What to expect during your Remote Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

The virtual Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) at BSMS will be held via Zoom videoconferencing software. They will consist of five discussions, each in a separate breakout room within the main Zoom meeting, lasting nine minutes with a short break between each discussion.

Applicants will move from each breakout room in turn, until they have completed a full circuit – this will take roughly one hour.

When a candidate first joins the Zoom meeting, they will be placed into a waiting room. Candidates should ensure their Zoom display name matches precisely that which they listed on their UCAS application.

After being admitted to the Zoom meeting, each candidate will then be briefed in the main Zoom meeting room by the timekeeper, who will explain to them what to expect once the interview commences.

Following the briefing, the timekeeper will place each candidate into their first breakout room to begin their first discussion. In each room will be an interviewer and a student invigilator. The invigilator will ask the candidate to hold up a form of ID (passport, driving license, BRP card, etc.) to their camera to confirm their identity. They will then be asked to show the invigilator around their room in order to prove they are alone and do not have notes.

Once these provisional checks are complete, candidates and interviewers will await the timekeeper’s broadcast that their station has begun.

At the half way stage of the discussion (after four and a half minutes) there will be another written broadcast from the timekeeper, this time warning that the half way point of the discussion has been reached.

After eight minutes there will be yet another written broadcast from the timekeeper to announce that there is one minute of the discussion remaining.

After nine minutes there will be a final written broadcast from the timekeeper to announce that the discussion is over. Interviewers and invigilators will remain in the breakout room while the timekeeper manoeuvres candidates to their next discussion.

Following this short pause, there will once again be a written broadcast from the timekeeper to indicate the start of the next discussion.

This structure will be applied to all five discussions in a circuit. At the end of the final discussion, once the last broadcast has taken place, the timekeeper will bring candidates back into the main Zoom meeting room warning and the MMI will finish. Candidates may then leave the Zoom meeting.

Each discussion will be assessed and scored separately. Please do not be put off by interviewers taking notes or looking at guidance during your discussion, it is simply a required part of the scoring process. At the end of the circuit the scores for each
individual applicant will be collated and applicants will receive a global score for the MMI, which will then be used to offer places to candidates.

BSMS will assess each element of a discussion as either Excellent, Good, Average or Inadequate, before issuing a mark out of 10. After the five discussions, the candidate will then receive a global score out of 50 (combining their five marks out of 10).

You can see an example of an Excellent MMI discussion by following this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7xf6q4JUGY Please note: while this discussion takes place in-person, it would still be scored as Excellent if it were conducted via Zoom.

In 2019-20, candidates who received a score of 44 or above were called on the day to be made an offer, while candidates who scored below this would receive their offer in the subsequent weeks.