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Welcome

from the Dean,
Professor
Richard McManus



Who you are

A caring and open individual who shares our commitment to providing outstanding and compassionate healthcare.

Entry requirements

UCAT

In year of application

AAA

A-levels
(including Biology & Chemistry)

AAB

Adjusted offer
(including Biology & Chemistry)

36pts

Total in the International Baccalaureate
(including HL Biology & Chemistry)

35pts

Adjusted offer
Total in the International Baccalaureate
(including HL Biology & Chemistry)

Who we are

A modern, inclusive and innovative medical school with a real sense of community.

205

students started with BSMS in 2024

31%

of UK students who started with BSMS in the last five years met our widening participation criteria

What we can offer

If you're looking for modern medical training that stretches you to your limits and supports you to push beyond them, allows you to relax in rural tranquillity and to experience the adrenaline rush of early clinical experience, look no further than BSMS.



Systems-based approach

You will take a bodily system, such as the circulatory system, and learn all relevant anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology and clinical skills.



Early clinical experience

You will have placements in GP surgeries and hospitals from week two, building your confidence and communication skills with patients and healthcare professionals.



Cadaveric dissection

Cadaveric dissection is a key part of the course, giving you a real understanding of human anatomy, along with prosection, living anatomy and ultrasound sessions.



Location

You will be based in Brighton & Hove, an exciting, vibrant, inclusive seaside city, nestled at the foot of the South Downs and only an hour from London.



New teaching hospital

The redeveloped Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton provides excellent clinical and learning facilities for medical students.



Two university partners

As a student of both the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex, you will benefit from access to the academic and recreational facilities of both.



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Preparing you for medicine



Your anatomy study will explore the human body and its relevance to clinical practice. Cadaveric dissection is a key part of the course and is supplemented by the study of prosections (professionally dissected cadaveric specimens). Living anatomy and ultrasound tutorials are another key way in which anatomy is taught at BSMS, giving you real and hands-on opportunities to study and understand the structure and function of the human body.



Dr Catherine Hennessy,
Head of Anatomy



Our five-year medical degree, awarded jointly by the Universities of Brighton and Sussex, leads to the qualification of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BM BS). The course is designed to help you become a highly competent, strongly motivated doctor, committed to the highest standards of clinical practice, professionalism and patient care.

How is the course organised?

Years 1 and 2

Systems-based approach

You will study the normal and abnormal functioning of the human body using a systems-based approach, with integrated modules covering the core biomedical and psychosocial sciences.

Clinical skills

You will start to develop clinical skills in history taking, physical examination, diagnosis and effective communication with patients in a classroom setting and by gaining real life experience in primary, secondary and community care placements. Clinical skills in Year 1 will also cover basic life support, first responder principles and simulated home visits.

In Year 2 you will continue to build on the clinical skills taught in Year 1, covering venepuncture and phlebotomy, intermediate life support and the initial assessment of patients in different settings (eg, the emergency department). You will also take part in four immersion weeks, where you will focus on general practice, learning from allied health professionals and community care teams.

In Years 2 and 3 you will spend time with a person living with dementia and their carer in our award-winning Time for Dementia programme.



Anatomy

Learning anatomy at BSMS gives you a unique and exciting opportunity to participate in cadaveric dissection in Year 1 and then go on to study prosections in Year 2. Additional opportunities to dissect are provided for anyone who is interested beyond Year 1.

During the living anatomy and ultrasound tutorials you will have the opportunity to identify anatomical structures on yourself and your peers (with their consent) using palpation techniques and ultrasound machines.

Student-Selected Components (SSCs)

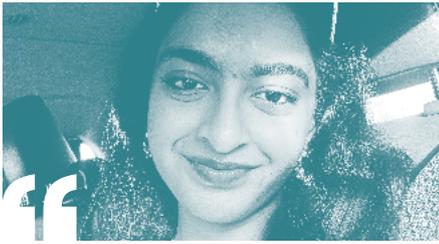
SSCs allow you to study areas of personal interest and explore selected topics in depth, informed by the latest research.



I'm grateful for the opportunity to do cadaveric dissections because it has allowed me to put a face behind all the complex anatomical structures we learn and visualise these structures inside a human body. At the end of the year when we paid our respect to the donors, I had a deeper understanding and appreciation for anatomy than I'd ever gain from a textbook alone.



Diva Kothari
Year 2



When researching different medical schools, BSMS stuck out to me instantly due to the opportunity for full body dissection, which provides hands-on, interactive anatomy learning. Along with this, the spiral curriculum that we follow means concepts are repeatedly revisited in different contexts, to help us consolidate our understanding of key ideas.



Esha Ram
Year 2



Year 3

Clinical rotations

At the heart of Year 3 are ward-based attachments including:

- ▶ General Medicine, Acute Medicine and Cardiology
- ▶ Elderly Medicine and Psychiatry
- ▶ Surgery, including Perioperative Medicine, Emergency Medicine Orthopaedics and Urology

Most students undertake at least one rotation at one of our regional partner hospitals outside Brighton.

Teaching

You will consolidate your increasing clinical experience with an understanding of the underlying clinical, pathological and public health issues through weekly teaching sessions in the Scientific Basis of Medicine module. You will also gain further experience in safe prescribing of medicines, an essential skill for your medical career.



BSMS has a very diverse student population, with students from a wide range of ages, cultures, backgrounds and experiences. As a graduate student myself, this was one of the many reasons I chose to study here, as there were many others who had also not taken the traditional route into medicine.



Hadiqa Ali
Year 4

Year 4

Clinical rotations

In Year 4 you will take part in a series of five-week rotations in:

- ▶ General Practice
- ▶ ENT, Ophthalmology and Neurology
- ▶ Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Sexual Health
- ▶ Rheumatology and Dermatology
- ▶ Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care
- ▶ Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- ▶ Paediatrics

The clinical focus in Year 4 is on understanding how primary, community and secondary care structures work together to integrate care for the patient.

Some rotations are delivered in our regional partner hospitals as well as in Brighton.

Research

You will complete a year-long Individual Research Project, supervised by a university or hospital team.

Time for Autism

You will take part in our Time for Autism programme, spending time with a family affected by autism and gaining a greater understanding of this condition.

Intercalation

You may choose to take a year out of your medical degree study after Year 3 to undertake an intercalated BSc or Masters degree at BSMS or another university. This will provide you with rigorous training in research methods, along with opportunities to publish your findings and attend scientific meetings and conferences.



Find out more about
intercalated degrees
at BSMS

Year 5

Year 5 provides intense clinical and professional preparation for your foundation years.

Clinical skills

You will develop your clinical skills through direct patient contact on clinical placements, and by using clinical skills laboratories and simulators.

Your learning will be based on close involvement with routine clinical cases, acting as a member of the clinical team. Spending 15 weeks within one of our placement hospitals, you will rotate through Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Elderly Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry. Central to your study will be the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients in these different areas of practice.

Medical Licensing Assessment

You will undertake the General Medical Council (GMC) Medical Licensing Assessment along with students at all other UK medical schools. This comprises an Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) and an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). In addition to the MLA, you will sit the Prescribing Safety Assessment, which will assess you in the safe and effective use of medicines.



Find out more about the
**Medical Licensing
Assessment**



Preparation for foundation programme

After finals you will join a clinical team at one of our partner hospitals, working closely with junior doctors to complete the preparation for foundation programme module (Foundation 0). This eight-week placement is designed to prepare you for the role of foundation doctor.

Elective

Towards the end of Year 5, you will undertake an elective period to gain clinical experience in another environment in the UK or abroad.

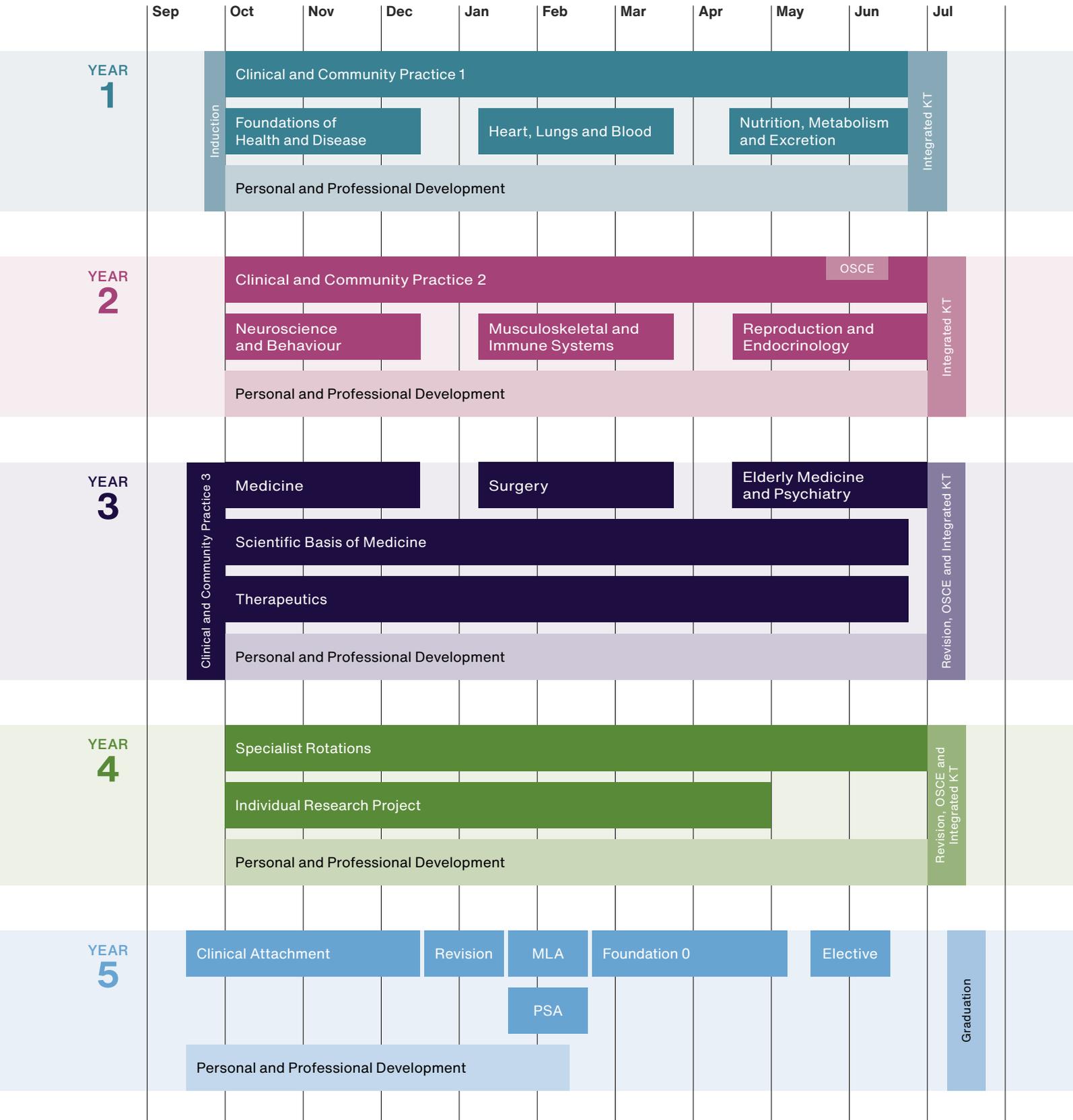
After graduation

At the end of the undergraduate programme, subject to satisfying fitness to practise requirements, you'll receive your degree, which the GMC has approved as a primary medical qualification.



Find out more about
**provisional registration
as a doctor**

BSMS curriculum outline



Key: KT = Knowledge Test; OSCE = Objective Structured Clinical Examination; MLA = Medical Licensing Assessment; PSA = Prescribing Safety Assessment
Please note: the curriculum outline for 2026 has not yet been finalised and may be subject to change. Check at bsms.ac.uk/undergraduate

Developing you as a doctor



The clinical years have been both challenging and rewarding. They're very hands-on, with placements in a variety of specialties across hospitals and GP practices in the region. The teaching is excellent, with junior and senior doctors often going out of their way to ensure we understand concepts and clinical skills.



Alex dos Santos
Year 4



At BSMS, our systems-based curriculum offers a range of teaching and learning methods, including early clinical experience, cadaveric dissection and e-learning. We believe in supporting you with relevant technology and learning resources, so you can realise your potential.



BSMS learning methods

BSMS has an integrated curriculum designed to develop your knowledge, academic and clinical skills. Our emphasis throughout the degree is on small group academic and clinical teaching, which allows you to further develop and apply your learning from lectures.

Teaching includes practical classes in our anatomy and biomedical science laboratories, seminars, guided individual study, clinical skills practice, technology-enhanced learning and clinical symposia.



Learning from patients

Patient educators provide a unique patient-centred focus to your clinical training, helping you gain a broad understanding of a diverse range of patients' experiences and the implications of various health conditions and disabilities.

Learning from peers

Team working is vital in medicine, and we foster collaborative working through group activities and peer-learning throughout the course, with medical and other healthcare students.

Personal and professional development

Personal and professional development is learnt throughout the five year course. The GMC expects graduates to be able to reflect on and develop all aspects of their practice, and consider how their professional and personal lives intersect and influence each other. With this in mind, each student is assigned a Clinical Personal Tutor who they meet with once per term for support with the challenges of the course and the practice of medicine.

Taught sessions allow students to explore health inequalities, professionalism, ethics, law, dealing with error, team work, cultural humility, leadership, and quality and safety in the clinical environment.



BSMS stood out to me for its unique teaching approach, which involves a spiral curriculum. Additionally, the integrated course structure appealed, as it provides a way to apply what we were taught to practical situations. Also, the chance to learn through dissection and prosection really made an impression.



Mildred Essandoh
Year 2

Sustainable healthcare

Teaching about sustainable healthcare is included throughout the undergraduate medical curriculum at BSMS. This is led by our Sustainable Healthcare group, who are conducting internationally leading research and policy development on reducing the environmental impacts of healthcare, particularly related to material waste. Students are invited to enter for the student prize in sustainable healthcare, contribute to the student-led **Planetary Health Report Card** and attend the international Sustainable Healthcare Academic Research and Enterprise (SHARE) conference that BSMS co-hosts.

Measuring your progress

Summative and formative assessments occur throughout the course. Along with written assessments, we will test your communication and clinical skills through practical assessment methods such as OSCEs and presentations.

Feedback

You will receive regular written and verbal feedback on your progress in the classroom and the clinical environment to help you identify your strengths and areas for development. We will also seek and act on your feedback to make improvements to the course.



See a full list of **assessments and their weightings**



Your participation in research

At BSMS, you will have the opportunity to get involved in a range of exciting research and to develop projects that particularly interest you.

You could participate in research as early as Year 1, in your Student-Selected Components (SSCs). In Year 4, you will conduct a research project under the supervision of a faculty member, joining teams in laboratories, hospitals or the community.

You might choose to investigate biomedical sciences or epidemiology, or assess clinical and community interventions, and you will have opportunities to present your findings at national and international meetings, or to publish papers in medical journals.

You will graduate with enhanced teamwork, research methodology, technical and project management skills.



Facilities and resources

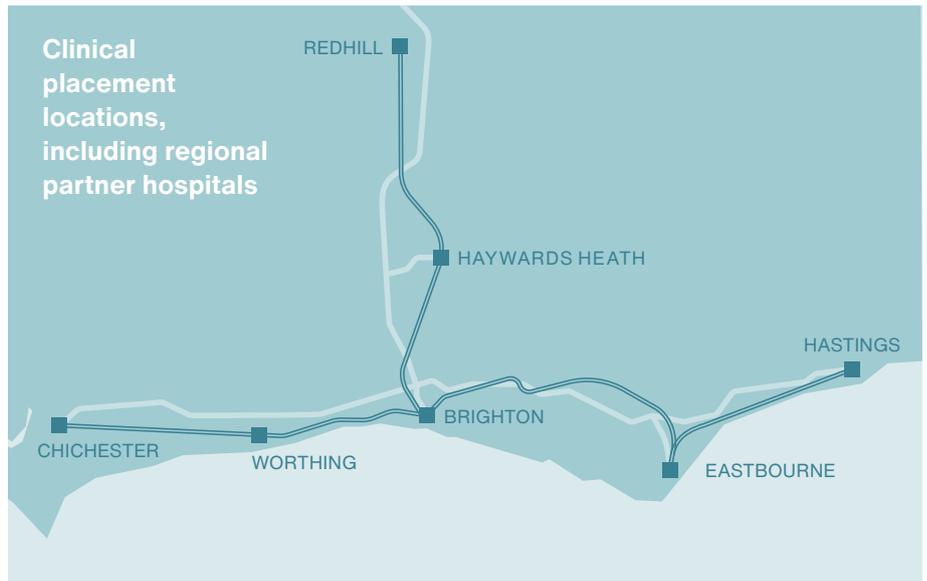
In Years 1 and 2 your studies will be based primarily at both Brighton and Sussex university campuses, which house clinical skills teaching rooms, an anatomy suite and clinical science laboratories.

From Year 3 you will be based in Brighton at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and across other sites in the region (see map right). Distant placements outside of Brighton of four weeks or more are residential, to allow you to be fully immersed in the partner hospital team.

Digital resources

Our online platform, My Studies, provides access to all your learning resources and study support tools, including lecture recordings, presentations, quizzes, interactive cases and case-based tutorials.

Clinical placement experience and professional development are supported with a dedicated e-portfolio platform and mobile app. Virtual microscopy and immersive 3D anatomy resources will also support your learning.



Specialist digital learning resources:

- ▶ The Anatomy Lab Interface, a custom mobile app that complements learning in the dissection lab
- ▶ Capsule, a unique, case-based learning resource comprising over 750 clinical scenarios for students to test their investigation, diagnosis and management skills, aligned to the Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA)
- ▶ SmartDrug, a bespoke case-based platform to develop core prescribing skills
- ▶ A large library of clinical skills videos and interactive tutorials
- ▶ Sofia, curriculum mapping software that allows students to revise and track learning outcomes, add notes and attachments and filter content, aligned to Outcomes for Graduates and the MLA
- ▶ Access to Passmedicine, an online revision platform, for Year 4 and 5 students



My favourite part of the course has been my Independent General Practice rotation in Year 4. This was a really unique learning experience for me as I got to run my own clinics, independently taking histories and examining patients, as well as coming up with management plans. The excitement and nervousness of seeing my own list of patients that first morning is unforgettable, and the feedback I received was invaluable in building on my consultation skills for my future clinical practice.



Waqar Ahmed
Year 4



Support

Medicine is a demanding course physically, intellectually and emotionally, and BSMS offers a wide range of support to help you during your time here.

Student Advice Team

Our student advisers are dedicated, non-academic staff with whom you can discuss problems that may affect you – personal issues, financial difficulties, health issues and more. They offer confidential listening and advice, and work with colleagues to help reduce the impact on your studies of problems you may face. They can also identify specialist support if necessary, and put you in touch with other university support services.

Disability and learning support

For students with physical disabilities, long-term mental health or medical conditions, or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, university services are available for advice, guidance and academic support. Such support might include individual support tutors, assistive technology and Learning Support Plans detailing reasonable adjustments to your teaching and assessment.



Find out more about **disability and learning support**



Medic families

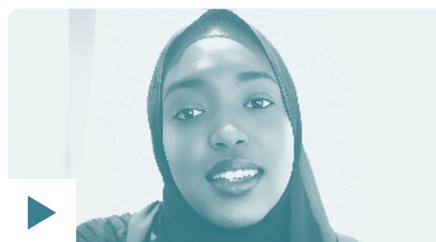
Before you join us, you will be assigned a medic family – this will include ‘siblings’ (other first years), ‘parents’ (in Year 2), and even ‘grandparents’! They will be in touch before you start, and will help you to settle in once you’re here.

International students

Both universities offer a diverse range of events for international students, and student societies can help you integrate into student life here. The University of Brighton’s international support team provides practical advice and support. The English Language for Academic Study team at the University of Sussex offers courses and bespoke support to medical students for whom English is an additional language.

Other support

Other support available includes financial advice and wellbeing services. For more information, contact: **studentadvice@bsms.ac.uk**



Applying to medical school can be an overwhelming process, but **BSMS stood out for its incredibly supportive and approachable team. Their genuine care and assistance made a lasting impression. This level of support hasn’t wavered throughout my time at BSMS. Even now, whether I’m facing challenges on placement or feeling uncertain about an assignment, I know I can always rely on a multiple of people for guidance and help.**



Sara Shuman
Year 4

A typical week in the life of a BSMS student*

Year 1



Monday

Lectures and practical classes (module tutorials, labs, pathology interactive classes, living anatomy)

Tuesday - *Clinical practice day*

AM Clinical practice lecture
PM Primary or secondary care placement/clinical skills/small group work with clinical practice facilitators/workshop

Wednesday

AM Student Selected Component
PM Possible lectures until 2pm/ free time for study and/or extracurricular activities such as sport

Thursday

Symposium, lectures and practical classes

Friday

Dissection room, practical classes and lectures

Year 2



Monday

AM Dissection room
PM Lectures, practical classes, module tutorials, labs, symposiums, pathology interactive classes

Tuesday

AM Student selected component
PM Practical class: living anatomy, ultrasounds, labs

Wednesday

AM Lectures
PM Time for Dementia/free time for study and/or extracurricular activities such as sport

Thursday - *Clinical practice day*

AM Clinical practice lecture
PM Primary or secondary care placement/clinical skills/small group work with clinical practice facilitators/workshop

Friday

AM Symposium or lecture
PM Lectures

Year 3



Monday

Lectures

Tuesday

Clinical rotations, eg, in General Medicine, Acute Medicine and Cardiology; Elderly Medicine and Psychiatry; Surgery, including Perioperative Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics and Urology

Wednesday

Clinical rotations

Thursday

Clinical rotations

Friday

Clinical rotations

Year 4



Monday

Individual Research Project (IRP) day
Students work on their IRP/meet with their supervisor/collect data etc

Tuesday

Clinical rotations, eg, in GP; ENT, Ophthalmology and Neurology; Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Sexual Health; Rheumatology and Dermatology; Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care; Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Paediatrics

Wednesday

Clinical rotations

Thursday

Clinical rotations

Friday

Clinical rotations

Year 5



Monday

Clinical attachment (including ward rounds, clinics, lectures and seminars, clinical skills teaching), eg, in Medicine; Emergency Medicine; Elderly Medicine; Surgery; Psychiatry

Tuesday

Seminars

Wednesday

Clinical attachment

Thursday

Clinical attachment

Friday

Clinical attachment

*Draft timetables for 2026

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A home from home



As a first-year medical student, you will be guaranteed accommodation. However, you must make BSMS your first choice when confirming places with UCAS, and submit your application for university residences by the deadline in late June 2026.



Find out more about
Lewes Court



Find out more about
Brighthelm houses



Find out more about
Northfield flats



Find out more about
Varley Park

Halls of residence

In your accommodation, you will be part of a lively, stimulating and cosmopolitan student community, living alongside people from all over the world who are studying a wide range of subjects.

BSMS students are allocated between halls of residence at the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton, and you will have the opportunity to rank your accommodation choices in terms of preference. Please note we cannot guarantee your first choice. All residences have communal kitchens and internet, and contents insurance is included as part of the cost.

University of Brighton campus

You will normally be placed in accommodation at the Varley Park campus, where both en suite and shared bathroom options are available. There is a bus stop on site, and the public bus service connects with the Falmer campus both day and night.

University of Sussex campus

You will normally be placed in Lewes Court or Brighthelm houses, with shared bathrooms, or in Northfield flats, with en suite bathrooms.

Applying for accommodation

You should apply for halls via the University of Brighton Accommodation Office, regardless of which university campus you would prefer. They will send you information on how to apply during the academic year before you arrive at BSMS, including all relevant deadlines. For accommodation costs, see page 29.

Key	
BSMS teaching/research buildings	
Accommodation	
Library	
Bus stop	
Train station	
Train line	

Approximate walking times

	BSMS Teaching Building	Watson Building
Lewes Court Brighthelm Houses Northfield Flats	→ 15 mins	25 mins
Varley Park	→ 32 mins	34 mins
Falmer Station	→ 7 mins	7 mins

Life on campus

You can buy anything from a sandwich to a three-course meal on campus. Facilities include shops, cafés, bars, libraries, a laundrette, an arts centre, a post office, sports centres and a swimming pool.

In Brighton

If you would prefer to live in Brighton for your first year, a wide range of rented accommodation is available.

We encourage students to live in or near Brighton for the duration of their studies. Students may choose to commute from outside the immediate area for personal reasons, but BSMS is not usually able to provide concessions or adjustments to the course to accommodate these circumstances. Students who are not resident in the local area are likely to need to source temporary accommodation from time to time to ensure they can meet the requirements of the course.



Join the club



As a BSMS student, there are plenty of activities available for when you are not studying. MedSoc offers a wide range of clubs and societies to get involved with, and you are also able to take part in activities available at both universities. These are a great way to get to know people, and many societies have a thriving social programme alongside their main activities.

MedSoc

MedSoc is run by BSMS medical students to cater for all extra-curricular aspects of medical school. We are with you from Freshers' Week to graduation and beyond, to make sure you get the most out of your time at BSMS!

There are over 40 different societies within MedSoc, including cultural and religious societies such as Afro-Caribbean Soc and Islamic Society. There are also many specialty societies such as the Surgical Society, and other societies such as the Medic Revue, the Book Club, Debating, Sea Swimming and many more. All the societies at BSMS are very active and organise a huge variety of events, conferences and socials all year round.

MedSoc works with both Brighton and Sussex students' unions to organise sports teams and events specifically for medical students. Activities include balls throughout your time at medical school, socials at clubs and venues in Brighton, as well as non-drinking socials, including activities such as crazy golf, laser tag, bowling and more. Whatever you want to get involved in, there will be lots of friendly medics ready to welcome you at all activities, and MedSoc will help you make friends for life.



Find out more about **BSMS MedSoc and current societies**



Find out more about **Brighton Student Union**



Find out more about **Sussex Student Union**



I grasped the opportunity to immerse myself into the culture at BSMS and am part of societies at the medical school and both universities. I also play American football for the Sussex American Football team, which gives me a break from medicine and an opportunity to refresh and see different aspects of university life.



Julian Okorocho
Year 4

Sport and fitness

Whether you want to keep fit, dance or are into serious sport, there are excellent sports facilities at both university campuses including sports halls, gyms, a swimming pool, fitness and dance studios, exercise classes, squash and tennis courts and a range of sports pitches.

There is also a wide range of competitive sports teams at BSMS, with most taking part in local or regional leagues. Twice a year you can battle it out for domination in the South against Kent and Medway Medical School and Southampton Medical School in our varsity matches. Each medical school takes it in turns to host a full day of sport, followed by a social in the evenings – a great opportunity to meet future colleagues.

University clubs and societies

As BSMS students, you not only have MedSoc, but you have access to all the sports and societies at both the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton. Both student unions run all sorts of creative, social, political and sporting events throughout the year and provide a great opportunity to meet people doing other courses.

Out and about

Year 2 student Ian Dimaculangan gives an insider's guide to living and studying in Brighton.



A welcoming and inclusive city

Brighton is known for its rich and diverse culture represented through its people and painted through its streets. With a large LGBTQIA+ demographic and ethnic diversity, the city offers a friendly, inviting and comfortable location for all.



Shopping

Brighton provides a treasure trove of shops. Along with chain shops and Churchill Square Shopping Centre, it is also important I mention the North Laine. The maze of narrow roads and alleys is full of quirky, independent and vintage shops, which might be selling exactly what you are looking for or something you didn't even know you needed.



Nights Out

Brighton really lives up to its reputation for its nightlife. With a variety of clubs to choose from, each with special events on most days of the week, there really is something for everyone. My personal favourites include Casablanca's for some live music and Chalk for their 'Throwback Thursdays'.

Arts and events

There is a lot of theatre and art in Brighton, with smaller independent venues offering more fringe offerings alongside bigger venues such as the Dome, Theatre Royal, Komedia and the Old Market. There are also numerous events throughout the year, including the Brighton Festival and Fringe, Pride, the Lewes Bonfire Night and the Boundary music festival.

Eating out and cafes

Brighton's melting pot of cultures is mirrored by its overwhelming variety of restaurants and takeaways. Stretching from London Road to Churchill Square, roads are filled with diverse food options. Personal favourites of mine are Soju for its authentic Korean food and Orientali for its vibrant flavours. Student friendly choices are always around with student discounts and deals, plus there are many budget-friendly restaurants like Pompoko, with their their soul-warming katsu don. Brighton's cafe scene is amazing. If you're looking for a quaint and quiet place to study with a warming coffee, then places like Pelicano are for you. You can find sweet and subtle matcha at Granny's Cafe near Churchill Square, while the Garden Cafe is a known 'date spot' with its lush green aesthetic and great coffee and cake.

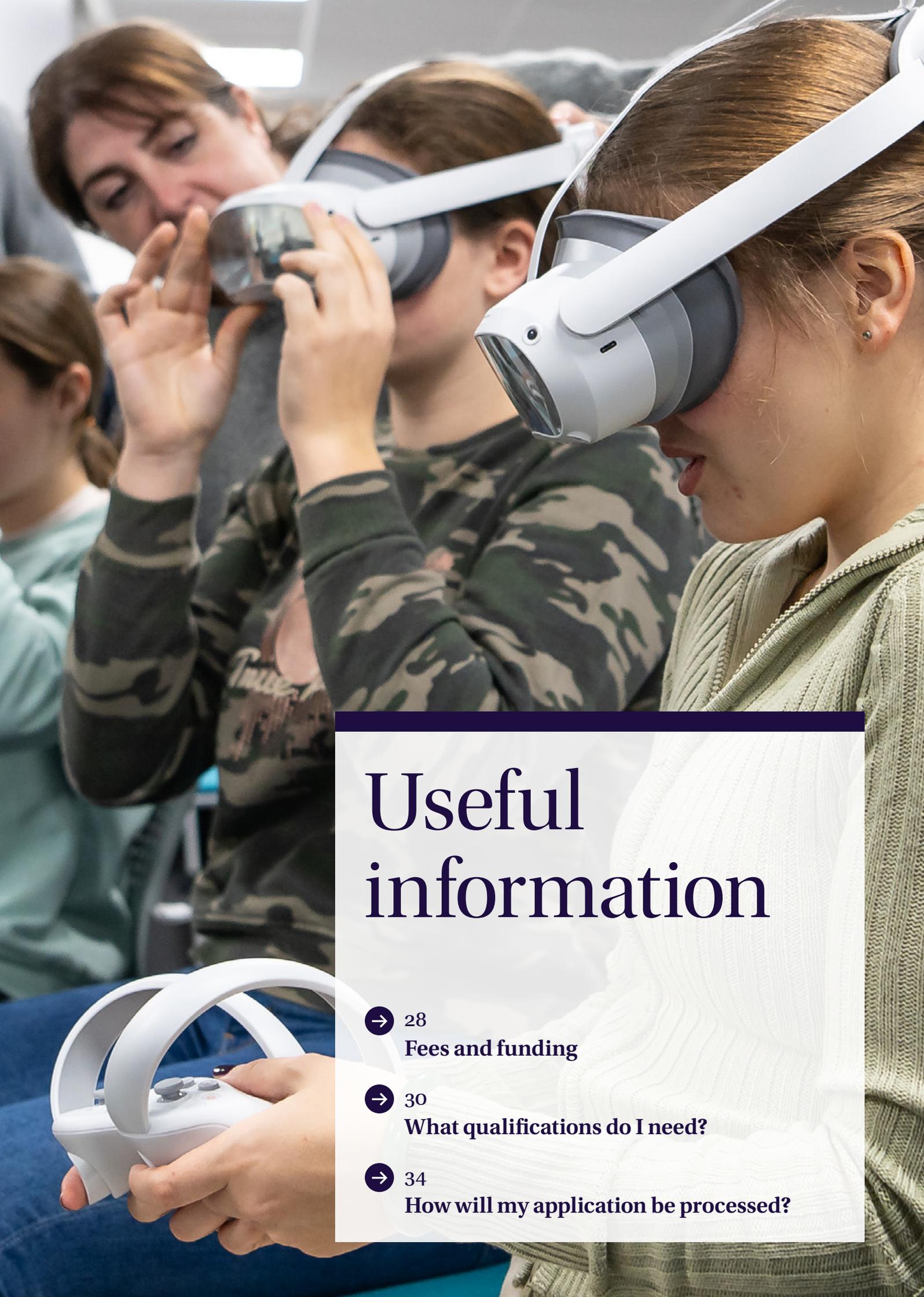
Outdoors

Away from the bright lights and upbeat lifestyle of the city, you can find fresh air and acres of open fields and countryside. The South Downs are just moments away from the University of Sussex campus and make the perfect scenic spot for hiking. Brighton also has a wide variety of outdoor sports facilities with water activities at the beach and marina, and yoga in the woods or on the beach. Just minutes from BSMS is Stanmer Park with its lush green fields and friendly cows. Open for anyone, any time, my peers and I enjoyed spotting the northern lights from here.



The Beach

It is imperative that I mention Brighton beach, which is never too far away no matter where you choose to live in the city. A simple place for you to unwind from a long day of placements or chat endlessly after many hours at the library. For many people, it's an area to socialise, eat and play various sports, but for me, it's a relaxing escape from the everyday chaos.



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Fees and funding

Fees and financial support for 2026 have not yet been agreed, and will be posted on our website once confirmed.

Tuition fees for students starting the BM BS undergraduate medical degree in 2025 are:

UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man students
£9,535 per year¹

International students (including EU)²
£46,700 per year³

- 1 Fees are subject to UK Government confirmation and to regulatory approval, and may change throughout the period of enrolment on the course as the Government reviews fee levels: [gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students)
- 2 EU nationals with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme may be eligible for student funding.
- 3 In subsequent years, fees for international students who start in 2025 will rise by 5% per year, rounded to the nearest £100.

Money can be a concern when going to university. At BSMS, both school and university staff have help and advice to offer.

Financial support

To assist new full-time home (UK) students studying for their first degree, a range of financial support is provided by the UK Government:

- ▶ You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover your tuition fees in full, which you only start to pay back when you are earning over a certain threshold.
- ▶ You can apply for a partially means-tested Maintenance Loan to help towards living costs such as food and rent.
- ▶ If you are a parent or a carer, other means-tested financial support is also available, including a Parents' Learning Allowance and a Childcare Grant.

See [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance) for further information on government funding for students normally resident in England.

If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland you will be offered a different package of support – please refer to the respective funding bodies:

- [saas.gov.uk](https://www.saas.gov.uk)
- [studentfinancewales.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)
- [studentfinancenir.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk)



Students with a previous degree

If you are a UK student and already have a degree, you may find funding difficult for the BM BS degree, as you will not have access to a Tuition Fee Loan. However, you can apply for a partially means-tested Maintenance Loan to help towards living costs such as food and rent.

From your fifth year of study you may be eligible for an NHS Bursary.

University of Brighton financial support

The University of Brighton provides financial support to students from lower-income families.

Eligible UK students with a household income of less than £25,000 are entitled to the following in addition to any UK Government support:⁴

- ▶ Years 1-4 – a £500 cash bursary in each year of study
- ▶ Year 5 – university funding is not available to students in receipt of an NHS Bursary (see right).

The University of Brighton also provides a Care Leaver's bursary and Estranged Students bursary to eligible students. Both universities also offer sports scholarships.

For general advice and information about student finance, please contact studentadvice@brighton.ac.uk

For more information about university bursaries, contact the Student Funding Team at bursaries@brighton.ac.uk

Your eligibility will be assessed on the basis of the information provided in your Student Finance application:

[gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

⁴ Figures are for 2025 entry; when available, information on financial support for 2026 entry will be provided at: <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/fees-and-finance/undergraduate/uk-students/bursaries/university-bursary.aspx>

NHS Bursary

From the fifth year of study, you may be eligible for an NHS Bursary. This may include:

- Support with tuition fees
- Grants towards living costs
- Additional help, depending on your circumstances (eg, Dependants' Allowance).

For further information see:

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students



Find out more about **bursaries and eligibility criteria**

International students

If offered a place to study at BSMS, you will be required to pay a £5,000 tuition fee deposit when you accept your offer. You will need to ensure that you have the means to cover the cost of your fees and other expenses for the whole five years before you begin your course.

Living costs

Depending on your lifestyle, you may expect to spend the following on rent.

University halls: £128 to £214 per week (based on 2025-26 figures) depending on type of accommodation. Costs include electricity, heating, water rates and contents insurance. Internet access is provided as a campus wide service.

Shared houses: Average £140 per person per week (based on 2024 figures).

Advice on additional funding

The BSMS Student Advice Team and the University of Brighton Student Advice Service offer information and advice on additional sources of funding, money management and debt counselling.

Other costs

You should factor in certain other costs including:

- ▶ a stethoscope (approx £90)
- ▶ a laptop computer
- ▶ travel, parking etc related to placements and regional attachments
- ▶ travel, accommodation and living expenses for your fourth-year primary care placement and fifth-year clinical attachment and elective; placements occur over a wide geographical area.



Find out about **laptop specs, accommodation & travel policy, etc**

Paid work while studying

At BSMS we provide opportunities for our students to earn money where we can, and students are paid to assist with admissions and open days, and outreach work. The careers services of both universities are experienced in helping students find part-time or vacation work, but please bear in mind that as you progress through the degree, your study will require an increasingly significant time commitment throughout the week, and term times will lengthen.

What qualifications do I need?

Entry requirements

UCAT

In year of application

AAA

A-levels
(including Biology and Chemistry)

AAB Adjusted offer

(including Biology and Chemistry)

36 pts

Total in the International Baccalaureate (including HL Biology and Chemistry)

35 pts Adjusted offer

Total in the International Baccalaureate (including HL Biology and Chemistry)



We are looking not only for academic ability but also for the personal qualities that people need and expect in a good doctor.

In selecting our students, we look for:

- ▶ academic achievement and potential
- ▶ a realistic attitude to medical training and clinical practice
- ▶ an understanding of the NHS values and the ability to reflect upon their importance
- ▶ a commitment to quality of care, compassion and improving lives
- ▶ the ability to communicate and work effectively in a team for the benefit of patients
- ▶ the ability to appreciate other people's point of view
- ▶ an appreciation of the need to treat people with respect and dignity
- ▶ a willingness to accept responsibility
- ▶ a resilient all-rounder who can demonstrate a number of skills and attributes.

UCAT

We require applicants to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in the year of application to be considered for interview.

Please check our website to find out how BSMS uses UCAT scores to select candidates for interview.

Please refer to the UCAT website <https://www.ucat.ac.uk> for key dates and additional information.

Literacy and numeracy

Applicants must have qualifications in English and Maths equivalent to at least GCSE grade 6 or an IELTS score of 7.0 or above with at least 7.0 in each section. For adjusted offers, we will accept GCSE grade 5.

International students who do not speak English as a first language must hold a qualification in English language received within the three years prior to their BSMS enrolment date.

Third A-level

We do not specify the nature of the third A-level subject and we strongly encourage applications from students who study humanities or the arts (including Psychology), as we recognise their value in broadening academic horizons.



Adjusted offers

BSMS is committed to widening participation into medicine, so along with assessing your academic profile, we will also be looking for additional information that may enhance your application.

If you meet three or more of our criteria, your application will be considered separately from those of other applicants. For such applicants, we will accept AAB at A-level (including Biology and Chemistry); 35 points total in the International Baccalaureate (including Higher Level Biology and Chemistry); and English and Maths GCSEs at grade 5.

We aim to offer 30% of all interviews to students who meet our adjusted offer criteria. Applicants who are (or have been) looked after in local authority care for more than three months from the age of 11 will automatically be invited for interview, subject to satisfying academic criteria.

To find out if you meet our criteria please visit: bsms.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying-to-bsms/entry-requirements.aspx

Other equivalent qualifications

We also welcome a wide range of other equivalent academic qualifications. If you have any queries, please contact medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk

Date of qualifications

All qualifications must have been achieved in or after August 2016. BSMS reserves the right to make alternative offers where appropriate (for international students, please see English language qualification requirements on page 31).

Graduate entry

Applications from graduates are welcomed. You should hold three A-levels (at least BBB), including Biology and Chemistry, and you should hold, or expect to hold, a first or upper second class science degree that demonstrates an adequate knowledge of Biology and Chemistry.

If you are unsure whether your particular degree meets our Biology and Chemistry requirements, please email copies of your transcripts to medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk and we will advise you of your eligibility.



Find out more about **detailed current entry requirements**

Access to medicine

Access to Medicine courses are an effective way for mature entrants who have not previously studied Biology and Chemistry at A-level or degree level to gain a qualification acceptable for entry into medical school. A pass at distinction level is normally required, along with demonstrated proficiency in both English and Maths, to a minimum level of GCSE grade 6.

Access to Medicine courses are not a substitute for previous poor performance in the relevant areas of science that are needed to study medicine. As such, BSMS will not consider applications from any access to medicine students already holding qualifications in the relevant sciences graded at or below our standard entry requirements.

We will only consider applicants who have completed courses that are recognised by the medical school, please email medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk to find out if your qualification would be accepted.



Fitness to practise

Applicants with a disability are urged to discuss with a disability adviser what reasonable adjustments they might require in order to complete the course. Please contact the disability adviser prior to making an application: disability@brighton.ac.uk

We welcome a diverse range of applicants, reflecting the whole of society. All applicants should visit our website to read detailed information on health and criminal record checks in terms of fitness to practise.

In accepting any offer of a place you consent to incorporation of this notice as a term of contract between you and BSMS. All students are required to abide by the regulations of the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex, which are available on request.



Find out more about **fitness to practise, health and vaccinations**

How will my application be processed?

UK students

We expect to have **197 places for new UK entrants, and 10 places for new international entrants, in September 2026.**

UCAS institution code name:
BSMS

UCAS institution code:
B74

Course code:
A100

Your application must be submitted through UCAS (ucas.ac.uk) by the required date in October 2025.

Open days

BSMS open days will take place in Summer 2025, in person and online. These will give you the opportunity to look around, meet students and staff and ask questions.



Find out more about **open days**

Interviews

BSMS plans to offer candidates the opportunity to interview either in-person at the University of Sussex or online.



Find out more about **admissions and multiple mini interviews (MMIs)**

Steps in the BSMS admissions cycle



Step 1

Sit UCAT in Summer 2025.



Step 2

Submit your application to UCAS in October 2025.



Step 3

UCAT will be used to select candidates for interview.



Step 4

Interviews (MMIs) will take place from December 2025 through to March 2026.



Step 5

Offers are made to successful candidates.



Step 6

Qualification results are confirmed by August 2026. Candidates whose results match their offers are confirmed.

Getting here

Distance from BSMS

Central London

Victoria Station: 63 miles / 1 hr 35 min drive / 1 hr 20 min train

London Bridge: 56 miles / 1 hr 50 drive / 1 hr 25 min train

Gatwick Airport: 28 miles / 35 min drive / 35 min train

Heathrow Airport: 63 miles / 1 hr 05 min drive / 2 hr train / 2 hr coach

Central Brighton: 4 miles / 15 min drive / 9 min train



See bsms.ac.uk for directions

Useful websites

- Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- University of Brighton
- University of Sussex
- University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust
- General Medical Council

February 2025

Brighton and Sussex Medical School makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of all information in this prospectus. However, at the time of going to press some finer points of curriculum planning and other school procedures remain under development. Any further developments will be shown on the medical school's website: bsms.ac.uk

If you can't find the answer you need, please contact: BSMS Admissions, Registry, Checkland Building, Falmer Campus, University of Brighton, BN1 9PH
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