social responsibility, and preparing you to meet global health challenges. During Phase Two, you will work towards your BSc by completing a series of modules and a supervised research project in a scientific/medical subject of your choice. This gives you the chance to develop your scientific knowledge and research skills, as well as expose you to research and researchers at the cutting edge of the field. (Good evening! I was wondering whether there is a lot of opportunity to engage in research throughout the degree?)
Curriculum	Research	Will I be able to go into medical research after the course? Is the science students learn in medicine the same as the one for life science students?	At Imperial, you are taught research skills all the way through the programme. You also take an entire year to undertake a BSc. You can find out more on our website: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/study/undergraduate/medicine-mbbs-programmes/

Curriculum	Research	What sort of medical research is currently going on at your institution?	This is a big question. Imperial College is composed of four main research-intensive faculties focussed on Medicine, Engineering, Life Sciences and Business. This mixture enables amazing interdisciplinary research. Within Medicine, each of our 8 constituent departments have their own expertise (read more on the website!) - in the last 18 months, our contribution to the global planning and response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been immense - we truly have international authorities on so many areas of expertise.
Curriculum	Teaching	What is the teaching quality like at Imperial Medical School?	You can review the teaching quality via the National Student Survey: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/strategic-planning/statistics/nss/ as well as talking to our current students at https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/chat-to-our-students/
Curriculum	Teaching	What kind of structure does the course follow (eg. proportion of lectures, seminars, independent study, anatomy)?	Take a look here for more information: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/courses/school-of-medicine/medicine/#structure
Curriculum	Teaching	What is the learning style during the preclinical years. How many lectures per week. How long per lecture. Are there any tutorials (small group teaching). Do you incorporate any PBL or CBL type sessions	We utilise a variety of approaches to delivery of our campus-based teaching. In recent years we've transitioned away from a lecture-centric knowledge-heavy lecture-based course to a more interactive group-based approach to learning. We still have some lectures, as they can be an effective modality which provides the content and context for the group teaching sessions. Atop of this, cadaveric anatomy, primary- and secondary-case placements, research experiences and more provide a varied and complimentary learning experience.
Curriculum	Teaching	After the degree, will the students be able to work in other countries?	After your degree you will receive an accreditation from the General Medical Council. This is recognised by many countries. There are some countries who may require you to take additional qualifications to be able to work in other countries.
Curriculum	Teaching	How much opportunity is there to carry out research at Imperial?	You will see a mixture of teaching styles at Imperial - you can find out more here: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/courses/school-of-medicine/medicine/ . You will see small group teaching at many points and you will have one-to-one support from Academic Tutors.
Curriculum	Teaching	who are your lecturers made up of - are the lecturers during clinical years mainly doctors? mainly researchers? etc.	Your lecturers are made up of a wide variety of individuals working in different specialities, some based in Medicine research departments and others based in working hospitals. Your teaching staff may be made up of those who work in clinical medicine and/or in research. You will work with the multidisciplinary team and see all aspects of medical training.
Curriculum	Teaching	what is the relative proportion of teaching methods? is the learning mostly systems based and lectures?	There is a variety of different types of teaching methods being employed throughout Phase 1. You will have the opportunity to undertake small and large group teaching, have access to a greater variety of digital content (available for pre, during and post activity) as well as more chances to undertake practical clinical and research skills.
Curriculum	Teaching	Do you have to pick a specialty during the course?	As you progress through the medicine programme you will be experiencing different specialisms through the different placements you go through - anything from Medicine specialities, Surgery specialities as well as General Practice. You have the opportunity to select a Speciality Choice Module later in Phase 3.
Curriculum	Teaching	do imperial have osces (paces) other practical exams in years 1 and 2 to assess practical / clinical ish skills?	Yes, you do have practical assessments in Phase 1b (your second year). This tests you on your clinical skills preparing you for your third year (Phase 1c) which sees you going into the hospital for longer attachments.