COMBINED PROGRAM MD AND PHD (BIOCHEMISTRY OPTION)

Undergraduate Medical Education (MD Program)

The program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree includes 147 weeks of instruction (72 weeks of which are devoted to clinical work) scheduled over four calendar years.

Preclection is devoted to the teaching and learning of biomedical sciences, whereas Clerkship is devoted to clinical work. During medical studies, students should demonstrate the intelligence, the integrity, and the personal and emotional characteristics deemed necessary for competent physicians. Their behaviour must be consistent with an acceptable code of professional ethics, such as stated in the Faculty's Standards of Ethical and Professional Behaviour.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Contact Information

Undergraduate Medical Education (https://med.uottawa.ca/undergraduate/)

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Doctorate in Philosophy Biochemistry

The programs prepare candidates for a variety of careers in teaching and research both within and outside of academia.

Graduate students are actively involved in laboratory research, course work, and presentation of research seminars. Thus, they acquire autonomy in conducting research and in preparing publications.

The programs create a stimulating and challenging environment which will allow students to achieve excellence in research. Graduates of the programs must demonstrate research skills and credibility as professionals in their area of research.

The Department is a participating unit in the following collaborative programs: the Bioinformatics program (at the master’s level), the Human and Molecular Genetics program (at the master’s and doctoral levels), and the Pathology and Experimental Medicine program (at the master’s and doctoral levels).

Program Contact Information

Graduate Studies Office, Faculty of Medicine (https://med.uottawa.ca/graduate-postdoctoral/)

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Ottawa, ON, K1N 6N5
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Students must meet the following requirements:

**Compulsory Courses:**

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<td>6 optional course units in biochemistry (BCH) at the 8000 level</td>
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**Note(s)**

1. The Department may require students to take additional courses, depending on their backgrounds.
2. The optional course units may be selected from other approved graduate courses in related disciplines approved by the Department.
3. This requirement involves the presentation of a seminar and regular attendance at the departmental seminars.
4. Successful presentation and defense of a thesis based on original research carried out under the direct supervision of a faculty member of the Department.
5. Students are responsible for ensuring they have met all of the thesis requirements (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/theses/).

**Minimum Requirements (Doctorate)**

The passing grade in all courses is C+.

Students who fail 6 units, the thesis proposal, or the comprehensive exam or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory must withdraw from the program.