



## **Evaluation Criteria for Applicants presenting the International Baccalaureate Diploma or the European Baccalaureate Diploma for the M.D. Course starting in October 2024**

### **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 M.D. course.

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.

- 1.2 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”; (b) 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 may be obtained by accessing this link: <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) and Section 5 of these Evaluation Criteria.**

1.3 Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:

Applicants who apply for admission to the Course must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, 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 Examination<sup>1</sup> 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 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 Medical Foundation Studies 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.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

1.5 (i) Applicants presenting the International Baccalaureate Diploma or the European Baccalaureate Diploma who are not in possession of a Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) pass in Maltese **must** apply by *Application Deadline A*, listed in Appendix 1, Table A, but will be permitted to present the official published results by the end of August. This deadline is applicable for applicants who intend to register for the Medical Maltese course being offered by the University of Malta.

**(ii) All documentation, particularly all educational documents such as certificates, transcripts and programmes of study, must be submitted by the relevant application deadline indicated in Appendix 1, Table A. Only those documents submitted by the application 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.**

**(iii) Applicants who are applying conditionally should submit all documents as are available to them. Such applicants would be applying conditionally pending the results of their final Diploma examinations.**

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 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:

[www.um.edu.mt/study/admissionsadvice/international/englishlanguagerequirements/](http://www.um.edu.mt/study/admissionsadvice/international/englishlanguagerequirements/)

2. For the comparability of the International Baccalaureate with the Matriculation Certificate and SEC requirements please refer to:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/study/admissionsadvice/international/comparingib/>

3. For the comparability of the European Baccalaureate with the Matriculation Certificate and SEC

requirements please refer to:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/study/admissionsadvice/international/comparingeb/>

4. The passes in Biology and Chemistry, as well as in the third subject chosen from the list in section 1.3(b), must be obtained together in **one** session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and must be from recognised Examining Boards from the same country.

#### 5. **SEC MALTESE/ MEDICAL MALTESE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE AS APPLICABLE**

The following is an extract from the MD Regulations for courses commencing in October 2018.

Regulation 4 paragraph 2(c) specifically 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 Medical Foundation Studies 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 (for intake Oct 2012 or later) 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 on this course is not obligatory.

## 6 **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/international/visa>

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Description</b>
Friday 15 March 2024 at 14.00 (local time)	Application Deadline A	M.D. application deadline for applicants presenting the IB, EB and MATSEC Certificate who are not in possession of a Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) pass in Maltese and intend to follow the Medical Maltese Course
Monday 13 May 2024 at 14.00 (local time)	Medical Maltese Registration Form	Registration Form for applicants who may be considered for entry to the MD Course on condition of satisfying both the General Entry Requirements (GER) and the Special Course Requirements (SCRs) (including a pass in the Medical Maltese Requirement)
Wednesday 24 July 2024 at 14:00 (local time)	Application Deadline B	M.D. application deadline for applicants presenting local qualifications but will <b>not</b> be following the Medical Maltese 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 Admissions Office. This information will be sent to those applicants who are deemed eligible/conditionally eligible for the M.D. Course.**