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Undergraduate Prospectus **2025**

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Welcome
from the Dean,
Professor Malcolm Reed



Who you are

A caring individual who shares our commitment to providing outstanding and compassionate healthcare.

Entry requirements

UCAT

In year of application

AAA

A-levels
(including Biology & Chemistry)

AAB

Contextual data
(including Biology & Chemistry)

36pts

Total in the International Baccalaureate
(including HL Biology & Chemistry)

Who we are

A modern, inclusive and innovative medical school with a real sense of community.

218

students started with BSMS in 2023

30%

of our UK students meet our widening participation criteria

What we can offer

If you're looking for modern medical training that stretches you to your limits and supports you to push beyond them, allows you to relax in rural tranquillity and to experience the adrenaline rush of early clinical experience, look no further than BSMS.



Systems-based approach

You will take a bodily system, such as the circulatory system, and learn all relevant anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology and clinical skills.



Early clinical experience

You will have placements in GP surgeries and hospitals from week two, building your confidence and communication skills with patients and healthcare professionals.



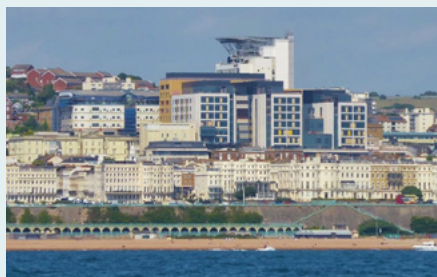
Cadaveric dissection

Cadaveric dissection is a key part of the course, giving you a real understanding of human anatomy, along with prosection, living anatomy and ultrasound sessions.



Location

You will be based in Brighton & Hove, an exciting, vibrant, inclusive seaside city, nestled at the foot of the South Downs and only an hour from London.



New teaching hospital

The newly redeveloped Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton provides outstanding clinical and learning facilities for students.



Two university partners

As a student of both the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex, you will benefit from access to the academic and recreational facilities of both.



Medicine at BSMS



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Preparing you for medicine



Your anatomy study will explore the human body and its relevance to clinical practice. Cadaveric dissection is a key part of the course and is supplemented by the study of prosections (professionally dissected cadaveric specimens). Living anatomy and ultrasound tutorials are another key way in which anatomy is taught at BSMS, giving you real and hands-on opportunities to study and understand the structure and function of the human body.



Dr Catherine Hennessy,
Head of Anatomy



Our five-year medical degree, awarded jointly by the Universities of Brighton and Sussex, leads to the qualification of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BM BS). The course is designed to help you become a highly competent, strongly motivated doctor, committed to the highest standards of clinical practice, professionalism and patient care.

How is the course organised?

Years 1 and 2

Systems-based approach

You will study the normal and abnormal functioning of the human body using a systems-based approach, with integrated modules covering the core biomedical and psychosocial sciences.

Clinical skills

You will start to develop clinical skills in history taking, physical examination, diagnosis and effective communication with patients in a classroom setting and by gaining real life experience in primary, secondary and community care placements. Clinical skills in Year 1 will also cover basic life support, first responder principles and simulated home visits.

In Year 2 you will continue to build on the clinical skills taught in Year 1, covering venepuncture and phlebotomy, intermediate life support and the initial assessment of patients in different settings (eg, the emergency department). You will also take part in four immersion weeks, where you will focus on general practice, learning from allied health professionals and community care teams.

In Years 2 and 3 you will spend time with a person living with dementia and their carer in our award-winning Time for Dementia programme.



Anatomy

Learning anatomy at BSMS gives you a unique and exciting opportunity to participate in cadaveric dissection in Year 1 and then go on to study prosections in Year 2.

Additional opportunities to dissect are provided for anyone who is interested beyond Year 1.

During the living anatomy and ultrasound tutorials you will have the opportunity to identify anatomical structures on yourself and your peers (with their consent) using palpation techniques and the ultrasound machines.

Student-Selected Components (SSCs)

SSCs allow you to undertake individual study according to your own personal interest, and explore selected topics in depth, informed by the latest research.



Anatomy teaching at BSMS is an incredible privilege, allowing us to uncover the donor's life story through their body. I really enjoy this type of learning as I can get hands on experience of mapping out the human anatomy, and it helps me to better visualise the anatomical knowledge gained in lectures.



Hadiqa Ali
Year 3



Clinical years are intimidating but equally as exciting because being in this environment is ultimately what you are working towards, you develop a better understanding of the career you are about to begin.



Rhys Nicholas
Year 3



Year 3

Clinical rotations

At the heart of Year 3 are ward-based attachments including:

- ▶ General Medicine, Acute Medicine and Cardiology
- ▶ Elderly Medicine and Psychiatry
- ▶ Surgery, including Perioperative Medicine, Emergency Medicine Orthopaedics and Urology

Most students undertake at least one rotation at one of our regional partner hospitals outside Brighton.

Teaching

You will consolidate your increasing clinical experience with an understanding of the underlying clinical, pathological and public health issues through weekly teaching sessions in the Scientific Basis of Medicine module.

You will also gain further experience in safe prescribing of medicines, an essential skill for your medical career.



Year 4

Clinical rotations

In Year 4 you will take part in a series of five-week rotations in:

- ▶ General Practice
- ▶ ENT, Ophthalmology and Neurology
- ▶ Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Sexual Health
- ▶ Rheumatology and Dermatology
- ▶ Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care
- ▶ Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- ▶ Paediatrics

The clinical focus in Year 4 is on understanding patients' integrated care and how primary, community and secondary care structures work together for the patient.

Some rotations are delivered in our regional partner hospitals as well as in Brighton.

Research

You will complete a year-long Individual Research Project, supervised by a university or hospital team.

Time for Autism

You will take part in our Time for Autism programme, spending time with a family affected by autism, and gaining a greater understanding of this condition.

Intercalation

You may choose to take a year out of your medical degree study after Year 3 to undertake an intercalated BSc or Masters degree at BSMS or another university. This will provide you with rigorous training in research methods, and may allow you to publish your findings and attend scientific meetings and conferences.



Find out more about
intercalated degrees
at BSMS

Year 5

Year 5 provides intense clinical and professional preparation for your foundation years.

Clinical skills

You will develop your clinical skills through direct patient contact on clinical placements, and by using clinical skills laboratories and simulators.

Your learning will be based on close involvement with routine clinical cases, acting as a member of the clinical team. Spending 15 weeks within one of our placement hospitals, you will rotate through Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Elderly Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry. Central to your study will be the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients in these different areas of practice.

Preparation for foundation programme

After finals you will join a clinical team at one of our partner hospitals, working closely with junior doctors to complete the preparation for foundation programme module (Foundation 0). This eight-week placement is designed to prepare you for the role of foundation doctor.

Elective

Towards the end of Year 5, you will undertake an elective period to gain clinical experience in another environment in the UK or abroad.



Medical Licensing Assessment

You will undertake the General Medical Council (GMC) Medical Licensing Assessment along with students at all other UK medical schools. This comprises an Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) and an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).



Find out more about the
**Medical Licensing
Assessment**

After graduation

At the end of the undergraduate programme, subject to satisfying fitness to practise requirements, you'll receive your degree, which the GMC has approved as a primary medical qualification (PMQ).



Find out more about
**provisional registration
as a doctor**

BSMS curriculum outline

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	
YEAR 1	Induction	Clinical and Community Practice 1										Integrated KT
		Foundations of Health and Disease			Heart, Lungs and Blood			Nutrition, Metabolism and Excretion				
		Personal and Professional Development										
YEAR 2	Clinical and Community Practice 2										Integrated KT	
	Neuroscience and Behaviour			Reproduction and Endocrinology			Musculoskeletal and Immune Systems			OSCE		
	Personal and Professional Development											
YEAR 3	Clinical & Community Practice 3	Medicine			Surgery			Elderly Medicine and Psychiatry			Revision, OSCE & Integrated KT	
		Scientific Basis of Medicine										
		Therapeutics										
		Personal and Professional Development										
YEAR 4	Specialist Rotations										Revision, OSCE & Integrated KT	
	Individual Research Project											
	Personal and Professional Development											
YEAR 5	Clinical Attachment			Revision		Foundation 0			Elective		Graduation	
	Personal and Professional Development				MLA							

Key to table: KT = Knowledge Test; OSCE = Objective Structured Clinical Examination; MLA = Medical Licensing Assessment

Please note: the curriculum outline for 2025 has not yet been finalised and may be subject to change. Check at bsms.ac.uk/undergraduate

Developing you as a doctor



I like how the teaching at BSMS focuses on the holistic care of the patient, rather than just the scientific knowledge we need to qualify. The content we cover is designed to make us become the best doctors we can be. For example, the Time for Dementia programme allows us to follow a family affected by dementia for two years, and I feel this has really made a difference to my clinical practice so far.



Enya Costin
Year 3



At BSMS, our systems-based curriculum offers a range of teaching and learning methods, including early clinical experience, cadaveric dissection and e-learning. We believe in supporting you with relevant technology and learning resources, so you can realise your potential.



BSMS learning methods

BSMS has an integrated curriculum designed to develop your knowledge, academic and clinical skills. Our emphasis throughout the degree is on small group academic and clinical teaching, which allows you to further develop and apply your learning from lectures.

Teaching includes practical classes in our anatomy and biomedical science laboratories, seminars, guided individual study, clinical skills practice, technology-enhanced learning and clinical symposia.



Learning from patients

Patient educators provide a unique patient-centred focus to your clinical training, helping you gain a broad understanding of a diverse range of patients' experiences and the implications of various health conditions and disabilities.

Learning from peers

Team working is vital in medicine, and we foster collaborative working through group activities and peer-learning throughout the course, with medical and other healthcare students.

Personal and professional development

Personal and professional development is learnt throughout the five year course. The GMC expects graduates to be able to reflect on and develop all aspects of their practice, and consider how their professional and personal lives intersect and influence each other. With this in mind, each student is assigned a Clinical Personal Tutor who they meet with once per term for support with the challenges of the course and the practice of medicine.

Taught sessions allow students to explore health inequalities, professionalism, ethics, law, dealing with error, team work, cultural humility, leadership, and quality and safety in the clinical environment.

Education on sustainable healthcare

Teaching on sustainable healthcare is included throughout the undergraduate medical curriculum at BSMS. This is led by the Sustainable Healthcare group, who are conducting internationally leading research on reducing the environmental impacts of healthcare. Students are also invited to enter for the student prize in sustainable healthcare and to participate in our international Sustainable Healthcare Academic Research and Enterprise (SHARE) conference.

Measuring your progress

Summative and formative assessments occur throughout the course. Along with written assessments, we will test your communication and clinical skills through practical assessment methods such as OSCEs and presentations.

Feedback

You will receive regular written and verbal feedback on your progress in the classroom and the clinical environment to help you identify your strengths and areas for development. We will also seek and act on your feedback to make improvements to the course.



See a full list of **assessments and their weightings**



Your participation in research

At BSMS, you will have the opportunity to get involved in a range of exciting research and to develop projects that particularly interest you.

You could participate in research as early as Year 1, in your Student-Selected Components (SSCs). In Year 4, you will conduct a research project under the supervision of a faculty member, joining teams in laboratories, hospitals or the community.

You might choose to investigate biomedical sciences or epidemiology, or assess clinical and community interventions, and you may have the chance to present your findings in national and international meetings, or to publish papers in medical journals.

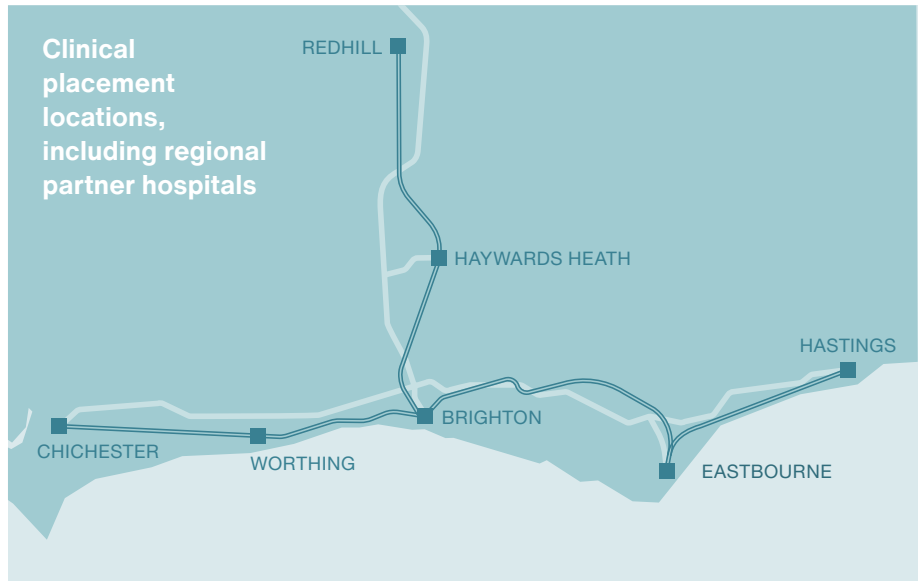
You will graduate with enhanced teamwork, research methodology, technical and project management skills.



Facilities and resources

In Years 1 and 2 your studies will be based primarily at both Brighton and Sussex university campuses, which house clinical skills teaching rooms, a state-of-the-art anatomy suite and clinical science laboratories.

From Year 3 you will be based in Brighton at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and across other sites in the region (see map right). Most placements outside Brighton of four weeks or more are residential, to allow you to be fully immersed in the partner hospital team.



Digital resources

Our online learning platform, My Studies, provides access to all your learning resources and study support tools, including lecture recordings, presentations, quizzes, interactive cases and case-based tutorials.

Clinical placement experience and professional development are recorded and tracked with a dedicated e-portfolio platform that mirrors those used by doctors in training. Virtual microscopy and immersive 3D anatomy resources will also support your learning.

Specialist digital learning resources:

- ▶ The Anatomy Lab Interface, a custom mobile app that complements learning in the dissection lab
- ▶ Capsule, a unique case-based learning resource comprising over 750 clinical scenarios for students to test their investigation, diagnosis and management skills, aligned to the Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA)
- ▶ SmartDrug, a bespoke case-based platform to develop core prescribing skills
- ▶ A large library of clinical skills videos and interactive tutorials
- ▶ Sofia, curriculum mapping software that allows students to revise and track learning outcomes, add notes and attachments and filter content, aligned to Outcomes for Graduates and the MLA.



BSMS has offered me unique learning opportunities through placements, it's a pleasure to be able to engage with patients and understand their ideas and hopes of clinical experiences. I love that from the first few weeks of term we were introduced to placements and allowed to liaise with multidisciplinary teams. The continuous focus on clinical experience and demeanour increases your confidence when working in practice and allows you to develop a natural demeanour when interacting with patients.



Melissa Rajalingam
Year 4

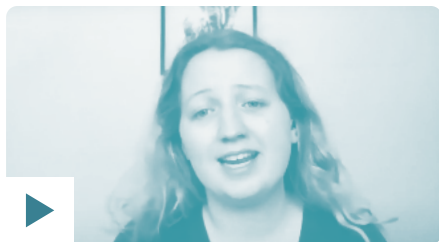


Support

Medicine is a demanding course physically, intellectually and emotionally, and BSMS offers a wide range of support to help you during your time here.

Student Advice Team

Our student advisers are dedicated, non-academic staff available for you to discuss any problems that may affect you – personal issues, financial difficulties, health issues and more. They offer confidential listening and advice, and work with colleagues to help reduce the impact on your studies of any problems you may face. They can also identify specialist support if necessary, and put you in touch with other university support services.



Disability and learning support

For students with physical disabilities, long-term mental health or medical conditions, or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, university services are available for advice, guidance and academic support. Such support might include individual support tutors, assistive technology and Learning Support Plans detailing reasonable adjustments to your teaching and assessment.



Find out more about **disability and learning support**

Medic families

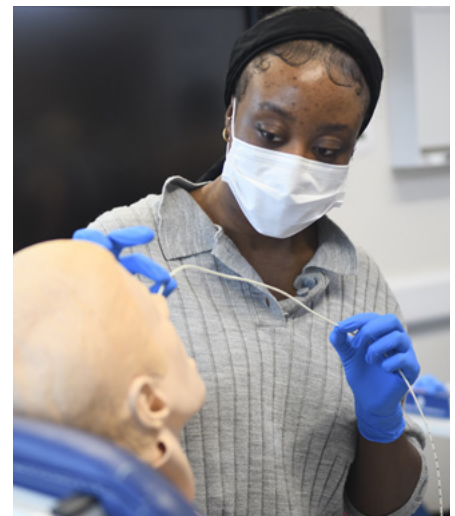
Before you join us, you will be assigned a medic family – this will include 'siblings' (other first years), 'parents' (in Year 2), and even 'grandparents'! They will be in touch before you start, and will help you to settle in once you're here.

International students

Both universities offer a diverse range of events for international students, and student societies can help you integrate into student life here. The University of Brighton's international support team provides practical advice and support.

Other support

Other support available includes financial advice and wellbeing services. For more information, contact: studentadvice@bsms.ac.uk



A typical week in the life of a BSMS student*

Year 1



Monday

Lectures and practical classes (module tutorials, labs, pathology interactive classes, living anatomy)

Tuesday - Clinical practice day

AM Clinical practice lecture
PM Primary or secondary care placement/clinical skills/small group work with clinical practice facilitators/workshop

Wednesday

AM Student Selected Component
PM Possible lectures until 2pm/ free time for study and/or extracurricular activities such as sport

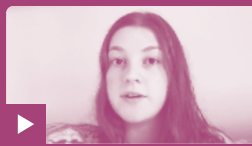
Thursday

Symposium, lectures and practical classes

Friday

Dissection room, practical classes and lectures

Year 2



Monday

AM Dissection room
PM Lectures, practical classes, module tutorials, labs, symposiums, pathology interactive classes

Tuesday

AM Student selected component
PM Practical class: living anatomy, ultrasounds, labs

Wednesday

AM Lectures
PM Time for Dementia/free time for study and/or extracurricular activities such as sport

Thursday - Clinical practice day

AM Clinical practice lecture
PM Primary or secondary care placement/clinical skills/small group work with clinical practice facilitators/workshop

Friday

AM Symposium or lecture
PM Lectures

Year 3



Monday

Lectures

Tuesday

Clinical rotations, eg, in General Medicine, Acute Medicine and Cardiology; Elderly Medicine and Psychiatry; Surgery, including Perioperative Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics and Urology

Wednesday

Clinical rotations

Thursday

Clinical rotations

Friday

Clinical rotations

Year 4



Monday

Individual Research Project (IRP) day – students work on their IRP/meet with their supervisor/collect data etc

Tuesday

Clinical rotations, eg, in GP; ENT, Ophthalmology and Neurology; Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Sexual Health; Rheumatology and Dermatology; Oncology, Haematology and Palliative Care; Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Paediatrics

Wednesday

Clinical rotations

Thursday

Clinical rotations

Friday

Clinical rotations

Year 5



Monday

Clinical attachment (including ward rounds, clinics, lectures and seminars, clinical skills teaching), eg, in Medicine; Emergency Medicine; Elderly Medicine; Surgery; Psychiatry

Tuesday

Seminars

Wednesday

Clinical attachment

Thursday

Clinical attachment

Friday

Clinical attachment

*Draft timetables for 2025

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Medical School



A home from home



As a first-year medical student, you will be guaranteed accommodation. However, you must make BSMS your first choice when confirming places with UCAS, and submit your application for university residences by the deadline in late June 2025.



Find out more about
Lewes Court



Find out more about
Brighthelm houses



Find out more about
Varley Park

Halls of residence

In your accommodation, you will be part of a lively, stimulating and cosmopolitan student community, living alongside people from all over the world who are studying a wide range of subjects.

BSMS students are allocated between halls of residence at the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton, and will have the opportunity to rank their accommodation choices in terms of preference. Please note we cannot guarantee your first choice. All residences have communal kitchens and internet, and contents insurance is included as part of the cost.

University of Brighton campus

You will normally be placed in accommodation at the Varley Park campus, where both en suite and shared bathroom options are available. There is a bus stop on site, and the public bus service connects with the Falmer campus both day and night.









University of Sussex campus

You will normally be placed in either Lewes Court flats, where both ensuite and shared bathroom options are available, or Brighthelm houses, with shared bathrooms.

Applying for accommodation

You should apply for halls via the University of Brighton Accommodation Office, regardless of which university campus you would prefer. They will send you information on how to apply during the academic year before you arrive at BSMS, including all relevant deadlines. For accommodation costs, see page 29.

Key	
BSMS teaching/research buildings	
Accommodation	
Library	
Bus stop	
Train station	
Train line	

Approximate walking times

	BSMS Teaching Building	Watson Building
Lewes Court / Brighthelm →	12 mins	20 mins
Varley Park →	32 mins	34 mins
Falmer Station →	7 mins	8 mins

Life on campus

You can buy anything from a sandwich to a three-course meal on campus. Facilities include shops, cafés, bars, libraries, a laundrette, an arts centre, a post office and sports centres.

In Brighton

If you would prefer to live in a house or flat in Brighton for your first year, a wide range of rented accommodation is available.

We encourage students to live locally to Brighton for the duration of their studies. Students may choose to commute from outside the immediate area for personal reasons; however BSMS is not normally able to provide concessions or adjustments to the requirements of the course to accommodate these circumstances. Students who are not resident in the local area are likely to need to source temporary accommodation from time to time to ensure they can meet the requirements of the course.



Join the club



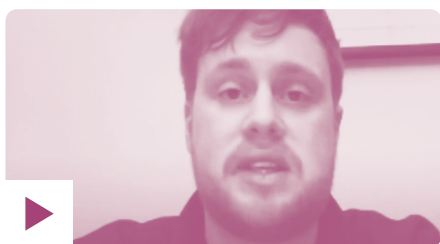
As a BSMS student, there are plenty of activities available for when you are not studying. MedSoc offers a wide range of clubs and societies to get involved with, and you are also able to take part in activities available at both universities. These are a great way to get to know people, and many societies have a thriving social programme alongside their main activities.

MedSoc

MedSoc is run by medics for medics. We are with you from freshers week to graduation and beyond, to make sure you get the most out of your time at BSMS.

Under the MedSoc umbrella are over 40 different societies, ranging from cultural societies, such as Afro-Caribbean Soc, to specialty-related societies such as PaedSoc, to hobby-related societies, such as MedArt. All of these societies put on their own events, there really is something for everyone.

MedSoc works with both Brighton and Sussex students' unions to organise sports teams and events specifically for medical students. Activities include balls throughout your time at medical school, socials at clubs and venues in Brighton, as well as non-drinking socials, including activities such as crazy-golf, laser tag, bowling and more. Whatever you want to get involved in, there will be lots of friendly medics ready to welcome you at all activities, and MedSoc will help you make friends for life.



Find out more about **BSMS MedSoc and current societies**



Sport and fitness

Whether you want to keep fit, dance or are into serious sport, there are excellent sports facilities at Falmer campuses including sports halls, a swimming pool, fitness and dance studios, exercise classes, squash and tennis courts and football and rugby pitches.

There is also a wide range of competitive sports teams at BSMS, with most taking part in local or regional leagues. Twice a year you can battle it out for domination in the South against Kent and Medway Medical School and Southampton Medical School in our varsity matches. Each medical school takes it in turns to host a full day of sport, followed by a social in the evenings – a great opportunity to meet future colleagues.

University clubs and societies

As students of both universities, you not only have MedSoc, but you have access to all sports and societies at both the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton. Both student unions run all sorts of political, creative, social and sporting events throughout the year and provide a great opportunity to get out of the medic bubble and meet new people.



Find out more about **Brighton Student Union**



Find out more about **Sussex Student Union**



I grasped the opportunity to immerse myself into the culture at BSMS and am part of societies at the medical school and both universities. I also play American football for the Sussex American Football team, which gives me a break from medicine and an opportunity to refresh and see different aspects of university life.



Julian Okorochoa
Year 3

Out and about

Year 5 student Fernanda Widdowson gives an insider's guide to living and studying in Brighton.



Headquarters

BSMS sits just outside of Brighton, and is split between two different university campuses. We have the unique opportunity to be part of both universities, which means twice the number of societies and events!

London by the sea

Brighton is filled with colour, from the houses to the clothes people wear, and with its beach and historical buildings, it's no wonder the city attracts visitors.

With a wide variety of shops, restaurants and activities, the individuality of Brighton is apparent at first glance. Between the quirky North Laine with its independent and eclectic shops and cafes, the marina with its bars and restaurants and the Royal Pavilion, there is something for everyone.

As for events, keep an eye out for Brighton Festival and Fringe, Pride, the Lewes Bonfire Night and the Boundary music festival, to name a few.





More than seashells by the seashore

As you walk along the beach, you're met with volleyball, bars, zip-lining, fire spinning and of course the iconic pier! Out on the sea, you'll see a plethora of paddleboarders, kayakers and windsurfers. When it's warm you can find many Brighton residents and tourists enjoying a day on the beach, followed by some evening socialising. For many of us living here, simply looking at the sea can be a remedy for a tough day.

Painting a picture – the Brighton art scene

Art surrounds you in Brighton. For a dive into the performance art scene, try venues like Komedia, the Old Market and the Dome. Also, keep a look out for smaller venues to immerse yourself in the wide variety that Brighton has to offer!

When the sun goes down

Brighton's bustling nightlife doesn't disappoint. Clubs, bars and pubs of every size and style are just a part of what makes up the late-night activities that give Brighton its reputation, along with great live music. And affordable student deals mean you'll never be without something to do!





Change of scenery

If you're looking for a change in pace, a stone's throw from campus you'll find the South Downs. Perfect for walks, hikes and bike rides, or head for a nearby village for a pub lunch.

Big city sights

If you fancy getting out of Brighton, in a little over an hour by train you can find yourself in the middle of London for a day out. If you're itching for a trip slightly further away, London St. Pancras is 1.5 hours away, Gatwick airport is 25 minutes away, and Heathrow 2 hours by coach.



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Fees and funding

Fees and financial support for 2025 have not yet been agreed, and will be posted on our website once confirmed.

Tuition fees for students starting the BM BS undergraduate medical degree in 2024 are:

UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man students
£9,250 per year¹

International students (including EU)²
£44,500 per year³

- 1 Fees are subject to UK Government confirmation and to regulatory approval, and may change throughout the period of enrolment on the course as the Government reviews fee levels: [gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students)
- 2 EU nationals with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme may be eligible for student funding.
- 3 In subsequent years, fees for international students who start in 2024 will rise by 7% per year.

Money can be a concern when going to university. At BSMS, both school and university staff have help and advice to offer.

Financial support

To assist new full-time home (UK) students studying for their first degree, a range of financial support is provided by the UK Government:

- ▶ You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover your tuition fees in full, which you only start to pay back when you are earning over a certain threshold.
- ▶ You can apply for a partially means-tested Maintenance Loan to help towards living costs such as food and rent.
- ▶ If you are a parent or a carer, other means-tested financial support is also available, including a Parents' Learning Allowance and a Childcare Grant.

See [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance) for further information on government funding for students normally resident in England.

If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland you will be offered a different package of support – please refer to the respective funding bodies:

- [saas.gov.uk](https://www.saas.gov.uk)
- [studentfinancewales.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)
- [studentfinancenir.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk)



Students with a previous degree

If you are a UK student and already have a degree you may find funding difficult for the BM BS degree, as you will not have access to a Tuition Fee Loan. However, you can apply for a partially means-tested Maintenance Loan to help towards living costs such as food and rent.

From your fifth year of study you may be eligible for an NHS Bursary.

University of Brighton financial support

The University of Brighton provides financial support to students from lower-income families.

Eligible UK students with a household income of less than £25,000 are entitled to the following in addition to any UK Government support:⁴

- ▶ Years 1-4 – a £500 cash bursary in each year of study
- ▶ Year 5 – university funding is not available to students in receipt of an NHS Bursary (see right).

The University of Brighton also provides a Care Leaver's bursary and Estranged Students bursary to eligible students. Both universities also offer sports scholarships.

For general advice and information about student finance, please contact studentadvice@brighton.ac.uk

For more information about university bursaries, contact the Student Funding Team at bursaries@brighton.ac.uk

Your eligibility will be assessed on the basis of the information provided in your Student Finance application: [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

⁴ Figures are for 2024 entry; when available, information on financial support for 2025 entry will be provided at: <https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/fees-and-finance/undergraduate/uk-students/bursaries/university-bursary.aspx>

NHS Bursary

From the fifth year of study, you may be eligible for an NHS Bursary. This may include:

- Support with tuition fees
- Grants towards living costs
- Additional help, depending on your circumstances (eg, Dependants' Allowance).

For further information see:

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-bursary-students



Find out more about **bursaries and eligibility criteria**

International students

If offered a place to study at BSMS, you will be required to pay a £5,000 tuition fee deposit when you accept your offer. You will need to ensure that you have the means to cover the cost of your fees and other expenses for the whole five years before you begin your course.

Living costs

Depending on your lifestyle, you may expect to spend the following on rent.

University halls: £125 to £188 per week (based on 2023 figures) depending on type of accommodation. Costs include electricity, heating, water rates and contents insurance. Internet access is provided as a campus wide service.

Shared houses: Average £157 per person per week (based on 2023 figures).

Advice on additional funding

The BSMS Student Advice Team and the University of Brighton Student Advice Service offer information and advice on additional sources of funding, money management and debt counselling.

Other costs

You should factor in certain other costs including:

- ▶ a stethoscope (approx £50)
- ▶ a laptop computer
- ▶ travel, parking etc related to placements and regional attachments
- ▶ travel, accommodation and living expenses for your fourth-year primary care placement and fifth-year clinical attachment and elective; placements occur over a wide geographical area.



Find out about **laptop specs, accommodation & travel policy, etc**

Paid work while studying

At BSMS we provide opportunities for our students to earn money where we can, and students are paid to assist with admissions and open days, and outreach work. The careers services of both universities are experienced in helping students find part-time or vacation work, but please bear in mind that as you progress through the degree, your study will require an increasingly significant time commitment throughout the week, and term times will lengthen.

What qualifications do I need?

Entry requirements

UCAT

In year of application

AAA

A-levels
(including Biology and Chemistry)

AAB Contextual data

(including Biology and Chemistry)

36 pts

Total in the International Baccalaureate (including HL Biology and Chemistry)

35 pts Contextual data

Total in the International Baccalaureate (including HL Biology and Chemistry)



We are looking not only for academic ability but also for the personal qualities that people need and expect in a good doctor.

In selecting our students, we look for:

- ▶ academic achievement and potential
- ▶ a realistic attitude to medical training and clinical practice
- ▶ an understanding of the NHS values and the ability to reflect upon their importance
- ▶ a commitment to quality of care, compassion and improving lives
- ▶ the ability to communicate and work effectively in a team for the benefit of patients
- ▶ the ability to appreciate other people's point of view
- ▶ an appreciation of the need to treat people with respect and dignity
- ▶ a willingness to accept responsibility
- ▶ a resilient all-rounder who can demonstrate a number of skills and attributes.

UCAT

We require applicants to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in the year of application to be considered for interview.

UCAT will be used to select candidates for interview; please check the website for more details on how BSMS plans to use UCAT scores.

Please refer to the UCAT website <https://www.ucat.ac.uk> for key dates and additional information.

Literacy and numeracy

Applicants must have qualifications in English and Maths equivalent to at least GCSE grade 6 or an IELTS score of 7.0 or above with at least 7.0 in each section. For applicants with contextual data, we will accept GCSE grade 5.

International students who do not speak English as a first language must hold a qualification in English language received within the three years prior to their BSMS enrolment date.

Third A-level

We do not specify the nature of the third A-level subject and we strongly encourage applications from students who study humanities or the arts (including Psychology), as we recognise their value in broadening academic horizons.



Contextual data

BSMS is committed to widening participation into medicine, so along with assessing your academic profile, we will also be looking for any contextual data that may enhance your application.

If you meet two or more of our contextual data criteria, your application will be considered separately from those of other applicants. For such applicants, we will accept AAB at A-level (including Biology and Chemistry); 35 points total in the International Baccalaureate (including Higher Level Biology and Chemistry); and English and Maths GCSEs at grade 5.

We aim to offer 30% of all interviews to students identified as having contextual data. Applicants who are (or have been) looked after in local authority care for more than three months from the age of 11 will automatically be invited for interview, subject to satisfying academic criteria.

To find out if you meet our criteria please visit: bsms.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying-to-bsms/entry-requirements.aspx

Other equivalent qualifications

We also welcome a wide range of other equivalent academic qualifications. If you have any queries, please contact medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk

Date of qualifications

All qualifications must have been achieved in or after August 2015. BSMS reserves the right to make alternative offers where appropriate.

Graduate entry

Applications from graduates are welcomed. You should hold three A-levels (at least BBB), including Biology and Chemistry, and you should hold, or expect to hold, a first or upper second class science degree that demonstrates an adequate knowledge of Biology and Chemistry.

If you are unsure whether your particular degree meets our Biology and Chemistry requirements, please email copies of your transcripts to medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk and we will advise you of your eligibility.



Find out more about **detailed current entry requirements**

Access to medicine

Access to Medicine courses are an effective way for mature entrants who have not previously studied Biology and Chemistry at A-level or degree level to gain a qualification acceptable for entry into medical school. A pass at distinction level is normally required, along with demonstrated proficiency in both English and Maths, to a minimum level of GCSE grade 6.

Access to Medicine courses are not a substitute for previous poor performance in the relevant areas of science that are needed to study medicine. As such, BSMS will not consider applications from any access to medicine students already holding qualifications in the relevant sciences graded at or below our standard entry requirements.

We will only consider applicants who have completed courses that are recognised by the medical school, please email medadmissions@bsms.ac.uk to find out if your qualification would be accepted.



Fitness to practise

We welcome a diverse range of applicants, reflecting the whole of society. All applicants should visit our website to read detailed information on health and criminal record checks in terms of fitness to practise.

Applicants with a disability are urged to discuss with a disability advisor what reasonable adjustments they might require in order to complete the course. Please contact the disability advisor prior to making an application: disability@brighton.ac.uk

In accepting any offer of a place you consent to incorporation of this notice as a term of contract between you and BSMS. All students are required to abide by the regulations of the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex, which are available on request.



Find out more about **fitness to practise, health and vaccinations**

How will my application be processed?

UK students

We expect to have **193 places for new UK entrants, and 10 places for new international entrants, in September 2025.**

UCAS institution code name:
BSMS

UCAS institution code:
B74

Course code:
A100

Your application must be submitted through UCAS (ucas.ac.uk) by the required date in October 2024.

Open days

BSMS open days will take place in Summer 2024, in person and online. These will give you the opportunity to look around, meet students and staff and ask questions.



Find out more about **open days**

Interviews

BSMS plans to hold interviews online; please check the website for any change in plans.



Find out more about **admissions and multiple mini interviews (MMIs)**

Steps in the BSMS admissions cycle



Step 1

Sit UCAT in Summer 2024.



Step 2

Submit your application to UCAS in October 2024.



Step 3

UCAT will be used to select candidates for interview.



Step 4

Interviews (MMIs) will take place from December 2024 through to March 2025.



Step 5

Offers are made to successful candidates.



Step 6

Qualification results are confirmed by August 2025. Candidates whose results match their offers are confirmed.

Getting here

Distance from BSMS

Central London

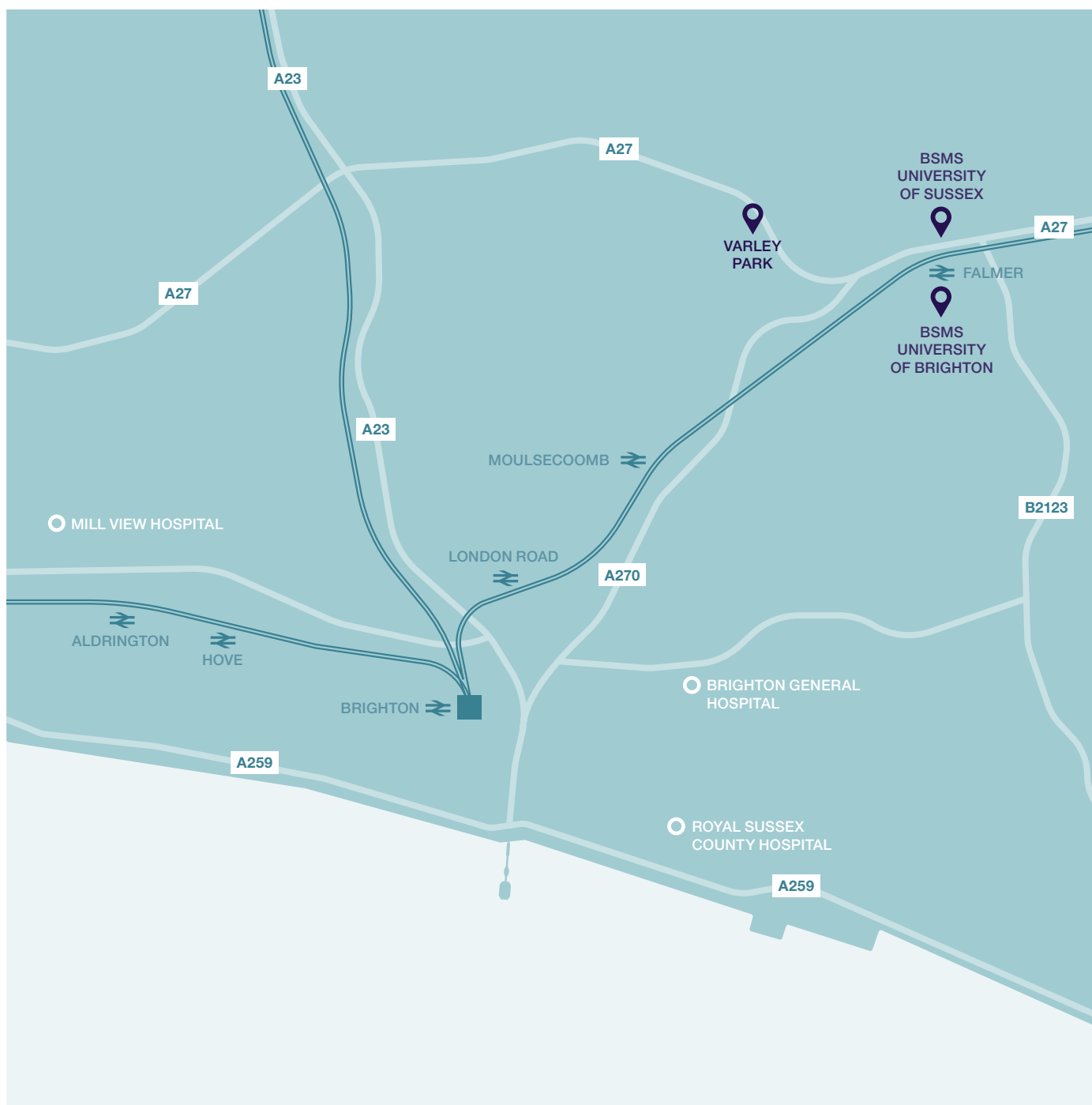
Victoria Station: 63 miles / 1 hr 35 min drive / 1 hr 20 min train

London Bridge: 56 miles / 1 hr 50 drive / 1 hr 25 min train

Gatwick Airport: 28 miles / 35 min drive / 35 min train

Heathrow Airport: 63 miles / 1 hr 05 min drive / 2 hr train / 2 hr coach

Central Brighton: 4 miles / 15 min drive / 9 min train



See bsms.ac.uk for directions

Useful websites

- [Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#)
- [University of Brighton](#)
- [University of Sussex](#)
- [University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [General Medical Council](#)

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Brighton and Sussex Medical School makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of all information in this prospectus. However, at the time of going to press some finer points of curriculum planning and other school procedures remain under development. Any further developments will be shown on the medical school's website: bsms.ac.uk

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