

**University of St Andrews - School of Medicine Handbook**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS - PRE MEDICINE YEAR**  
**(ACCESS PROGRAMME)**

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The main aim of the Pre Medicine Year is to 'widen access' to Medicine (A100) by increasing the number of entrants who come from non-standard backgrounds.
2. The Pre Med Year offers a route for students (approximately 4-5) who would not normally have had the opportunity to study Medicine due to their schooling or home background.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT**

3. **Funding.** Students on the Pre Med Year will be entitled to the normal student support package for the Pre Med Year and the 6 years of the Medical training, providing they are otherwise eligible in terms of residency and previous study.
4. **Bursaries.** Bursaries will be made available for students on this Pre Med Year if they are in need. They should apply through the scholarship schemes currently available in the University.

### **COURSE STRUCTURE**

5. Students entering the Pre Med Year must complete six modules (total 120 credits) chosen from a variety of science modules. The recommended modules are listed below:

		Semester	Credits
Biology	BL1101 Biology I	1	20
	BL1102 Biology II	2	20
Chemistry	CH1401 Introductory Inorganic and Physical	1	20
	CH1601 Organic and Biological Chemistry I	2	20
Psychology	PS1001 Psychology I	1	20
	PS1002 Psychology II	2	20

### **Recommended Combinations**

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Credits
2 modules from Chemistry	1	1	40
2 modules from Biology	1	1	40
2 modules from Psychology	1	1	40

6. Other combinations could be considered on an individual basis but it should be noted that if a student does not progress into Medicine then:
  - a. In order to progress into Year 2 Psychology, two Psychology modules must be taken.
  - b. In order to progress into Year 2 Biology, two Biology modules must be taken.
  - c. In order to progress into Year 2 Chemistry or Biomolecular Science, two Chemistry modules must be taken.

### **PROGRESSION**

7. **Exit Routes from Pre Med Year.** The range of Exit Routes open to students at the end of the Pre Med Year would be:
  - a. Proceed to Year 2 of Medicine Honours degree (having obtained Grade 12.0 in all modules at the first sitting).

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- b. Transfer to Faculty of Science if all modules passed but not at Grade 12.0.
- c. Apply to Faculty of Arts for discretionary transfer subject to appropriate modules being completed.
- d. Leave at the end of Pre Med Year with a Certificate of Higher Education (Science) if passed all modules at grade 7 (120 credits obtained).