

Programme Information		
Programme Title	Programme Code	HECoS Code
MSc Immunology	For Registry Use Only	For Registry Use Only

Award	Length of Study	Mode of Study	Entry Point(s)	Total Credits	
				ECTS	CATS
PG Certificate	3 months	Full-Time	Annually in October	30	60
MSc Immunology	12 months	Full-Time	Annually in October	90	180

Students can apply to the PG Certificate or the MSc.

Ownership			
Awarding Institution	Imperial College London	Faculty	Faculty of Medicine
Teaching Institution	Imperial College London	Department	Department of Medicine
Associateship	N/A	Main Location(s) of Study	Hammersmith Hospital Campus

External Reference	
Relevant QAA Benchmark Statement(s) and/or other external reference points	QAA Masters level 7
FHEQ Level	Masters level 7
EHEA Level	2 nd Cycle

External Accreditor(s) (if applicable)			
External Accreditor 1:	N/A		
Accreditation received:	N/A	Accreditation renewal:	N/A

Collaborative Provision			
Collaborative partner	Collaboration type	Agreement effective date	Agreement expiry date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Specification Details	
Programme Lead	Dr Sophie Rutschmann
Student cohorts covered by specification	2019/20 entry
Date of introduction of programme	October 2019
Date of programme specification/revision	October 2018

Programme Overview

The PG Certificate in Immunology will provide you with the theoretical principles of Innate and Adaptive Immunity, a unique chance to plan, design and conduct your own Mini-Research Project in our teaching laboratories as well as the opportunity to attend an Immunology conference and conduct an in-depth team presentation of one immunology topic of choice.

The MSc in Immunology will build from the PG Certificate by taking you on a journey to investigate immunity in health and disease. To accompany you on this journey are our leaders in the field with whom you will subsequently have the opportunity to conduct a 6 months laboratory-based research project.

In addition to preparing you to become a researcher in Immunology (main professional outcome) by helping you strengthen your knowledge, creativity and critical thinking skills, the programme will also give you a chance to develop your communication and team working skills.

Learning Outcomes

PG Certificate

At the end of the PG Certificate, you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a strong breadth and depth of core knowledge in immunology
2. Apply the full scientific method to conduct experimental work within a framed environment
3. Appraise immunology cutting edge knowledge and future research trends
4. Critically analyse own and others' experimental data
5. Convincingly communicate scientific ideas in various formats to varied audiences
6. Display positive team work attitude that leads to successful outcomes

MSc Immunology

At the end of the MSc Immunology, you should demonstrate the Learning Outcomes of the PG Certificate as well as be able to:

7. Contextualise the role of the immune system in health and disease
8. Practice and advocate safe laboratory practices; Manage time, space and laboratory resources diligently
9. Generate novel experimental data and critically appraise their quality and importance for the research field
10. Employ scientific evidence to propose creative solutions to both theoretical and practical immunological problems
11. Adopt a critical thinking attitude and identify with the professional development of a research scientist.

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

Entry Requirements	
Academic Requirement	<p>A minimum of a 2:2 UK Bachelor's degree in an appropriate biological science subject (e.g. Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, medicine, dentistry or veterinary science) or equivalent.</p> <p>For further information on entry requirements, please go to https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements/pgacademic/</p>
Non-academic Requirements	N/A
English Language Requirement	<p>Standard requirement Please check for other Accepted English Qualifications</p>
Admissions Test/Interview	<p>Admissions are conducted by two programme team members. Decisions are made following review of applications which need to include academic results to date, a cv, personal statement and two reference letters.</p>
The programme's competency standards documents can be found at: TBA	
Learning & Teaching Approach	
<p>Learning and Teaching Delivery Methods Over the course of the programme, you will be taught using many approaches which are as much as possible reflective of the way the scientific community works and interacts. The taught part of the programme will be delivered in a blended manner which will require you to study independently prior to our face to face sessions. These will be in the form of small group tutorials, keynote lectures, data interpretation sessions, journal club, workshops, group work sessions and more traditional lectures. In addition, you will have the opportunity to attend the British Society of Immunology annual conference (registration fees, accommodation and transport covered by the programme) during which you will get insight into the forefront of the discipline from the conference speakers. In the MSc, you will have the opportunity to be taught directly by our research teams in their laboratories. During your laboratory-based project, you will learn from interacting on a daily basis with researchers, presenting in lab meetings, attending seminars, observing others and receiving feedback on your work.</p> <p>Overall Workload Your overall workload will consist of face-to-face sessions and independent learning. While your actual contact hours may vary according to the module you are studying, the following gives an indication of how much time you will need to allocate to different activities. At Imperial, each ECTS credit taken equates to an expected total study time of 25 hours. Therefore, the expected total study time is 750 hours for the 30 ECTS PG Certificate and 2250 hours for the 90 ECTS MSc.</p>	
Assessment Strategy	
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<p>Summative assessments will be in the form of computer-based closed-book examinations, oral individual and group presentations, conference written proceedings, posters, scientific papers, research project thesis and viva, research plan, laboratory meetings and various other coursework assessments. Assessments will take place at during and at the end of each module.</p>	
Academic Feedback Policy	
<p>Students will be provided with feedback dates at the start of year. The programme will aim to return provisional marks and individual feedback as per College guidelines (see below). Exception to the 10 working day best practice recommendation will be notified at the start of year. Feedback will notably take the form of provisional</p>	

marks, individual feedback, class feedback sessions, small group discussion, or peer feedback. In addition, the programme will ensure that feed-forward opportunities are imbedded into the curriculum.

The College's Policy on Academic Feedback and guidance on issuing provisional marks to students is available at:

www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/academic-policy/exams-and-assessment/

Re-sit Policy

The College's Policy on Re-sits is available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/student-records-and-data/for-current-students/undergraduate-and-taught-postgraduate/exams-assessments-and-regulations/

Mitigating Circumstances Policy

The College's Policy on Mitigating Circumstances is available at: www.imperial.ac.uk/student-records-and-data/for-current-students/undergraduate-and-taught-postgraduate/exams-assessments-and-regulations/

Additional Programme Costs

This section should outline any additional costs relevant to this programme which are not included in students' tuition fees.

Description	Mandatory/Optional	Approximate cost
Janeway's Immunobiology, K. Murphy and C. Weaver, 2016, 9th edition	Mandatory	£50

Programme Structure ¹				
Year 1 – FHEQ Level 7 Students study all core modules.				
Code	Module Title	Core/Elective/Compulsory	Term	Credits
	Principles of Immunology	Compulsory	1	15
	Experimental Immunology	Compulsory	1	10
	Immunology in Practice	Compulsory	1	5
	Immunology in Health and Disease	Compulsory	2	15
	Immunology Research Project	Core	2-3	45
Credit Total				90

¹ **Core** modules are those which serve a fundamental role within the curriculum, and for which achievement of the credits for that module is essential for the achievement of the target award. Core modules must therefore be taken and passed in order to achieve that named award. **Compulsory** modules are those which are designated as necessary to be taken as part of the programme syllabus. Compulsory modules can be compensated. **Elective** modules are those which are in the same subject area as the field of study and are offered to students in order to offer an element of choice in the curriculum and from which students are able to select. Elective modules can be compensated.

Progression and Classification

Progression

You can apply to the PG Certificate or to the MSc. Progression from the PG Certificate to the MSc is allowed, however, due to the nature of the research projects being offered, this will only be allowed in January of the following academic year. Successful PG certificate students will have to apply to the MSc, the progression will not be automatic.

Award and Classification for Postgraduate Students

Award of a Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)

To qualify for the award of a postgraduate Certificate, you must have accumulated at least 30 ECTS at Level 7. Therefore, to be awarded the PG Certificate in Immunology, you will need to pass all three compulsory modules of the PG Certificate with a minimum overall mark of 50.00% for each module. No compensated module is allowed.

Award of the MSc Immunology

To be awarded your MSc in Immunology, you will need to pass all modules of the programme with a minimum average mark of 50.00% for each module.

You are allowed one compensated module (average mark for that module between 40.00-49.99%) up to a size of 15 ECTS and providing your overall mark for the degree is above 50.00%.

Classification

The College sets the class of Degree that may be awarded as follows:

Distinction: you will need to achieve an overall weighted average of 70.00% or above across the programme, as well as a minimum of 70.00% in your Research Project.

Merit: you will need to achieve an overall weighted average of above 60.00% but less than 70.00% across the programme, as well as a minimum of 60.00% in your Research Project.

Pass: you will need to achieve an overall weighted average of 50.00% but less than 60.00% across the programme, as well as a minimum of 50.00% in your Research Project.

Please find the full Academic Regulations at <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations/>

Please follow the prompts to find the set of regulations relevant to your programme of study.

Programme Specific Regulations

Only one module with no more than 15 ECTS as a Compensated Pass is allowed.

Supporting Information

The Programme Handbook is available at: **TBA**

The Module Handbook is available at: **TBA**

The College's entry requirements for postgraduate programmes can be found at:
www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements

The College's Quality & Enhancement Framework is available at:
www.imperial.ac.uk/registry/proceduresandregulations/qualityassurance

The College's Academic and Examination Regulations can be found at:
www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/regulations

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

Imperial College London is regulated by the Office for Students (OfS)
www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/the-register/

This document provides a definitive record of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student may reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. This programme specification is primarily intended as a reference point for prospective and current students, academic and support staff involved in delivering the programme and enabling student development and achievement, for its assessment by internal and external examiners, and in subsequent monitoring and review.

Modifications

Description	Approved	Date	Paper Reference
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A