UNSW Medicine offers a six year integrated Medicine program (288 UOC) which leads to the awards of Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMed) and Doctor of Medicine (MD).

The program includes a compulsory Independent Learning Project (30 UOC) to ensure that all graduates acquire knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to Medicine and its professional practice.

The objectives of the Medicine program are:

- To establish an integrated, interconnected and organised medical knowledge base as a platform for a professional and personal life of learning through experience.
- To develop effective interactions with oneself through reflection; interaction with others through communication; and interaction with information and learning resources through information literacy and critical analysis.
- To develop a set of personal attributes and skills appropriate to the professional practice of Medicine.

The program is organised into two degrees:

**Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMed)**

The BMed includes Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 commences with the Foundations course, followed by 7 x 8 week courses focussing on basic medical sciences in relation to the human life cycle; social, ethical and legal issues related to health care; and early experience in clinical or other health-related environments. During this phase, students will undertake a variety of learning activities involving students from different stages of the program working collaboratively in small groups.

Phase 2 consists of 2 x 16-week courses, with increased clinical content and an
Doctor of Medicine (MD)

The MD includes the Independent Learning Project (ILP), followed by a Clinical Transition Course prior to the Phase 3 courses. During the Independent Learning Project students should also complete 12 UOC of General Education courses in a faculty or faculties other than Medicine.

Phase 3 consists of 10 x 8-week courses with a clinical focus, but still includes relevant content from the basic medical sciences and the social sciences. Students are required to complete a course in the disciplines of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, Primary Care, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Children's Health (Paediatrics). Students may choose from a range of other available clinical modules to complete Phase 3 requirements. In addition, a student's clinical experiences during Phase 3 must include a minimum of 4 weeks in a rural location. All clinical courses in Phase 3 adopt the principles of clinical clerkship, in which students learn through experience and participation in the treatment of patients under the care of medical practitioners and/or medical teams to which they are attached.

Students who have achieved a high standard in the BMed may undertake a one year program of supervised research leading to the award of the BSc(Med) Honours. Students wishing to undertake a full year of research may be able to enrol in the BSc (Med) Honours program 3831 subject to the approval from the Honours Committee. These students will be exempt from undertaking the Independent Learning Project. Exemption from the Independent Learning Project will also be granted to students who have previously completed a research Honours program or higher research degree, or a Master degree with a significant research component, or who can otherwise demonstrate acceptable evidence of independent study or research at a tertiary level.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Effective communication
2. Working as a member of a team
3. Development as a reflective practitioner
4. Using basic and clinical sciences in the practice of Medicine
5. Understanding the social and cultural aspects of health and disease
6. Patient assessment and management
7. Self-directed learning and critical evaluation skills
8. Understanding ethics and legal responsibility in Medicine and acting in an ethical and socially responsible manner

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 288 UOC as a standalone program.

The duration of the integrated Medicine program is normally 6 years. It has a modular structure comprising a series of fully integrated courses studied over 26 teaching periods, generally each of 8 weeks duration. There are 4 teaching periods in Years 1-4 approximating the University semester timetable. There is an additional teaching period (Summer Teaching Period) in years 5-6. In most years, the standard UNSW program load of 48 UOC per year will apply.

Stage 1 Core Courses

Students must take 96 UOC of the following courses.

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**Stage 2 Core Courses**

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Stage 3 Core Courses

Students must complete 96 UOC of Stage 3 core courses.

Note: Students who are enrolled concurrently in the Bachelor of Medicine and the Bachelor of Arts programs must complete the Bachelor of Arts program requirements prior to commencing Stage 3 of the Medicine program. Upon rejoining the Medicine program, they will undertake a short clinical skills refresher course.
Selective

MFAC3512 | 0 UOC
Phase 3 Biomedical Sciences Viva

MFAC3514 | 8 UOC
Elective

MFAC3515 | 8 UOC
Preparation for Internship (PRINT)

MFAC3522 | 0 UOC
Phase 3 Portfolio Examination

MFAC3523 | 0 UOC
Phase 3 Integrated Clinical Examination

General Education

Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

any General Education course

Stage 2 Maturity Requirements

Students must have completed 96 UOC before taking any of the following courses.

MFAC2507 | 6 UOC
Clinical Transition

MFAC2511 | 0 UOC
Phase 2 Portfolio Examination

MFAC2512 | 0 UOC
Phase 2 Integrated Clinical Assessment

MFAC2514 | 16 UOC
Integrated Clinical Studies 1

MFAC2515  |  16 UOC
Integrated Clinical Studies 2

MFAC2516  |  16 UOC
Integrated Clinical Studies 3

MFAC4521  |  10 UOC
Independent Learning Project 1

MFAC4522  |  10 UOC
Independent Learning Project 2

MFAC4523  |  10 UOC
Independent Learning Project 3

**Stage 3 Maturity Requirements**

Students must have completed 180 UOC before taking any of the following courses.

MFAC3501  |  10 UOC
Medicine

MFAC3502  |  10 UOC
Surgery

MFAC3503  |  10 UOC
Psychiatry

MFAC3504  |  10 UOC
Primary Care

MFAC3505  |  10 UOC
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**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Related Programs

Related Double Degree Programs

Bachelor of Medical Studies - BMed
Doctor of Medicine - MD
Bachelor of Arts - BA

3856 Medicine / Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 372
Typical Duration: 8 Years

Read More
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

The majority of students are admitted into Medicine following a selection process based on academic merit, performance in the UMAT and performance at an interview. Only students selected for entry into Medicine can enrol in the BMed program.

A limited number of students in the BMedSc program at UNSW may apply for entry into the Medicine program. Students offered a provisional place at the end of second year will undertake a plan of study specific to entry to UNSW Medicine including a number of bridging courses in conjunction with their Honours research project. After entry into Medicine, the students will complete the Phase 2 Integrated Clinical Studies courses and all Phase 3 courses.

Special Admission Requirements

Additional selection criteria for admission to this program:

- Interview
- External test e.g. UMAT or GMAT score

See the [UNSW Medicine](#) website for details.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

[Domestic Students](#)

[International Student](#)
Program Requirements

Participation and Enrolment Requirements

Criminal Records Check
The New South Wales Department of Health has a policy that all students undertaking clinical placements (which includes all Teaching Hospitals used by UNSW in its Medicine Program) must undergo an Australian National Criminal Record Check prior to placement in the NSW Health System. Students must note that clinical placement in the NSW Health System is a substantial and essential element in the UNSW Medicine Program. Students who fail to satisfy the requirements of this criminal record check at any point during their enrolment will be excluded from the Program. Depending upon the circumstances at the time, students may be eligible to transfer to another Program of the University. Students currently living overseas are also required to undergo a criminal record check from their country of residence.

Medical Assessment
In order to be enrolled in the UNSW Medicine program, you must comply with UNSW Medicine’s Immunisation and Blood-borne Viruses Policy, available at https://med.unsw.edu.au/policies

Other
There are many different stakeholders involved in this degree, including the NSW Government, public and private hospitals and community practices, each with their own policies/procedures and all medical students must comply with NSW Health requirements before commencing clinical/hospital placements. Because medical students will be accessing various health facilities, it is very important they are familiar with both UNSW Medicine and NSW Health policies. All Medicine Program students must at all times during enrolment be registered with the Medical Board of Australia, in accordance with the Medical Practice Act 1992. Registration at the commencement of Year 1 will be organised by the Medicine Education and Student Office. Please read detailed information at: https://med.unsw.edu.au/policies

Progression Requirements

Assessment in this program is capability based, requiring students to demonstrate their ongoing development with respect to the eight areas of capability. Progression will not be based solely on satisfactory completion of individual courses, nor will it correspond solely to annual stages. Full details are available on the Faculty of Medicine website.

All students selected for entry into Medicine will have to complete both the BMed
and MD. Students who are unable to complete either the BMed or MD may apply for transfer to the BSc (Med) depending on the stage of withdrawal from Medicine.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.

**Internships and Placements**

In all phases of the program, students will be required to travel to various clinical environments associated with UNSW, which will be the predominant locations for learning in Phases 2 and 3. These locations include Clinical Schools associated with St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst; St George Hospital, Kogarah; the Randwick Campus Hospitals; various locations in the South Western Sydney Clinical School based around Liverpool; and the Rural Clinical School, which has campuses in the Greater Murray and Mid-North coast areas. Throughout the program, students may be attached to multiple sites, which will typically include at least 4 weeks in a non-metropolitan setting.
Pathways

Honours Programs

Bachelor of Science (Medicine) Honours - BSc(\text{Med})Hons
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery - MB BS

3831 Science (Medicine) Honours

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

Read More
Professional Outcomes

Accreditations

Professional institutes that offer accreditation on completion of this program:

- Australian Medical Council

The BMed MD program is accredited by the Australian Medical Council (25/6/2013 - 31/3/2020). Graduates are eligible for provisional registration with the Medical Board of Australia to apply for an approved intern position within Australia. All Medicine Program students must at all times during enrolment be registered with the Medical Board of Australia, in accordance with the Medical Practice Act 1992. Registration at the commencement of Year 1 will be organised by the Medicine Education and Student Office. Please read detailed information at: https://med.unsw.edu.au/policies

Career Opportunities

General practice or specialty practice, medically oriented research, teaching, administration.
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Award of Pass with Distinction

The Award of Pass with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Pass With Distinction
Additional Information

Government Policies affecting all Medicine Students

Please read detailed information at: https://med.unsw.edu.au/policies

Award with Distinction

Students who achieve a weighted, average mark of at least 75% in either the BMed and/or MD will be awarded Distinction in one or both degrees. The weighted, average mark used for this purpose is not the University WAM as this calculation does not include the Phase-based assessments in the program. The algorithms for determining the weighted, average mark for the Award with Distinction in each degree are as follows:

**Award with Distinction for BMed:**

- Phase 1 Course Results - 20%
- Phase 1 Written Examination - 10%
- Phase 1 Clinical Skills Examination - 10%
- Phase 1 Portfolio Examination - 20%
- Phase 2 Course Assignments/Project Results - 10%
- Phase 2 Integrated Clinical Examination - 20%
- General Education/Arts Course Results - 10%

**Award with Distinction for MD:**

- ILP/Science Honours - 15%
- Phase 3 Course Results - 20%
- Biomedical Sciences Viva Examination - 15%
- Phase 3 Integrated Clinical Examination - 30%
- Phase 3 Portfolio - 20%
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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