Warwick Medical School - Undergraduate Live Chat - Top tips for applying to Health and Medical Sciences

Our Warwick Medical School will be chatting with you, providing top tips for applying to Health and Medical Sciences at Warwick

Hello and welcome to the Live Chat. Chatting with you today are Dr David Davies and Dr Hollie White along with members of the Warwick Medical School marketing team. We can answer your questions on admission to the BSc Health and Medical Sciences at Warwick Medical School. Please feel free to ask your questions, and we'll try to answer these for you.

Please remember that this is a public chat, so please do not share personal or confidential information. If you have anything that is confidential that you wish to ask, please contact us by email at wms.hms@warwick.ac.uk

Hello, would you recommend a medicine internship before applying for a medical degree?

Hi, How many applicants are you taking on for this course?

Hi Abigail, this is our launch year and we're expecting around 50 students

Hello, does Warwick medical school place more emphasis on the holistic or academic aspect of students who are applying?

Hi, what are the I8 requirements for this course?
Hello, would you recommend a medicine internship before applying for a medical degree?

Hi Sophia, this chat is about our undergraduate programme in Health and Medical Sciences (not our graduate-entry Medicine course). For information on graduate-entry medicine at Warwick please go to https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr

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If you have more than 50 students are willing to take on more?

Yes we’ll definitely consider it

That’s great

Here are the entry requirements, feel free to ask questions

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**BSc Health and Medical Sciences**

**Entry Requirements**

- Upper 2.1 in the UK or lower 2.1 Honour degrees in Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geology, Psychology or a subject with a significant scientific background.
- Apply via UCAS
- A-levels: at least grade A in Chemistry or Biology
- A-levels: must include a science subject
- A-levels: must include a language
- Further requirements: contact the admissions tutor

When looking at personal statement, what are you looking for?

Hi There! Are there any specific things you will be looking for on the applications of those who are applying for this course beyond simply academics?
Hello, does Warwick medical school place more emphasis on the holistic or academic aspect of students who are applying?

Hi, this is a great question, thank you. The entry requirements for the HMS course are just about to be shown. In terms of holistic vs academic requirements, there is a need for applicants to demonstrate both. We ask for academic subjects but hope that you will use your personal statement to tell us about your motivations, beliefs and aspirations.

Hi There! Are there any specific things you will be looking for on the applications of those who are applying for this course beyond simply academics?

Hi Sophie, yes great questions, we have an info slide on that which I'll share now...

Would this course be suitable if I want to pursue neurology?

Thank you David!

Hi, what are the IB requirements for this course?

The IB requirements are: 36 overall including 5 in one Higher Level subject out of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths or 34 overall including 5 in two Higher Level subjects out of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths. Biology is recommended.

Would this course be suitable if I want to pursue neurology?

Hi Zara, do you mean Neurology as a medical clinical specialty? Or do you have an interest in neuroscience/neurobiology?

Thank you David!

You’re welcome, please ask us anything else that you’d like answered

How do contextual offers work for specific course?

thank you Dr White

Clinical specialty

When looking at personal statement, what are you looking for?

Hi Abigail, I just shared an info slide on making your personal statement stand out, let me know if you’d like to know more
How do contextual offers work for specific course?

Good question, here’s a link to help you understand what we look at, essentially where you live and what school you go to in the UK: [https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/contextualoffers](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/contextualoffers)

**Contextual Offers**

The University of Warwick is committed to making a high-quality and challenging university education available to those who are capable of benefiting from it, as outlined in the University's Access and Participation Plan. Our recruitment and application processes are designed to support students with the potential to succeed at the University and we are committed to ensuring that every application is treated fairly and judged on its merits. Our approach considers educational and individual context in our offer making to provide a rounded understanding of academic potential and achievement, and ensure we consider talented applicants from all backgrounds.

I would like know more please

Sure Abigali, what would you like to know about?

Clinical specialty

Hi Zara, in order to become a neurologist you would first need a clinical medical degree, then to follow the defined post qualifying foundation pathway as a junior Doctor. Warwick offers a clinical medicine course as a post graduate entry course (i.e. not straight from school). Our BSc course in Health and Medical Sciences is a great choice for a undergraduate programme to be undertaken just after leaving school, and could lead to many potential careers.

To help us understand who’s online with us today, can you tell us if you are considering applying to university this year or next year?

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Thank you

Hello, so sorry but I have some problems viewing the info slide regarding making our personal statements stand out

Sorry about that, we’ll share it another way now...

**Standing out…**

What helps to make a Personal Statement outstanding?

- Discussion of Health and Medical Sciences subject area
- How you are learning
- Address current issues, news and literature
- Commitment to subject
- Tell us about activities that are health or science based
- Critical evaluation
- Highlight that you have developed informed opinions about problems in health

[More information from Warwick Undergraduate Admissions:](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/hsa/ub-www/undergraduate/application/personalstatement)
What kind of work experience would be required and what career opportunities would there be by taking this course?

and if you do qualify for a contextual offer, what would the entry requirement be?

In terms of prospective reading we would always recommend that prospective students keep up to speed with reputable news items detailing the scope, cause and innovations in managing some of the world's 'big problems' in health. These might include medical science (e.g. biology, pharmacology) or health science related (systems, strategies, policy, personnel) related.

In terms of specifics, the following texts might be useful starting points:


What potential careers would this course be suitable for?
Hello, what makes Warwick medical school stand out from the rest?

Is this course the same as general medicine or a substitute?

Good Afternoon All. I am a mature student with a nursing degree. Interested in GEM. What time of the year is the best to apply for the next entry? How high is the average number of intake for the next entry. Would it be 50 as well or below?

Hi Stan, this chat is about our undergraduate Health and Medical Sciences degree (not our GEM Medicine course) - for all the information you need about when to apply and the number of students we accept onto Medicine please see our website: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr

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What kind of work experience would be required and what career opportunities would there be by taking this course?

Hi Isabelle, I've shared our careers slide, let me know if it answers your questions. In terms of work experience, we're looking for any experience relevant to the course, it doesn't have to be work. For example something that shows your interest in the subject.

Hi I've just received an offer for Warwick biomedicine (within the last 5 minutes), health and medical science is however my preferred. Am is it likely that I could receive offers for both?

And if you do qualify for a contextual offer, what would the entry requirement be?

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Yes definitely. Thank you so much.

Hi I've just received an offer for Warwick biomedicine (within the last 5 minutes), health and medical science is however my preferred. Am is it likely that I could receive offers for both?

Hi Katie, nice to chat to you again. I have processed your application. I will look into how far along in the rest of our process you are.
Is this course the same as general medicine or a substitute?

Hi Zara, this isn't a medical degree. We offer graduate-entry medicine as a separate course and you can find out more about that here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr

This particular course is for people who have an interest in understanding complex problems in human health and it can lead to various career options afterwards.

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We believe that we can offer you an excellent experience. Here’s something you like like to read to find out more about what the University of Warwick can offer you https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/academic/

**Academic life at the University of Warwick**

Our teaching and learning is your gateway into an international community of curiosity.

Thank you Hollie!

If I send my application in December, does that limit my chances receiving an offer?

Hi Abigail, this is a great question. All applications received before the UCAS deadline of Jan 15th will be treated equally. There is no penalty in delaying your application as long as we receive it before the deadline.

Ah okay. Thank you!

Oh okay thank you

is that even if you fill up all the spaces?

Thank you
What subjects are you currently studying in school or college?

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Hello, just to clarify, can you further explain the similarities and differences between choosing this course and medicine?

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Hi Abigail, the application system doesn’t allow admissions to work in that way, we are not working to a quota. Please be assured that applications received prior to the January deadline will be treated equally.

Alright thank you

Hello, just to clarify, can you further explain the similarities and differences between choosing this course and medicine?

Studying medicine is a clinical course that will prepare you for a career as a doctor. BSc Health and Medical Science is a non-clinical broad-based science degree that will prepare you for a range of career options.
	hank you

Please can you tell me more about the modules on the course?

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Happy to, Hattie. Here is a diagram of the modules on the course shown in the order that you would experience them working first left to right then down a row and so on. Let me know if you have any more questions about modules and content of the course in general.
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Yes, Health and Medical Sciences allows you to explore issues in health from a broad integrated perspective rather than from a medical science perspective alone. In addition, many pure medical science degrees will be laboratory-based, BSc Health and Medical Sciences is not a laboratory-based degree.

@Hollie - thanks for this, that's really helpfull!

How are we doing folks, do you have any more questions for us?

What is the application format for this course?

Hi Sophie, we use the UCAS system. You can find out more about this on our central admissions pages.

https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

Applying for courses at the University of Warwick

This is information on how to apply for undergraduate courses at the University of Warwick.

Could there be an opportunity like this to do a live chat with students interested in GEM

What is the application format for this course?

You can also find out more about applying to WMS here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ug/hms/apply/

How do I apply?

Find out how to apply to our BSc Health and Medical Sciences.

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That's a great suggestion - we'll have a chat with the MB ChB team about this.

Thank you Hollie!

Thank you

There are 10 minutes to go on our live chat, are there any further questions before we sign off for now?
Could you explain what a typical week would look like please?

Hi Hattie, I have made a slide available for viewing showing a typical week.

This slide shows a representation of a typical week on the HMS course showing the campus, library, halls and teaching and learning spaces. The slide is designed as a representation and is not a guarantee of session times, places or content.

It helps a bunch, thanks so much Hollie!

What is GEM?

GEM is Graduate Entry Medicine. You can find out more about that course here: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ugr/

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after completing this program, could one move on to a graduate medical program in hopes of becoming a doctor? Or is there a different undergraduate course they should take?

Hi Sophie, there are many routes to Graduate Entry Medicine. We think that our course provides a great grounding but it is by no means the only route available. My advice is to choose a subject for study that you feel passionately about, and that doesn’t close future doors for you. Hope this helps!

Is it better to study general medicine at undergraduate level or do a medicine/science related degree and then pursue medicine postgrad?
Hi Zara, this is a completely personal choice. Some people prefer to study medicine straight after school, other prefer to approach medicine having completed an undergraduate degree/experience first. If you have the passion, talent and attributes to be a good doctor you will find a route that feels right for you based on your personal goals.

Okay thanks!

Thank you for joining us and asking your questions. We really enjoyed chatting with you and we look forward to chatting with you again next time - you can find our chat schedule at https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/study/ug/hms. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at wms.hms@warwick.ac.uk

**BSc Health and Medical Sciences**

Find out about our BSc Health and Medical Sciences, a new undergraduate degree launching at Warwick Medical School in 2020.

Thanks everyone, bye for now!

Thank you guys!

Thank you all for some fantastic questions. Bye for now!