

Imperial College London

Regulations for the award of the Degree of MBBS (Graduate Medicine)

[These Regulations apply to students registering in and from October 2015.]

1 General Information

- 1.1 The degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery will be awarded to any student who has completed the appropriate programme of study and passed examinations as a student at the College in accordance with the following Regulations and with such other Regulations for students of the College as may be applicable.
- 1.2 The same programmes of study and examinations are taken for the degree and for the Associateship of the Imperial College School of Medicine. Both the degree and the Associateship will be awarded to successful students provided that they have satisfied the requirements of the College.
- 1.3 Students who have successfully completed the requirements for the award of an MBBS degree and who have achieved a sufficient standard throughout the programme of study (including passing all examinations at the first attempt) may be entered for additional examinations and may be awarded marks of distinction.

2 Entrance Requirements

- 2.1 All students, before admission to the programme of study, must satisfy the general entrance requirements of the College.
- 2.2 In addition to the general entrance requirements, students will normally be required to satisfy certain individual programme requirements, specified by the Senate, for admission to the first year of the programme; the normal minimum entry requirement is an Upper Second Class Honours degree.

3 Period of Study

- 3.1 The minimum period of study for the MBBS degree (Graduate Medicine) is five academic years.
- 3.2 For the Associateship, the minimum period of study at the College is two years including the penultimate and final years of the programme.
- 3.3 The period of study must be continuous except by special permission.

4 Programme of Study

- 4.1 The programme of study shall be specified in the Programme Specification; alterations and additions to the programme of study must be authorised by the Senate or Committee acting on its behalf.
- 4.2 Students must complete to the satisfaction of the examiners all the courses in a given year of study in order to qualify to the next year of the programme, except under the provisions of paragraph 5.7.

- 4.3 Students who fail to meet the requirements in paragraph 4.2 may re-enter the examinations for failed courses in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 5.5.

5 Examinations

- 5.1 The overall responsibility for the conduct of examinations for the degree and the Associateship lies with the Faculty of Medicine Education Committee. Boards of Examiners are appointed to deal with the examinations in each year of study.
- 5.2 The examination may be conducted by a variety of examining methods including assessment of coursework, project work and written papers (including essay questions, case studies, data interpretation and analysis questions, Short Answer Questions (SAQ), Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), Single Best Answer Questions (SBA), Assertion Reason Questions (ARQ) and Extended Matching Questions (EMQ); papers may incorporate several question formats) taken at appropriate times during the year, as determined by the examiners, and clinical assessments (including Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE), Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES), short cases and long cases, an assessment of candidates' practical notebooks or logbooks, oral assessments and observed consultations [e.g. mini-CEXs, case-based discussions, directly observed procedures]). A student will be credited with any paper or papers in which they have satisfied the examiners. Oral examinations may include an assessment of the candidate's practical notebooks or logbooks.
- 5.3 No books, notes or other material relevant to the examination may be introduced into any examination room by a student unless specifically authorised by the examiners.
- 5.4 Entry to all examinations will normally be conditional upon students having attended the corresponding courses and completed all required in-course assessment to the satisfaction of the College. In the case of illness, or other exceptional circumstances, students may be permitted to defer entry to the examinations, subject to the provision of independent verification and/or documentary evidence of the circumstances. In these cases students may be required to follow an extra course of study.
- 5.5 A student who on their first entry does not complete successfully the examination may, at the discretion of the examiners, re-enter the failed examination on one further occasion, in accordance with the conditions specified in General Regulation 13.7.
- 5.6 Years 4 and 5 form the finals phase of the programme. A student who on their first entry does not complete successfully the Year 4 examination may, at the discretion of the examiners, progress into Year 5.
- 5.7 A student progressing into Year 5 under the provisions of paragraph 5.6 is required to successfully complete all Year 4 examinations before attempting the Year 5 examinations.
- 5.8 All examinations must be passed within 24 months of completing the programme.

6 Award of Associateship and Degree

- 6.1 The Associateship of the Imperial College School of Medicine will be awarded to successful students who have complied with the requirements of the College. A diploma of Associateship will be sent to each successful student. Any student who is in tuition fee debt to the College will not normally be issued with a degree diploma until the debt has been paid in full.
- 6.2 A degree diploma will be sent to each student satisfying the examiners in all parts of the examination.