PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Awarding body/institution: University of London

Teaching institution (if different from above):

If accredited by a professional/statutory body, please give the name, date of last accreditation visit, approximate date of next visit and details of exemptions that will be given to QMUL graduates.

N/A

Name of the final award:

MSc in Gastroenterology
Postgraduate Diploma in Gastroenterology

Duration of study/Period of registration

MSc 1 year
Postgraduate Diploma 8 months

Programme title:

Postgraduate Programme in Gastroenterology

UCAS code: A3TR QAA Benchmark Group

Criteria for admission to the programme:
Qualification requirements for the course are MBBS or basic medical degree from universities recognised by the University of London. For enquiries, telephone +44 (0)20 7862 8000, or visit www.lon.ac.uk. Candidates should generally have worked for one year after registration (2-3 years post-qualification).
Applicants are interviewed prior to acceptance

Aims of the programme:
Teach the basic sciences, research techniques underpinning the clinical specialities of gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

Learning outcomes for the programme:
Improved skills and knowledge of clinical Gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition including endoscopy.
Enhance skills and knowledge of the basic sciences, research techniques underpinning gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.
Teaching, learning and assessment strategies:

The taught course will be examined by:

- Two written papers of three hours each in April (45% of marks for the whole MSc programme)
- 6 essays (max. 2000 words each) throughout the ‘Taught Course’ (20% of the marks)

The project shall be examined by a dissertation of approximately 10,000 words that shall contribute 25% of the marks for the whole MSc programme, and a viva which shall contribute 10% of the final total.

Programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and courses

This is a one-year full-time course. Two-thirds of the course is the ‘Taught Course’; all modules within this are compulsory, and it runs from October until the next Easter (April). The remaining one-third (April until September) consists of a project on a topic to be approved by the Course Organiser, Centre Lead or Chair of the MSc in Gastroenterology Examination Board; to be examined by a written dissertation of approximately 10,000 words and viva in September.

Award of the Qualifications

Candidates for the award of MSc shall have a total score of ≥50%, with minimum 32.5/65 (50%) from the assessment of the taught course (essays and written papers) and minimum 17.5/35 (50%) for the Project/Dissertation plus viva.

Candidates for the award of Diploma shall have a total score of ≥50% of the combined mark for the taught course and essays (i.e. minimum 32.5 out of the 65 marks allocated).

The final result, to be put forward for ratification to the School of Medicine and Dentistry Postgraduate Examination Board, will be made at the MSc Gastroenterology Examination Board.

The MSc may be awarded with Distinction to candidates who achieve a total mark of greater than or equal to 70%, including greater than or equal to 70% of the mark for the dissertation and viva.

The MSc may be awarded with Merit to candidates who achieve a total mark of better than or equal to 65% over the whole programme of study, but who are not eligible for a Distinction (see 8.2).

The Diploma may be awarded with Merit to candidates who achieve a mark of greater than or equal to 65% and less than 70% of the total mark for the written course and continuous assessment.

The Diploma may be awarded with Distinction to candidates who achieve a mark of greater than or equal to 70% of the total mark for the written course and continuous assessment.

Indicators of Quality (please include details of: SSLC meetings, student feedback mechanisms, personal tutor arrangements, programme induction, programme review and monitoring.)

Annual MSc Gastro Exam Board Meeting.
Annual student evaluation.
Personal tutors allocated to individual students.
Annual review of programme course organiser with teachers.
External examiner comments.

**Employers Links**

All students are clinicians who return to work in a large variety of healthcare settings both within and outside the UK. No formal links with specific employers.

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