BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences

Aims and Rationale of the Programme

This programme is designed to provide students with a detailed study of human health and disease, focusing on the pathogenesis (mechanism) of disease, diagnostic pathway and therapeutic interven- tion. It provides preparation for careers in medical diagnostic and research environments. The first year of this programme is intended to be a foundation for the more advanced studies in subsequent years. Approximately one quarter of the programme is taken up with practical-based courses that build students' skills in this area. The second and final years take skills and theoretical development to more advanced levels. In the final year, students also carry out an independent research project that comprises one quarter of final-year study.

Year 1

- Fundamentals of Biology and Physiology (30 credits)
- Practical and Academic Skills (30 credits)
- Basic Chemistry for Life Science (15 credits)
- Biochemistry 1 (15 credits)
- Biochemistry 2 (15 credits)
- Introduction to Biomedical Science (15 credits)

Year 2

- Physiological Systems and Regulation (15 credits)
- Genetics (15 credits)
- Infection and Immunity (15 credits)
- Haematology I (15 credits)
- Cellular and Molecular Pathology (15 credits)
- Metabolism and Disease (15 credits)
- Bioanalytical Techniques (15 credits)
- Research and Professional Skills in Life Science (15 credits)

Year 3

- Project (Life Sciences) (30 credits)
- Medical Microbiology (15 credits)
- Medical Biochemistry (15 credits)
- Cancer Biology and Therapeutics (15 credits)
- Advanced and Clinical Immunology (15 credits)
- Haematology and Blood Transfusion (15 credits)
- Biomedical Science Placement (15 credits)

Entry Requirements

The standard entry requirement for the BSc(Hons) Biomedical Scinece will include:

- High School Certificate -min 15.0
- IELTS Score min. 6.5, or TOEFL 213 (or 550 paper-based)

Students who do not meet these entry criteria will be required to attend the o-Year Foundation programme and pass it with an overall average of 60%.

Attendance

3 years full-time 4 years part-time

Assessment

Written assignments, examinations, practical assignments in the laboratory and presentations.

Careers

On completion of the programme the successful graduate will enjoy a wide variety of opportunities in health-care private centres, veterinary service, forensic laboratories, research institutions, and the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, graduates will be able to pursue academic careers with the completion of further degrees.





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Selected Course Descriptions

For a full description of all the courses, please visit https://www.gre.ac.uk/undergraduate-courses/engsci/biomedical-science-bsc-hons

Fundamentals of Biology and Physiology

Aims: To provide a broad overview of the fundamentals of biology, from the cellular level to the ecosystem. To provide an understanding of the fundamental principles of physiology at an anatomical and functional level.

Introduction to Biomedical Science

Aims: To provide a background in the specialised terminology used in medical disciplines. To introduce the principles of disease and diagnosis of disease. To introduce key concepts in pathobiology; inflammation, cell injury and cell death. To provide an introduction to the biological basis of key diseases, using named examples.

Genetics

Aims: To provide a deeper understanding of the fundamental principles of transmission genetics and molecular genetics, with particular emphasis on eukaryotic systems. To provide students with the ability to analyse and interpret a wide variety of genetic data, such as the outcome of crosses and data from molecular genetic techniques.

Bioanalytical Techniques

Aims: To provide students with the relevant tools to plan and carry out investigations in an appropriate manner and to familiarise students with the routine diagnostic investigations within medical laboratories. To gain an understanding of principles behind a range of analytical techniques, and to be able to apply them in the relevant specialised field of investigation and the consequent data interpretation.

Cancer Biology and Therapeutics

Aims: To facilitate an understanding of the relationship between cell biology and the basis of cancer; To provide an advanced understanding of the control of mechanisms of cell division, cell differentiation and cell signalling; To relate an understanding of concepts in carcinogenesis and of current molecular therapeutic strategies.

Medical Biochemistry

Aims: To provide a detailed review and understanding of the biochemical basis of human disease. To extend depth of understanding of the principles of physiology and pathology of blood and selected organ system and those areas of current active research activity. To evaluate the significance of biochemical laboratory data to the diagnosis, pathogenesis and treatment of human disease. To develop a critical and analytical approach to the investigation of the biochemical basis of human disease.

Medical Microbiology

Aims: To build upon students prior knowledge of microbiology by examining advanced topics in the field of medical microbiology. To provide a critical understanding of infectious diseases, the link between pathogens and host, microbial identification, control and therapy.

Advanced and Clinical Immunology

Aims: To provide a detailed review and understanding of the science of immunology and the conceptual and experimental framework underpinning modern immunology. To provide an in-depth understanding of the physiology of the immune system and how it can go wrong in disease and the laboratory investigation of immune disorders. To explain the role of the immune system during infection and both currently existing and experimental immunotherapeutic strategies for various disease states. To integrate molecular, cellular, physiologic and pathologic aspects of the immune system.

Haematology and Blood Transfusion

Aims: To develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the diagnosis of disease-based analysis of blood; To relate a knowledge of these features to clinical situations; To develop a detailed appreciation of current views on a number of haematological diseases e.g. anaemias, thalassaemias; To develop a critical appreciation of selected haemostatic mechanisms and their relevance to the transfusion laboratory.

Project (Life Sciences)

Aims: To provide an opportunity for personal development in applying prior theoretical and practical learning to a specific project and to demonstrate the ability to carry out a sustained piece of work.





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