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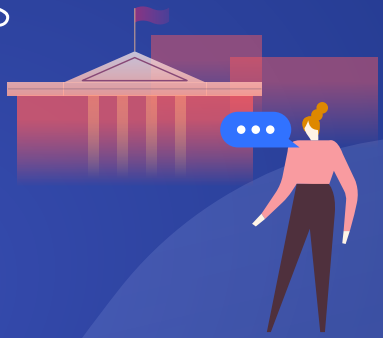

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

# Dentistry

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## BEFORE WE GO FURTHER...

# Who is MABECS

MABECS is Malaysia's most experienced advisory service on UK degrees.
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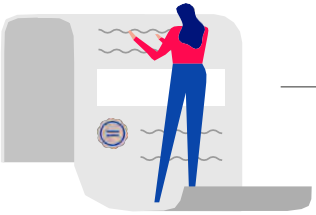
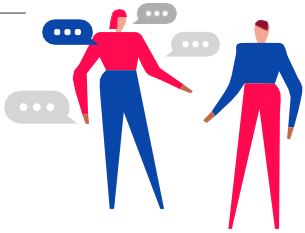
# From enquiry to successful student placement, we take care of it **all**.

1 **Advice & guidance**
Find guidance on the right course and university including rankings, research ratings, entry requirements, and more.



2 **Application**
Our experienced UK education advisors will advise you on the required documents and relevant procedures. Note that the application method is different from the postgraduate level.

3 **Test Preparation & Mock Interviews**
We provide assistance for LNAT, BMAT, UCAT and others tests that might be required by UK universities. We also provide mock interviews for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Oxford & Cambridge.



4 **Air tickets & accommodation**
Yes, we also help to provide guidance from flight bookings, visa applications and suitable accommodations to stay in.

## Study in the UK!

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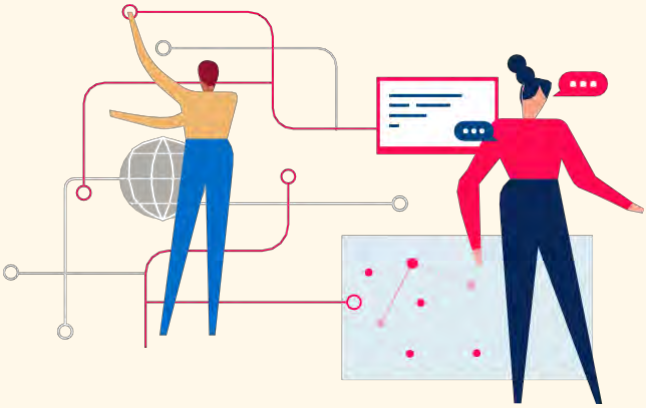
# Have a different set of questions about studying in the UK?

Call us* at **03-7956 7655** to reach us immediately, or email **enquiries@mabecs.com** if you're the shy type.

*Our Education Advisors have all been educated in the UK with over 10 years of experience in counselling. They help provide first-hand information on UK education as well as student life in the UK.



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*The MABECS QuickGuides are for reference purposes only.*

*Course content, entry requirements, and tuition fees could change from time to time. You're advised to check the specific university website for the latest information.*

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# GET TO KNOW DENTISTRY

# Introduction

The dentist, together with the physician and surgeon, is a key member of the health services team, specialising in oral health. It is the responsibility of the dentist to ensure that the teeth and mouth of his or her patients are in a healthy state. The dentist has much in common with the work of a doctor of medicine in dealing with infections and their treatment. Dental courses are just as rigorous and of the same duration as medical courses.

In recent years, there has been much emphasis given to Preventive Dentistry, but the dentist still deals with dental problems, including Restorative Dentistry. New techniques and materials are constantly replacing old ones and the dentist has to keep up with these developments. As teeth are not only functional but also affect the appearance of a person, the dentist has to deal with dental problems in such a way that the patient leaves satisfied. As a dentist, you have to be considerate, patient and tactful, guided by the highest professional standards.

# Course Organisation

Courses in Dentistry generally have 2-years pre-clinical and 3-years clinical components, but this division is becoming increasingly blurred by the introduction of clinical elements during the 2nd year or even earlier.

Through early contact with patients, students learn how to communicate with them and take down case histories.

# Course Content

The content of the courses covers similar subjects, but there is variation in the way it is organised and delivered. During the pre-clinical years, the basic medical sciences are studied: Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Behavioural Sciences, and more. The clinical period includes laboratory practical work and much clinical work with patients, under supervision. A whole range of applied subjects will also be covered: Operative Techniques (preparing and filling teeth, crown and bridge work), Anaesthetics, Dental Materials, Dental Prosthetics, Oral Pathology and Surgery, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Preventive Dentistry, Radiology, and more.

All these have direct relevance to clinical practice.

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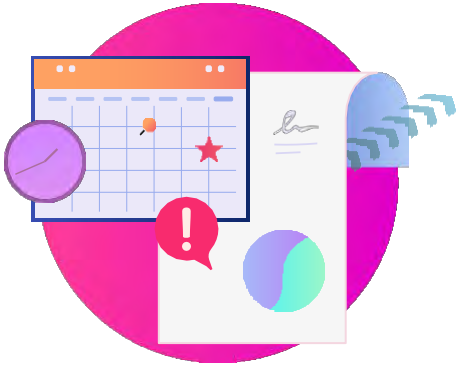
# APPLYING FOR DENTISTRY

# How it works

Applications are via UCAS only. You will need to register and complete a UCAS form, with payment, by the set deadline. Colleges will usually set internal deadlines for their students but the UCAS deadline is October 15, 2026.

Applicants are advised to enter FOUR universities of their choice in the UCAS application form leaving the other option for alternative courses, should they fail to gain admission for Dentistry. This will not affect their chances for Dentistry.



# Course Codes & Fees

*** PLEASE NOTE: INTERVIEW VENUES/ METHODS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

| Name of University | Course Title & UCAS Code | Course Duration | Tuition fees (£) per academic year 2026 | Overseas Quota | Interviews | Entry Requirements | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Birmingham** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees Yr1: £ 29,160;<br><br>Yr2 to Yr5: £ 52,080 | 2 | Online | AAA<br><br>IB: 32<br>666 inc. HL Chem. + Bio. | • must include Chemistry and Biology<br>• All A2 modules of three subjects must be taken in Year 13<br>• GCSE 8/A* in Biology and Chemistry and 7/A in Mathematics and English Language or Literature. IELTS 7 in each component<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Bristol** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A206 | 5 years | Fees: £ 49,700 per year | 4 | Online | AAA<br><br>IB: 36<br>666 inc. HL Chemistry + 1 lab based science | • AAA including Chemistry and another lab-based science.<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Cardiff University** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees £30,700 | 4 | Usually, Multiple Mini Interviews in the UK | AAA<br><br>IB: 36<br>HL 6,6,6 inc. Chem. + Bio. | • Chemistry + Biology a must<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Dundee** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees Year 1: £40,900 Year 2-5: £53,925 | 10 | Online | AAA<br><br>IB: 37<br>666 at HL for Bio, Chem + 1 Science | • A for Biology and Chemistry + 1 other Science, obtained at first sitting, 2 years after GCSE<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Glasgow** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A 200 | 5 years | Fees: £58,5000 per year | 10 | Usually in the UK | AAA<br><br>IB: 36<br>HL 6,6,6 inc. Chemistry + Biology | • Chemistry + Biology a must<br>• UCAT Required |
| **London King's** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A205 | 5 years | Fees: £63,300 per year | 9 | Online | A*AA<br><br>IB: 38<br>766 at HL inc Chemistry + Biology | • Biology + Chemistry<br>• UCAT Required |

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| **London Queen Mary** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees: £53,950 per year | 4 | Online | A*AA<br><br>IB: 37 666 at HL inc. Chemistry + Biology | • Biology / Chemistry - one of which must be at A2 and the other at least at AS level<br>• at least 2 A2 subjects should be sciences.<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Leeds** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BChD A200 | 5 years | Fees : £52,250 per year | 3 | Online | AAA<br><br>IB: 35 inc. 6 for Biology & Chemistry | • Chemistry + Biology<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Liverpool** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees: £51,000 per year | 4 | Will be confirmed on website in July. | AAA<br><br>IB: 36 6 for HL Chemistry + Biology | • A Level Chemistry and Biology<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Manchester** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A206 | 5 years | Fees: Year 1: £38,300 Year 2-5: £60,900 | 4 | Online | AAA<br><br>IB: 36 666 at HL Biology + Chemistry | • Chemistry + Biology + 3rd A Level<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Newcastle** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A206 | 5 years | Fees: £47,000 per year | 4 | UK or online panel interview - not confirmed | AAA<br><br>IB: 36, 6 in HL Chemistry + Biology; 6 in English SL | • Chemistry + Biology<br>• UCAT Required |
| **Queen's Belfast** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees: Fixed for all 5 years: £41,500 | 15 | Online Interview | AAA<br><br>IB: 36 666 at HL inc. Chemistry + Biology | • Chemistry and<br>• SPM Physics compulsory<br>• UCAT **NOT** Required for International Students |
| **Sheffield** | Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS A200 | 5 years | Fees: £50,925 per year | 3 | Face-to-face at the Dental School | AAA<br><br>IB: 36 6 in HL Chemistry + Biology | • Chemistry + Bio<br>• UCAT Required |

# Entry Requirements

Entry requirements to Dentistry courses are generally high, due to the large number of applicants for limited places, with a quota for overseas students. A Levels grades required range from AAB to A*AA. Of the three A Levels subjects required, one should be Chemistry, a second Science subject, and a choice of a third. It is common for three Science subjects to be offered. Most universities prefer Biology as a second subject.

A number of universities will require an additional admissions test called **The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**.

## Non Academic Requirements

**Hepatitis B**: Once accepted on to the course, students will come into contact with lots of people who are not well. To protect students from Hepatitis B, universities will require that all students have their immunity status for Hepatitis B checked on entry.

**Letter of Good Conduct**: Before acceptance into a Dentistry course, you will be required to get clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Malaysians can obtain a letter of good conduct from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You can apply online through www.kln.gov.my

Other non-academic requirements include clinical experience through shadowing dental practitioners and evidence of continuous community service.

# Selectors' Attitude

The selection process at most universities will be done in stages.

The first stage might be where the student's previous and current academic performances are assessed along with scores from admissions tests such as the UCAT.

During the next stage, the student's personal statement and reference are assessed. Shortlisted candidates will then be called for an interview.

Interviews take the form of short panel interviews or Multiple Mini Interviews and are designed to test a range of non-cognitive skills such as:

- Resilience
- Maturity and responsibility
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Confidence
- Self-awareness
- Empathy
- Ethics and moral values
- Awareness of the demands of training as a dental surgeon

# Personal Statement

Student's personal statement are assessed for evidence of:

- Interest in Dentistry
- Participation in activities that demonstrate teamwork and communications skills
- Genuine interest in people

UCAS has implemented a system called the UCAS Similarity Detection Service to verify the authenticity of Personal Statements. If significant amounts of similarities are detected and the Verification staff decides to flag a personal statement, the university and the applicant will be notified via email by UCAS.

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# LOOKING AHEAD

# Career Path

To practice as a Dentist in Britain, registration with the General Dental Council is necessary.

Registration with the Malaysian Dental Council is needed to practice locally.

If all that information is making you feel overwhelmed, don't worry. You're not alone. Countless students have felt the same way and they've found it helpful to consult MABECS for their UK degree applications. For an overview of our services, check out the Inside Front Cover page.

Here is how your MABECS Education Advisor can help you in detail:

## 1 BEFORE APPLYING

MABECS provides detailed information on:

- UK universities' environment, fees, and facilities
- course structure, content and specialisation
- entry requirements and university standards
- specific university's research ratings and teaching quality assessments

We can also recommend suitable and relevant universities based on your academic results and preferences.

## 2 APPLICATION

MABECS provides detailed information on:

- undergraduate degree application explained from start to end
- personal guidance for your Personal Statement
- mock interviews
- monitoring the progress of your application
- providing advice at stages where important decisions need to be made
- being the intermediary (middle person) between you and universities if our assistance is required
- counselling sessions with visiting UK admissions tutors and university representatives
- IELTS registration with the British Council

## 3 PRE-DEPARTURE HELP

MABECS provides guidance on:

- visa applications
- accommodation arrangements
- flight bookings

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## About Us

MABECS was set up in 1985 to assist students in Malaysia to find suitable places at universities in the United Kingdom.

Since 1985, students we have counselled have successfully enrolled in top UK universities – both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Whether you're an individual student seeking counselling for your UK degree application, or an education institution hoping to achieve the same for your pre-university students, MABECS is here to help.

Visit our website at www.mabecs.com for a quick overview of how MABECS helps students from start to end of their UK degree application process. You'll also find many helpful articles on studying in the UK, including real student stories!

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# UK degree applications made easy.

We take care of everything in your UK degree application with your cooperation - free of charge.

## Student-centered

Our strong student-centered approach to counselling, means that we give students the fullest possible information on all available options, to help them make sensible decisions.

## Free Consultation

Advice, information and assistance with applications, are given free of charge and our Education Advisors are always ready to sort out any problems that may arise, and to brief you on preparations for travel to the UK.

## Accessible

Our friendly multi-racial, open-access office, can be easily reached by public transport, and no appointment is necessary to drop in and browse through the reference library, talk to an Education Advisor, or complete and send an application.

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