



Evaluation Criteria for Applicants presenting Qualifications Awarded by Recognised Institutions Other than the University of Malta for the M.D. Course starting in October 2025

1. Preamble

- 1.1 The following criteria are based on the principle that all eligible applicants must satisfy both the General Entry Requirements (GER) and the Special Course Requirements (SCR) for the course leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (M.D.).
- 1.2 The General Entry Requirements are satisfied through the Matriculation Certificate and a pass at grade 5 or better in the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations in English Language, Maltese** and Mathematics.

To qualify for the Matriculation Certificate, offered by the MATSEC Board, candidates must (a) take six subjects as follows: two (2) at Advanced Level and three (3) at Intermediate Level and “Systems of Knowledge”; and (b) obtain a pass in a language, a humanistic and a science subject as well as in “Systems of Knowledge”. Further details about the Matriculation Certificate and the Matriculation Examination are available at: <http://www.um.edu.mt/matsec>

**** A non-Maltese applicant may be allowed to offer instead of Maltese, another language as approved by the Admissions Board, provided that such other language cannot be English and applicants whose mother tongue is English shall be required to offer a language other than English instead of Maltese. This does not replace the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate referred to in Section 1.3(c)(ii) and Section 6 of these Evaluation Criteria.**

- 1.3 Besides satisfying the General Entry Requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admissions Regulations, as indicated in 1.2 above, applicants who apply for admission to the M.D. Course, must satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:
 - (a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and
 - (b) be in possession of a pass in any subject taken in the Matriculation Examination¹ at Intermediate Level and obtained at Grade B or better except for Environmental Science and Systems of Knowledge, provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements are obtained together in **one** session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country; and

- (c) i. Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass at Secondary Education Certificate Level in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course; and
- ii. non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies in Medical and Dental Sciences course, prior to the commencement of the Course, provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate. The Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the M.D. Course.

1.4 The criteria outlined in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 apply in all cases. The University will also consider comparable qualifications to those required for admission to the M.D. Course. These Evaluation Criteria do not apply to applicants presenting the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the European Baccalaureate Diploma.

1.5 Applicants presenting overseas qualifications must apply by the application deadline indicated in Appendix 1, Table A, but will be permitted to present the official published results by the end of August.

(i) All documentation, including all educational documents such as certificates, transcripts and programmes of study, must be submitted by the application deadline indicated in Appendix 1, Table A. Only those documents submitted by the deadline will be taken into consideration for the evaluation of the applications. Any documents submitted after the application deadline will not be accepted, and the application will be evaluated taking into consideration only those documents submitted by the application deadline.

(ii) Applicants may apply conditionally if they are waiting for results of the following examinations:

(a) Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary examinations, (refer to Section 2);

(b) the examinations of the final year of a degree, (refer to Section 3.1);

(c) the examinations of the first year of a five-year medical course or the second year of a six-year medical course, (refer to Section 3.2); and

(d) the examinations of the second year of a five-year medical course or the third year of a six-year medical course, (refer to Section 5.1).

(iii) Nevertheless, such applicants should submit all documents as are available to them by the deadline.

1.5 Admission to the M.D. course is only possible in Year 1 or Year 3.

1.6 Applicants who complete their secondary education overseas must satisfy the University's English language requirement since the language of instruction and assessment at the University of Malta is English. They may submit a pass in English Language acquired as part of their national examinations if the level is considered by the University of Malta to be comparable to the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC). Otherwise, they must submit a Secure English Language Test (IELTS/TOEFL/Cambridge Advanced Certificate or other qualifications approved by the University Admissions Board) result at the required level and grades by not later than the deadline stipulated on the University website. No test result submitted after this deadline will be accepted. More information can be found at <http://www.um.edu.mt/englangreq>.

2. Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary Certificates from UK Examining Boards *

*** GCE Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary qualifications will be assessed according to Appendix 2.**

(a) Applicants presenting Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary certificates from UK Examining Boards, ***which must include passes in a language, a science and a humanistic subject***, are required to be in possession of four (4) passes at GCE Advanced Level, of which:

- i. two (2) GCE Advanced Level passes at grade A or better must be obtained in Biology and Chemistry; **and**
- ii. two (2) GCE Advanced Level passes at grade B or better in a language and a humanistic area from the subjects listed in Section 1.3(b) above, except in Environmental Science and General Studies.

In all the cases outlined in Section 2, the passes at Advanced Level in Biology and Chemistry, as well as the third subject² listed in point (ii) above, must be obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and must be from recognised Examining Boards from the same country. For more details, refer to Appendix 2.

¹ & ² The subject must be chosen from: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance.

3. **Alternative Routes for Admission to M.D. Year 1**

- 3.1 Applicants holding a Bachelor of Science Degree offered by recognized institutions other than the University of Malta: Applicants in their final year of a course leading to a Bachelor's degree in areas such as, Allied Health Science, Medical Biochemistry, Biology and/or Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmacy / Pharmaceutical Science / Pharmaceutical Technology, or already in possession of one of these degrees classified at Second Class Honours or better or Category II or better, may also be considered. It is at the absolute discretion of the Faculty Admissions Committee to recommend which qualifications can be classified as Allied Health Science Bachelor of Science degrees. Any other awards, such as Masters degrees are not considered.

Eligible applicants are required to sit for the Entrance Examinations - see details in Section 4. Applicants who have not yet completed their degree will be allowed to sit for the Entrance Examinations **conditionally**, subject to their obtaining the degree with the classification indicated above by not later than the end of August.

- 3.2 Applicants already following a course at a recognised university comparable to the M.D. Course of the University of Malta: Applicants who successfully complete the first year of a five-year medical course they are currently following to which at least 60 ECTS credits are assigned will be considered eligible to sit for the Entrance Examinations for admission to Year 1 if the qualifications obtained prior to their enrolment on the medical course being followed overseas are deemed as comparable to the University's General Entry Requirements explained in Section 1.

Applicants following a six-year medical course will only be considered eligible to sit for the Entrance Examinations for admission to Year 1 if they successfully complete the first two years of the medical course they are currently following, to which at least 120 ECTS credits are assigned and if the qualifications obtained prior to their enrolment on the medical course being followed overseas are deemed comparable to the University's General Entry Requirements explained in Section 1.

More information regarding the Entrance Examinations for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course may be found in Section 4.

Applicants who will not have completed their first year of studies of a five-year medical course or their second year of studies of a six-year medical course by the application deadline indicated in Appendix 1 will be allowed to sit **conditionally** for the Entrance Examinations – see details in Section 4, subject to their satisfying the conditions as stipulated above by not later than the end of August.

- 3.3 Applicants must also satisfy the Maltese Requirement set out in Section 6 of these Evaluation Criteria.
- 3.4 Holders of other qualifications not mentioned above are to refer to Appendices 3 to 6, and to communicate with the International Admissions Office by email – intadmissions@um.edu.mt, to receive information about the comparability of their qualifications, which may make them

eligible for direct entry into the M.D. Course or eligible for the Entrance Examinations – see details in Section 4. Such applicants are advised to submit their application as early as possible.

4. Entrance Examinations for Admission to M.D. Year 1

4.1 The Entrance Examinations for admission to Year 1 consist of:

- (i) a written Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) examination in Biology – duration 3 hours; and
- (ii) a written Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) examination in Chemistry – duration 3 hours; and
- (iii) an oral examination – only for applicants who pass both written examinations in Biology and Chemistry.

4.2 The Entrance Examinations (both written and oral) shall focus on the syllabi in the links below:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/media/um/docs/directorates/matsec/syllabi/2025/am/Syllabus20-20AM200620Chemistry202025.pdf>

<https://www.um.edu.mt/media/um/docs/directorates/matsec/syllabi/2025/am/Syllabus20-20AM200520Biology202025.pdf>

There will be no practical lab-based exams.

Specimen questions will be uploaded in advance on the same webpage where this document is uploaded.

The Periodic Table will be provided for the Chemistry Entrance Exam.

For both the Biology and Chemistry Exams calculators will be provided. Only the calculators provided by the Faculty may be used.

4.3 During the oral examination, marks will be awarded as follows:

- Biology (30%)
- Chemistry (30%)
- Communication Skills (20%)
- Aptitude (20%)

The duration of the oral examination is of 10 minutes.

4.4 The pass mark for both written papers is 65% and for the oral component is 70%.

The written examinations do NOT compensate for each other which means that a mark of 65% or higher must be obtained in BOTH the Biology AND the Chemistry examinations for applicants to be eligible to be called for the oral examination.

Applicants who are not successful in the written examinations shall be notified by email and they will not be called to attend for the oral examination. All applicants shall be informed by email of all the marks obtained once the whole Entrance Examination process is concluded.

- 4.5 The Year 1 Entrance Examinations will be held on WiseFlow on campus. The written and oral examinations will be held on the dates indicated in Appendix 1 - Table A. The dates for these examinations cannot be changed.
- 4.6 After receiving notification from the International Admissions Office that the Faculty Admissions Committee has deemed them eligible to sit for the Year 1 Entrance Examinations, applicants must confirm their attendance by completing the Year 1 Entrance Examinations Registration Form by the deadline stipulated in Appendix 1, Table A and settling the examination administrative non-refundable fee indicated in Appendix 1 - Table B. The Registration Form, which will include an online payment gateway, will be sent with the notification email. For administrative and logistical reasons, only those individuals who submit the Registration Form shall be admitted to the examination hall.

5 (a). Requirements for Admission to M.D. Year 3

- 5.1 Applicants for admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course must submit a detailed transcript of studies currently being followed in a full medical programme at a recognised university by the application deadline specified in Appendix 1 indicating that:
- (i) they have obtained at least 120 ECTS credits and have progressed to Year 3 of their five-year medical course; or
 - (ii) they have obtained at least 180 ECTS credits and have progressed to Year 4 of their six-year medical course.

Moreover, applicants who will not have obtained the required 120/180 ECTS credits by the application deadline specified in Appendix 1 will be allowed to sit conditionally for the examinations mentioned in Section 5.3 below, subject to their satisfying the conditions as stipulated in Section 5.1 above by not later than the end of August.

- 5.2 In all cases the 120/180 ECTS credits, as applicable, must be obtained in subjects that are comparable to the subjects and at the levels of the first two years of the M.D. Course of the University of Malta.

The programme of study of the University's M.D. Course can be found here:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/courses/overview/umdf-t-2024-5-o/>

- 5.3 Applicants who satisfy the conditions stipulated in Section 5.1 are required to sit for the examinations in the following study-units (three units from the programme for Year 1 of the M.D. Course and four units from the Year 2 programme of the M.D. Course).

These examinations will be held in September (prior to the commencement of the academic year) in Malta:

Study-Unit Code	Study-Unit Title
MDS 1032	Cardiovascular System (paper 1 and paper 2 written examinations) (8 ECTS credits)
MDS1034	Respiratory System (6 ECTS credits)
MDS1036	Renal System (5 ECTS credits)
MDS 2029	Integrated Biomedical Sciences (written examination) (10 ECTS credits)
MDS 2035	Nervous System: Head and Neck and Special Senses (written examination) (7 ECTS credits)
MDS 2036	Nervous System: Higher Brain Function and the Spinal Cord (written examination) (7 ECTS credits)
MDS2038	Gastrointestinal System (5 ECTS credits)

The learning outcomes and bibliography of the above study-units are available by clicking on the respective study-unit code on the programme of studies available in the following link:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/courses/overview/umdf-t-2024-5-o/>

- 5.4 After receiving notification from the International Admissions Office that the Faculty Admissions Committee has deemed them eligible to sit for the above-mentioned examinations, applicants must confirm their attendance by completing the Year 3 Examination Registration Form and settling the examination administrative non-refundable fee indicated in Appendix 1 – Table B by the Year 3 Entrance Examinations registration deadline indicated in Table A of the same appendix. The Year 3 Entrance Examinations Registration Form, which will include an online payment gateway, will be sent with the email informing applicants of their eligibility to sit for these examinations. For administrative and logistical reasons, only those individuals who submit the Registration Form shall be admitted to the examination hall.
- 5.5 Applicants who satisfy the conditions stipulated in Section 5.1 and who pass the examinations indicated in Section 5.3 and obtain at least 45% in each study-unit shall be eligible to join Year 3 of the M.D. Course in October 2025, provided that they also satisfy the Maltese Language Requirement set out in Section 6 of these Evaluation Criteria.

5 (b). Requirements for Admission to the BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences

Applicants who satisfy the requirements for entry into Year 3 of the M.D. Course as indicated in Section 5(a) have the option to apply for entry into Year 3 of the BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences (Intercalated Year).

Details about the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Sciences are as follows:

(a) At the end of Year 2 of the Course only, students who successfully complete all the study-units of the first two years of the Course (the Pre-Clinical Part) with an average mark of at least 70% in each of the first two years of the Course, shall be eligible to apply to join the Course leading to the Bachelor Degree.

(b) Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty Board of Medicine and Surgery, shall determine the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for this degree, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(c) When the number of applicants that may be admitted to the Bachelor Degree is limited in terms of paragraph (b) above, and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected according to the highest overall performance in the first two years of the Bachelor Degree Course.

(d) If two applicants have identical average marks in the first two years of the Bachelor Course, selection shall be based on an interview.

(e) Following selection in terms of the M.D. Regulations, the Board of Studies for the Bachelor Degree shall interview the applicants to assign the research projects.

(f) Students who fail to obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the intercalated year shall not be eligible for the award of the Bachelor Degree but may be allowed to progress to the third year of the M.D. Course. Students shall not be allowed to refer any missing study-units of the intercalated year to the third year of the M.D. Course for the Degree.

6. SEC MALTESE/ MEDICAL MALTESE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE, AS APPLICABLE

Regulation 4 paragraph 2(c) of the M.D. Regulations refers to the requirement of a Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate:

“(c) (i) Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course; and

(ii) non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies in Medical and Dental Sciences course, prior to the commencement of the Course, provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary

Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

The Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course.”

For the full set of the M.D. Regulations, please refer to

<https://www.um.edu.mt/media/um/docs/about/governance/regulations/course/medicinesurgery/DoctorofMedicineandSurgery.pdf>

Details regarding the examination leading to the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate can be found at: <https://www.um.edu.mt/arts/malti/korsijiet/medicalmaltesecourse/>

The University of Malta is offering a course to introduce participants to conversational medical Maltese focusing on the areas of basic anatomical terminology, doctor/patient communication, understanding patients’ symptoms and interacting in a Maltese medical setting. Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to extend their communication skills through case studies, role-play and following medical conversations. The course description and further information can be found at <https://www.um.edu.mt/arts/malti/korsijiet/medicalmaltesecourse/>. Applicants for the M.D. Course may choose to register for this course in order to prepare themselves for the Medical Maltese Proficiency Examination. Registration for this course is not obligatory.

The Medical Maltese Proficiency Course will be offered if there is a sufficient number of eligible candidates.

7. VISA REQUIREMENT

Applicants should check with the nearest Maltese Embassy or Consulate whether they require a visa to enter Malta. For further information, please refer to

<https://www.um.edu.mt/international/students/visas/>

APPENDIX 1:**Table A: Important Deadlines and Dates**

Date	Deadline	Description
Friday 31 January 2025 at 14:00 (local time)	Application Deadline	Application deadline for applicants presenting overseas qualifications for admission to Year 1 or Year 3 of the M.D. course.
Friday 14 March 2025 at 14:00 (local time)	Year 1 Entrance Examinations Registration Form	Registration deadline for applicants eligible to sit for the Entrance Examinations leading to Year 1 of the M.D. Course.
Friday 14 March 2025 at 14:00 (local time)	Year 3 Entrance Examinations Registration Form	Registration deadline for applicants eligible to sit for the Entrance Examinations leading to Year 3 of the M.D. Course.
Friday 14 March 2025 at 14:00 (local time)	Medical Maltese Registration Form I	Registration Form for applicants who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. are fully eligible for entry to the M.D. Course on condition of obtaining a pass in the Medical Maltese Requirement; or ii. are eligible for entry to the M.D. Course but pending official results or a final degree classification; or iii. are eligible for the Entrance Examinations leading to admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course.
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Year 1 Entrance Exam WISEFlow trial	
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Date of Year 1 Written Biology Examination	Written Biology Examination for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course
Wednesday 23 April 2025	Date of Year 1 Written Chemistry Examination	Written Chemistry Examination for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course.
Wednesday 30 April 2025	Date of Year 1 Oral Examination	Oral Examination for applicants who successfully pass both written examinations for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course.
Monday 12 May 2025 at 14:00 (local time)	Medical Maltese Registration Form II	Registration Form for applicants who are successful in the Year 1 Entrance Examinations.

Monday 1 September 2025	Year 3 Entrance Exam WISEFlow trial	
Monday 1 to Saturday 13 September 2025	Date of Year 3 Entrance Examinations	Examinations (listed in Section 5.3) for admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course.

All Examinations will be held on site at the University of Malta. More information will be provided to eligible candidates, in due course.

More information about the Registration Form for the Medical Maltese Proficiency Examination and/or Course will be communicated by means of an official notification sent by the International Admissions Office. This information will be sent to those applicants who are deemed eligible/conditionally eligible for admission to the M.D. Course.

Table B: M.D. Entrance Examinations Registration Fees

Description	Amount
Examination Registration for admission to Year 1	€500
Examination Registration for admission to Year 3	€300

Table C: Medical Maltese Proficiency Course/Examination Registration Fees

Description	Amount
Medical Maltese Proficiency Course and Examination Registration	€3,500
Medical Maltese Proficiency Examination Registration	€500

APPENDIX 2: Information for applicants presenting GCE Advanced and Advanced Subsidiary Qualifications

1. The following grades obtained in subjects taken at Advanced Level set by UK GCE examining boards shall be deemed to be comparable to grades obtained in subjects taken at Advanced Level set by the MATSEC Board as follows:

MATSEC Board	GCE Examinations
Grade A	Grade A*
Grade B	Grade A
Grade C	Grade B
Grade D	Grade C
Grade E	Grade D
Grade F	Grade E

2. "Access to Medicine" certificates awarded in the U.K. or equivalent are not considered comparable to the Advanced Level syllabi in Biology and Chemistry and hence to passes at GCE Examining Boards Grade A or better in either Biology or Chemistry. Such certificates do not satisfy the Special Course Requirements of the M.D. Course.

Additional Notes

For the purpose of calculating the equivalence of UK credits to ECTS credits, the following criteria shall be used:

1 ECTS Credit is equivalent to **2 UK Credits**

APPENDIX 3: Information for applicants presenting the Diploma di Esame di Stato and additional qualifications

1. Requirements for Admission to Year 1

1.1 Applicants in possession of the Diploma di Esame di Stato certificate awarded by the Italian authorities for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course must be in possession of:

a) the *Diploma di Esame di Stato* in order to satisfy the General Entry Requirements;

And

b) One of the following:

i. a full one-year programme of studies (60 ECTS credits) at a recognised university in the following sciences: Biology, Chemistry or Physics

Certified copies of the syllabi for the university's programme of study are required during the application stage so that the University of Malta may compare the academic level of the subjects studied with the requirements for admission to the M.D. Course.

Applicants who will not have successfully completed a full one-year programme of studies (60 ECTS credits) by the application deadline shall be allowed to sit conditionally for the Year 1 Entrance Examinations - see details in Section 4 - subject to their satisfying the conditions as stipulated above, by not later than the end of August.

Or

ii. Applicants who successfully complete the first year of a five-year medical course they are currently following to which at least 60 ECTS credits are assigned, shall be considered as eligible to sit for the Year 1 Entrance Examinations.

Or

iii. Applicants who successfully complete the second year of a six-year medical course they are currently following to which at least 120 ECTS credits are assigned, shall be considered as eligible to sit for the Year 1 Entrance Examinations.

Applicants who will not have completed their first year of studies of a five-year medical course or their second year of studies of a six-year medical course by the application deadline shall be allowed to sit **conditionally** for the Year 1 Entrance Examinations - see details in Section 4, subject to their satisfying the conditions as stipulated above, by not later than the end of August.

Or

- iv. passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and a pass in any subject taken in the Matriculation Examination³ at Intermediate Level and obtained at Grade B or better, except for Environmental Science and Systems of Knowledge, provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements are obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country. For more information about these examinations, kindly contact the International Admissions Office on intadmissions@um.edu.mt.

And

Since the language of teaching and assessment is English, all applicants presenting overseas qualifications are required to submit a Secure English Language Test (TOEFL/IELTS/Cambridge Advanced, or other recognised certificates) at the required grades and by the stipulated deadline. Kindly refer to this link for more information: <http://www.um.edu.mt/englangreq>.

And

Applicants are also required to satisfy the requirements stipulated under Section 6 in connection with the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

Information about alternative routes for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 3, paragraph 3.1 of this document.

Information about admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 5 of this document.

³ The subject must be chosen from: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance.

APPENDIX 4: Information for applicants presenting the Irish Leaving Certificate (Awarded from 2017 onwards)

1. Requirements for Admission to Year 1

1.1 In order to satisfy the University's General Entry Requirements and the Special Course Requirements for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course, applicants in possession of the Irish Leaving Certificate (ILC) awarded by the Irish authorities must be in possession of:

6 Higher level passes which must include: -

- i. 2 passes at **H1** in **Biology** and **Chemistry**; and
- ii. 4 passes at **H2** or better,

provided that the passes at **H1** in **Biology** and **Chemistry** and one pass⁴ at **H2** are obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from one Examining Board; and

provided that two (2) of the passes presented at H2 or better include a language and humanistic area.

Applicants presenting the above grades in the ILC must sit for the Entrance Examinations for Admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course. For more information in this regard, please refer to Section 4.

Applicants are also required to satisfy the requirements stipulated under Section 6 in connection with the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

Information about alternative routes for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 3, paragraph 3.1 of this document.

Information about admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 5 of this document.

⁴ One of the subjects obtained with a grade of H2 must be chosen from: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance.

APPENDIX 5: Information for applicants presenting Scottish Qualifications

1. Requirements for Admission to Year 1

1.1 In order to satisfy the University's General Entry Requirements and the Special Course Requirements for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course, applicants in possession of Scottish qualifications awarded by the Scottish authorities must be in possession of:

3 Advanced Higher passes and 1 Higher pass

OR

2 Advanced Higher passes and 3 Higher passes

These passes must include a pass in a language, a science subject and a humanistic subject, of which:

- i) 2 passes at Advanced Higher Level at Grade B in Biology and Chemistry; and
- ii) 1 pass⁴ at Higher Level at Grade B,

provided that the above mentioned passes are obtained together in **one** session of examinations (i.e. one sitting), and are from **one** Examining Board.

Applicants are also required to satisfy the requirements stipulated under Section 6 in connection with the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

Information about alternative routes for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 3, paragraph 3.1 of this document.

Information about admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 5 of this document.

⁴The Higher Level subject obtained at Grade B must be chosen from: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance.

APPENDIX 6: Information for applicants presenting the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur

1. Requirements for Admission to Year 1

1.1 In order to satisfy the University's General Entry Requirements and the Special Course Requirements for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course, applicants in possession of the Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur certificate awarded by the German authorities must be in possession of:

- (a) the *Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur* which must include final written and oral passes in a language, a humanistic subject and a science subject, including:
 - i. Final written passes at grade 12 or better in Biology and Chemistry; **and**
 - ii. A final written pass at grade 10 or better⁵,

provided that the above-mentioned passes are obtained together in **one** session of examinations (i.e. one sitting), and are from **one** Examining Board; and

- (b) passes in Mathematics, a language and a humanistic area must also be present in the final year of studies.

Since the language of teaching and assessment is English, all applicants presenting overseas qualifications are required to submit a Secure English Language Test (TOEFL/IELTS/Cambridge Advanced, or other recognised certificates) at the required grades and by the stipulated deadline. Kindly refer to this link for more information <http://www.um.edu.mt/englangreq>. Alternatively, the UM will accept a final written pass at Grade 10 or better in English Language in the Abitur to satisfy this requirement.

Applicants are also required to satisfy the requirements stipulated under Section 6 in connection with the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

Information about alternative routes for admission to Year 1 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 3, paragraph 3.1 of this document.

Information about admission to Year 3 of the M.D. Course may be found at Section 5 of this document.

⁵ The final written pass at grade 10 or better in point (ii) above must be selected from the following subjects: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance.

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