

COVID 19:

Regulations for the Gateway Programmes in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

The University's current regulations are temporarily qualified by this document for the 2020/21 academic year. The additions are in red underlined font.

1. For the purpose of these regulations 'the University' shall include those hospitals and outreach practices that the University may use regularly or occasionally.

Admission

2. To be eligible for admission to the Gateway programmes, candidates shall have such qualifications and experience as described in the relevant Admissions Statement. Requests for transfers into the programme are not considered.

Programme Structure

3. For the purposes of University Regulation the 'Gateway' programmes are non-modular. These regulations apply to the first year of study; the subsequent years of study are governed by the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes and relevant Standing Orders.
4. In non-modular professional programmes, the teaching and learning in a year of study is designed to be cohesive and complementary and students are required to demonstrate, and are subsequently judged upon, the ability to manage a workload at a standard appropriate to the time available. Therefore a component part of the teaching is not assessed in isolation and students are not permitted to undertake a supplementary year due to academic failure. Students who have not passed all units within an academic year will be required to retake the year in its entirety in the next academic year.
5. Students on a Gateway programme are subject to the University's Fitness to Practise requirements.
6. The normal period of study for the programmes is six academic years and the maximum is eight years on a full-time basis. Within this, the normal period of study for the first year of the Gateway programme is one academic year and the maximum is two academic years on a full-time basis.

Transfer of Programme

7. Any request to transfer, in the first year of study, from one of the Gateway programmes to another must be made prior to the end of the second week of teaching (see: www.bristol.ac.uk/university/dates/).

Progression from Year 1 to Year 2

8. Gateway Year 1 shall comprise a range of assessments and shall cover those units studied during the year. Students shall be informed at the start of the academic year of the unit assessments they will be required to undertake in that year, the distribution of marks between the assessments and any components that are 'must pass'. Exceptional within year changes arising from mitigation for Covid-19 in academic year 2020/21 will be communicated to students.
9. A student must attain the pass mark in each and every unit (a mark of 50 out of 100, except Chemistry 1E which is 40 out of 100).

10. All units on the Gateway programme, including Year 1, are 'must pass'. Students are not permitted to undertake a supplementary year due to academic failure.
11. Where extenuating circumstances may have affected the performance of a student in a summative assessment, Section 19 'Extenuating Circumstances' will apply.
12. The re-sit opportunities where the progression requirements are not met at the first attempt are:
 - A student who achieves the pass mark in at least 40 credit points of units will be permitted a second attempt in the failed unit/s in the same academic year.
 - A student who does not achieve the pass mark (i.e. 'fails') in 100 credit points of units or more will be required to withdraw from the programme.
13. A student who does not achieve the pass mark in one or more units at the second attempt will be required to withdraw from the programme.
14. Where a student achieves the pass mark in a unit at the second attempt, the recorded mark for the unit will be capped at the pass mark.
15. Students who fail to meet the requirements for progression, as outlined above, may be offered the opportunity to be admitted onto Year 1 of a suitable Bachelors biomedical science or science programme, subject to fulfilling the admissions criteria for the programme and there being a place available.

Progression in subsequent years

16. The requirements for progression between subsequent years of study of the programmes are provided in the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes and the relevant Standing Orders.

Awards

17. A student who has successfully completed a Gateway programme will receive one of the following awards:
 - Bachelor degree in Medicine (MBChB)
 - Bachelor degree in Dental Surgery (BDS)
 - Bachelor degree in Veterinary Science (BVSc)
18. A student who has completed the first year of one of the Gateway programmes by passing all the requisite units but does not proceed onto the next year of study, will be eligible for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education in Gateway to Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor
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