Warwick Medical School - Undergraduate Live Chat - Find out more about Integrated Science

Our Warwick Medical School will be chatting with you, answering questions on why study Integrated Science at Warwick

Good afternoon and welcome to this live chat about the Integrated Science Course

We'll be very pleased to answer any questions that you have.

Hello

Welcome Anne! Are you a prospective student?

I haven't applied yet

I'm still looking at courses, I'm really late in my decision making. I hope not too late

That's fine, what can I tell you about the course?

I'm happy to answer any questions you have about the course
Well, I'm interested in medicine. I missed your other talk earlier but I'm really interested in knowing more about the medicine options at Warwick.

Is it too late to make applications for this year?

Hi Anne, unfortunately it is too late to apply for the 2020 intake for our Medicine course (it closed on 15 October and we don't go into clearing).

Oh, no I'm not interested in going straight into a medicine program.

I'm not sure I'm that committed to it yet. I wanted to do a medicine related degree and then decide if it's for me.

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Aha, sorry, wires crossed there. So you want to know about the possibility to do Medicine after Integrated Science?

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Absolutely you can, yes. Integrated Science is a great preparation for all sorts of things, including Medicine.

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Ah, that's good to hear. Thanks for confirming.

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I didn't think I'd seen it before. I managed to go to the UCAS event last year, but I've only just found out about it.

**| Do you know what you are looking for with the IB?**

Yes, entry requirements are all on the Warwick Medical School website. We are asking for 38 points at IB, to include Maths and either Chemistry or Biology.

That's good then. I'm predicted 38, so I hope that I manage to get what I need.

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Interesting. What did you think of the UCAS event, Anne?

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A bit overwhelming to be honest. So many universities.

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We make offers based on your predicted grades. If you don't make those grades it's a discussion that depends on several unpredictable things.

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No you don't need work experience or volunteering. We are looking for people with scientific curiosity!

I can't promise that there was much scientific curiosity that day. I was very much grab and go.

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Can I ask you a question Anne? What is it that attracts you that excites you about (potentially) learning medicine, ultimately?
Ultimately? Being able to help people is probably the key thing for me. I like the thought of being able to change lives for the better. I’m not sure if I want to go down the doctor training path, or if I wanted to steer towards research.

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Sorry to be slow Rose - course module information is all on the Warwick Medical School website. Have a look at this slide. We can send you a Prospectus if you fill in the form on the website.

Great, thank you!

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Interesting, do you enjoy experiments?

That's really helpful for me too.

I do yes.

OK, we think this course will suit students who enjoy both experimental work and computation. Have you done any coding? Not necessary to have done this before starting the course, but you need to be interested.

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A little, but I wouldn’t say I was confident.

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Right answer.

Thanks :)}
I think I'd recommend you to apply, you are predicted 38 points and you have the fundamentals of curiosity and an interest in practical experimental science.

I'm definitely interested. I'd not heard about the course, so I'm going to do some research on this. I think it sounds like it's for me though.

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I'm also curious about the chance to study abroad. Is this something that I could do?

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This is a 4 year course with the final year consisting almost entirely of a self-designed research project. We will help you design your project. The usual thing will be to do this in a research lab at Warwick, but if it makes sense scientifically to go somewhere else to do part of the project, that is something we would arrange.

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Same answer, if it made sense scientifically, we would help make it happen.

I'm not sure it would be a scientific reason to going overseas. I just like the thought of experiencing something new - having a different influence. We had a talk from a student who did this at my school, and she made it sound amazing.
I really like that there is research included at this level. Yes, you would be in the lab from the outset and spend about 50% of your time doing experimental work, solving an unsolved biological problem. Initially we will closely follow and help you do that, and then as the course progresses you will become more capable and independent.

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I thought it would just be lectures, I never thought about doing research somewhere else.

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This is a unique course structure. We will begin with a pioneering intake of just 12 students, recognising that to do experiments straight away will require careful supervision.

It really does sound different to anything that I've seen elsewhere.

I'm really glad that I came along today.

Out of curiosity, why will there only be 12 students?

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Anne - in the first year, you will spend around half of all your time in the lab. Rose - 12 students because we are just starting out and we want to be sure to do it right.

That makes sense. If there are only 12 students though, will it be very competitive to get in?

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That makes sense. If there are only 12 students though, will it be very competitive to get in?

The honest answer is that I don't know how many people will apply, so I can't tell you how competitive it will be. But definitely apply. It's a small cohort, and that is deliberate - we are aiming for students that will share their expertise and help each other.
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Anne - please clarify? Which department? Was doesn't yet do any undergraduate teaching, this is a completely new course.

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• was = WMS

Just generally. I've heard that its very very different to school and class times are around 10-12 hours per week

on this course you can expect an unusually large amount of contact time - our provisional timetable calls for 4.5 hrs per weekday contact time.

Oh, that's good then. Experiments take so long to set up and complete, i was worried about time being so limited

Indeed.

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Hi Rose. Natural Sciences courses are broad initially and then taper down over time, so you end up doing a single subject degree. Integrated sciences is very different - we try to be “anti-disciplinary“ - to use whatever works best to solve the problem, and don’t worry if its officially Physics or Chemistry or Engineering or something else ..

Great, thanks for that

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Great to talk to you Anne, thanks for dropping in

I don't have much experience in labs, will this be a problem?

Not a problem Rose. We plan to train you in lab techniques so as to build on whatever foundation you have.

Cool
Happy to help. Bye for now; there's another chat coming up on Thursday 11-12, tell you friends!