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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
LMDDTOX	MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology
LMDDTOXARM	MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (Sandwich)
	MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (with Advanced Research)

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- The programmes are designed to provide a postgraduate education in Drug Discovery and Toxicology for graduates in the Biosciences and Biological Chemistry.
- A strong practical foundation is provided in the first semester with the study of modules that concentrate on the basic principles and techniques used in modern translational medicine investigations, and on aspects of molecular biology and bioinformatics.
- In the second semester there is a progression to problem-based learning (PBL) to develop an in-depth understanding of drug discovery and development and molecular medicine. Students will also learn how to apply pharmacological and physiological principles to the interpretation of case studies in drug discovery. The use of problem-based learning approaches is a key feature of the programmes and promotes development of investigative skills, the ability to work in a group and confidence in the investigation of new research areas.
- The research project is either completed in Semester C (standard award) or Semesters B and C of the second year (Sandwich award). Students on the MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (with Advanced Research) complete an extended research project in the second year of their studies.
- Students share some modules with students on other postgraduate Biosciences programmes.
- The MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (Sandwich) pathway provides students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in a UK professional workplace and strengthens their employability skills. In order to be eligible for this award, students must complete a minimum of 30 weeks full-time equivalent placement activity and pass the work placement assessment. Students have to secure their own placement. Those who are unsuccessful in doing so or who are not eligible to progress to the placement year because of academic failure will be transferred to another pathway.

- The MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (with Advanced Research) provides an opportunity to work in a research rich environment, including the completion of an internship with a member of the research staff and an extended research project.
- Students on the Sandwich pathway may require a successful enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check or equivalent, occupational health check and/or immunisation for their placement.
- The programmes are assessed by 100% coursework that involves various assessments such as writing lab reports, presenting seminars, writing mini-portfolios, PBL reports, viva-voce and in-class tests. Please note that the coursework includes in-class tests.
- The MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology standard award is offered as a one-year full time course and two-year part time course. The MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (Sandwich) and MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology (with Advanced Research) are offered as two-year full-time courses only.
- All pathways will provide students with the skills they need for future opportunities in the fast-growing pharmaceutical industry and academia.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

Additional expenses

Due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Textbook for each module	1	Optional	60x4=£240

Placement travel expenses and/or accommodation expenses	2	Mandatory on the Sandwich award	Cost will vary depending upon the placement
Travel expenses if research project is carried out in industry	1 or 2	Optional	£100-£200
No additional expenses have been specified for this course. Lab coats and laboratory log books, an enhanced DBS check and immunisation (where required) will be provided as part of the course fee.			