

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 Duration of program

- 1.1 The program of study for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, unless otherwise approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Faculty, shall extend over six years of full-time study.
- 1.2 A candidate may interrupt the program:
 - a for the purpose of proceeding to the Honours degree of Bachelor of Medical Science
or
 - b for such period and on such conditions as may in each case be determined by the Faculty.
- 1.3 Students wishing to interrupt their studies in accordance with 1.2(b) above must obtain beforehand the approval of the Executive Dean on behalf of the Faculty for leave of absence for a defined period.
- 1.4 A student who leaves the program without approval or who extends a leave of absence beyond the time period approved under 1.2(b) above shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidature for the degrees but may reapply for admission to the program in accordance with the procedures in operation at the time.
- 1.5 Students who have interrupted their studies in the prescribed courses may be required to resume at such a point in the program and/or to undertake such additional or special program of study as the Executive Dean of the Faculty deems appropriate.

2 Enrolment

2.1 Prescribed communicable infections policy

The University promotes a pro-active public health approach to prescribed communicable infections (PCI) such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and seeks to minimise the impact of these infections on students' academic progress.

It offers understanding and practical support to students with such infections, and aims to provide a work and study environment free from discrimination, challenging views that result in discriminatory attitudes toward people with PCIs.

The University also has a legal and ethical obligation to take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of prescribed communicable infections among students, staff members and visitors, and recognises that some students with such infections will not be permitted to complete the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, the Bachelor of Dental Surgery or other clinical programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

All prospective Medical and Dental School students are strongly advised to consult the University's Students With Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy - available through the University's website at

www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/ - which makes reference to the relevant legislation, elaborates on the reasons for the adoption of this policy, and outlines procedures for implementing the policy.

3 Assessment and examinations

- 3.1 A candidate shall not present for the examinations unless the candidate has completed to the satisfaction of the professors and lecturers concerned, prior to the beginning of the examination, the programs of study and practice prescribed for it.
- 3.2 The examiners in any course may take into consideration written or practical work required of candidates during the program of study and practice and the results of other examinations in the courses.
- 3.3 A candidate who fails to pass in an examination shall, before presenting for the examination again, attend again such part or parts of the program of study and practice leading to that examination as the Faculty may direct.
- 3.4
 - a Candidates who pass and satisfy the assessment requirements in the whole of examination prescribed in the Academic Program Rules shall be awarded a non-graded pass.
 - b For the elective course/s undertaken, candidates who pass will be awarded a graded or ungraded result in accordance with the grading scheme approved for the courses/s concerned.
- 3.5
 - a The Board of Examiners may grant a candidate who has been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from sitting for the whole or part of an examination permission to sit for a special or supplementary examination, the extent of such special or supplementary examination to be determined by the Board in each case.

- b On passing in a special or supplementary examination granted under this Academic Program Rule a candidate shall be deemed to have completed the whole of the examination; but if the candidate fails in such special or supplementary examination the candidate shall take again, and pass in, the whole of the examination before proceeding with the programs of study and practice leading to the next examination.
- c A candidate granted permission to sit for a supplementary or special examination may enter provisionally upon the programs of study and practice leading to the next examination pending publication of the result of the supplementary examination.

3.6 Attendance requirements

To qualify for the degrees a candidate must attend regularly such tutorials and seminar work, satisfactorily perform such laboratory, practical, clinical and written work, and pass such examinations as the Faculty may from time to time prescribe.

4 Qualification requirements

4.1 Program of study and examinations

4.1.1 To qualify for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, a candidate shall complete the requirements of the six Examinations by:

- a regularly attending lectures and CBL sessions
- b satisfactorily participating in tutorial, practical and project work, clinical programs and attachments and
- c satisfactorily completing the range of assessment tasks, including examinations, that are prescribed in the Syllabus for each of the courses of the Examinations as set out in 4.2. Students will be required to undertake and pass a total of 24 units of courses during each of Years 1, 2 and 3 of the MBBS program. At the time of enrolment, students will be advised how these units are to be allocated.

In addition, after the end of Year 5 and before commencing the study and practice for the final Year 6 program, a student is required to undertake an external elective approved by the Dean of Medicine.

4.1.2 A student entering the First Year of the program shall be required to undertake an English Language Proficiency assessment. If deficiencies in the written and/or oral use of English are identified through the initial assessment or through the assessment tasks prescribed for the courses of the First Year Examination, the School may require the student to participate in a Language Development Program in parallel with the courses of study for the degree.

4.1.3 A candidate shall normally pass the whole of one Examination before entering into the program of study and practice leading to the next examination. A candidate who fails an Examination will normally be required to repeat the study and clinical practice and the assessment requirements of all courses set out for the Examinations in 4.2 below.

4.2 Academic program

4.2.1 The following are the courses of study for the six years of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:

MEDIC ST 1000A/B First Year Examination

Core courses

MEDIC ST 1101A/B Scientific Basis of Medicine I6

MEDIC ST 1102A/B Clinical Skills I6

MEDIC ST 1103A/B Medical Professional & Personal Development I6

Students must also enrol in, and pass:

Semester 1

BIOLOGY 1301 Fundamentals of Biomedical Science A3

Semester 2

BIOLOGY 1302 Fundamentals of Biomedical Science B3

MEDIC ST 2000A/B Second Year Examination

Core courses

MEDIC ST 2101A/B Scientific Basis of Medicine II6

MEDIC ST 2102AHO/BHO Clinical Skills II6

MEDIC ST 2103A/B Medical Professional & Personal Development II6

Students must also enrol in, and pass:

Semester 1

MICRO 2506 Medical Microbiology and Immunology II3

Semester 2

Students will be required to undertake and pass an additional 3 units of elective courses as advised in the MBBS enrolment instructions.

MEDIC ST 3000A/B Third Year Examination

Core courses

MEDIC ST 3101A/B Scientific Basis of Medicine III 6

MEDIC ST 3102A/B Clinical Skills III 6

MEDIC ST3103A/B Medical Professional & Personal Development III 6

MEDIC ST 3104A/B Research and Clinical Reasoning 6

MEDIC ST 4000A/B Fourth Year Examination

MEDIC ST 4013 AHO/BHO Medical & Scientific Attachment I 2

MEDIC ST 4014AHO/BHO Medical & Scientific Attachment II 2

MEDIC ST 4015AHO/BHO Medical Home Unit 6

MEDIC ST 4016AHO/BHO Surgical Home Unit..... 6

MEDIC ST 4017AHO/BHO Psychiatry 4

MEDIC ST 4018AHO/BHO Musculoskeletal Medicine 4

MEDIC ST 5000A/B Fifth Year Examination

MEDIC ST 5005AHO/BHO Medical & Scientific Attachment III 2

MEDIC ST 5006AHO/BHO Medical & Scientific Attachment IV 2

MEDIC ST 5007AHO/BHO Medical & Scientific Attachment V 2

MEDIC ST 5009AHO/BHO Geriatrics and General Practice 4

MEDIC ST 5013 External Elective 6

MEDIC ST 5014AHO/BHO Anaesthesia, Pain Medicine & Intensive Care V..... 2

MEDIC ST 5015AHO/BHO Paediatrics and Child Health..... 6

MEDIC ST 5016AHO/BHO Human Reproductive Health 6

MEDIC ST 6000 Final Sixth Year Assessment

MEDIC ST 6015AHO/BHO Medicine Internship and Year 6 Teaching Series VI 3

MEDIC ST 6016AHO/BHO Surgery Internship VI..... 3

MEDIC ST 6017AHO/BHO Emergency Department Internship VI 3

MEDIC ST 6018AHO/BHO Medicine SCAP VI 3

MEDIC ST 6019AHO/BHO Primary Care SCAP VI 3

MEDIC ST 6020AHO/BHO Psychiatry SCAP VI 3

MEDIC ST 6021AHO/BHO Surgery SCAP VI..... 3

MEDIC ST 6022AHO/BHO Core Skills Program VI 3

4.3 Honours degree of Bachelor of Medical Science

A candidate may intermit the course for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery for the purpose of proceeding to the Honours degree of Bachelor of Medical Science; or for such period and on such conditions as may in each case be determined by the School.

4.4 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the School concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

4.5 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

5 Rules for the admission of medical students to the practice of the teaching hospitals, health centres and the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science:

1 Medical students admitted to the practice of a Teaching Hospital or Health Centre shall be under the control of the Medical Director in relation to matters of common Discipline; the University will otherwise be responsible for matters related to education.

- 2 No student shall publish the report of any case without the permission of the Hospital Board or Health Centre Management Committee and the Senior Medical Officer under whose care the patient is or has been.
- 3 Except in the performance of his clinical duties, no student may disclose any information whatsoever concerning a patient without the permission of both the patient and the Senior Medical Officer in charge.
- 4 No student may communicate directly or indirectly to the Press, radio or television any matter concerning the clinical practice of the Institution to which he or she is attached.
- 5 No student may introduce visitors into any Hospital or Health Centre to the practice of which he or she has been admitted, without the permission of the Medical Director or his deputy.
- 6 Students shall pay such fees as are laid down from time to time by the University in conjunction with the Teaching Hospitals or Health Centres.
Fees are payable directly to the University; no student will be admitted to a Teaching Hospital or Health Centre until such fees are paid.
- 7 Students shall discharge the duties assigned to them, and pay for or replace any article damaged or lost or destroyed by them through negligence or misconduct.
- 8 During any period of residence the student will comply with the directions of the Medical Director of the Hospital or Health Centre in respect of Discipline and general conduct.
- 9 Subject to rule 10 any student infringing any of these rules or the rules of the Hospital or Health Centre, or otherwise misconducting himself/ herself may be suspended or dismissed by the Board of the Hospital or Health Centre from the practice of the Hospital or Health Centre. If he/she is so dismissed he/she shall forfeit all payments that may have been made and all rights accruing there from.
- 10 In all instances where a student has been either suspended or dismissed from the practice of the Hospital or Health Centre his/her case shall be investigated by an Investigation Committee on which there shall be a representative appointed by the Hospital Board, a Senior Consultant Clinical Teacher nominated by the Head (or his/her deputy) of the appropriate Staff Committee of the Hospital or Health Centre concerned, a representative appointed by the University, and the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (or his/her deputy). The committee should also normally include a representative of the Adelaide Medical Students' Society (e.g. a student member of Faculty of Medicine). The Investigating Committee shall make its recommendation to the Board of the Hospital or Health Centre Management Committee concerned and to the Council of the University for confirmation or otherwise.
These rules apply equally to medical students who use the facilities of the IMPS where the Director of the Institute has the authority given in these Rules to the Medical Director of a Teaching Hospital, and where the Council of the Institute replaces the Board of the hospital.

6 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the School in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.