

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#).

Diploma in Medical Studies – MBBS Phase 1(A100)

(for students entering from October 2009)

1. This programme is available at Queen's Campus, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Medicine 1 #	MEDI1016	120

Level 2 (Diploma)

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Medicine 2	MEDI2016	120

Assessment, progression and award

4. Candidates must attend compulsory patient visits. Candidates who do not attend the Family Project visits in Stage 1 or the Patient Study visits in Stage 2, will be unable to meet the learning objectives of the programme and will be required to repeat the relevant Stage will full attendance.
5. Candidates will be assessed across modules in three assessment domains. These are: Clinical and Communication Skills, Knowledge and Critical Thought, and Professional Behaviours.
6. The MBBS Phase I programme has four examination periods during each academic year. These are:
 - a. A formative examination period in Michaelmas Term (Stage 1 only);
 - b. First week of the Epiphany Term;
 - c. End of academic year examination period
 - d. Resit examination period in August/September;
7. Assessment in each of the areas detailed in 5, above, will include all the material within each Stage covered up to the point of assessment. Consequently, candidates will be assessed in each domain more than once during the academic year. A single cumulative grade shall be determined for each domain;
8. The performance of all candidates in all elements of assessment will be graded according to attainment within the following ranges:
 - a. M – Merit

- b. S – satisfactory
 - c. B – Borderline
 - d. U – Unsatisfactory
9. Assessment will be aggregated to give a final grade of Merit, Satisfactory, Borderline or Unsatisfactory in the Clinical and Communications Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought domains and a final grade of Acceptable or Unacceptable in the Professional Behaviours domain at the end of each Stage;
10. In order to be eligible for the award of the Diploma in medical Studies, candidates must have satisfied the Examiners that they have successfully completed stage 1 and stage 2 of the MBBS Phase I at the University of Durham and therefore be eligible for progression to Phase II of the MBBS at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne;
11. To be eligible for progression from Stage 1 to stage 2 within Phase I, candidates must achieve at least an S – Satisfactory grade in the Clinical and Communication Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought assessment domains and an Acceptable grade in the Professional Behaviours in Stage 1.

Similarly, to progress from Stage 2 to Phase II, candidates must achieve at least an S-Satisfactory grade in the Clinical and Communication Skills and in the Knowledge and Critical Thought assessment domains and an Acceptable grade in the Professional Behaviours assessment domain in Stage 2;

12. Candidates who achieve M – Merit grades in the May and OSCE examinations at the first attempt will be deemed to have passed with overall merit.
13. Candidates who achieve M – Merit grades in the January, May and OSCE examinations at the first attempt will be deemed to have passed with overall Distinction;
14. Candidates achieving a U - Unsatisfactory or B - Borderline or Unacceptable grade in one or more assessment domains will be given one re-sit opportunity (normally during the summer of the same year and without a further course of prescribed study). Failure to achieve the required standard (as given in 11 above) at re-sit will result in their being withdrawn from the MBBS programme. Candidates required to withdraw from the MBBS programme may be eligible for transfer to an alternative programme at the University of Durham should a suitable programme be available. Eligibility will be determined via the concession system;
15. When candidates progress to Phase II, they will transfer to the University of Newcastle medical School and will cease to be students of the University of Durham;

Discipline

16. Candidates for the MBBS Programme will be subject to the core regulations of the University of Durham for the period of their registration with the University. Thereafter, upon progression to Phase II at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne Medical School, they will be subject to the regulations for the MBBS degree of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne;
17. Candidates on the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the Discipline Regulations of the University of Durham. In addition, candidates who won the MBBS Phase I will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne where:
- a. They engage in conduct which renders them unfit to be admitted to and practice the profession of medicine;
 - b. Their conduct constitutes a criminal offence (including conviction for an offence) where that conduct or the offence is such as to render them unfit to practice medicine;

Health Conduct and Appeals

18. Students who experience problems concerning health or conduct which may affect their ability to register to practise medicine will have their cases referred to the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne for consideration;
19. Students, who wish to appeal against any decision of the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, shall do so in accordance with the appeals regulations of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne;
20. Students who are required to withdraw from the MBBS Phase I programme at the University of Durham by the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne may be eligible for transfer to an alternative programme of study at the University of Durham. Eligibility will be determined via the concession system at the University of Durham. Students who do not wish to apply for such a concession or who are deemed ineligible for transfer to an alternative programme of study within the University of Durham will be required to withdraw from the University. Students who wish to appeal against the decision that they withdraw from the University shall do so in accordance with the appeals procedures of the University of Durham;
21. Students who experience problems relating to health and conduct which are not deemed to affect their ability to register to practise medicine, with or without consideration by the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, may still be considered under the relevant regulations of the University of Durham if applicable;
22. For all other appeals throughout their period of registration with the University of Durham, students may appeal (subject to there being grounds for appeal as defined in the core regulations of the University of Durham) under the regulations of the University of Durham;

Suspension of Registration

23. Requests for suspension of registration for reasons other than those which require the consideration of the Faculty of Medicine Student Health and Conduct Committee of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne shall be considered in accordance with the concessions procedures of the University of Durham.