

Specific Procedure for the Organization of the Competition for the Admission to the Undergraduate Program of Study ‘Medicine Taught in English’ at the Faculty of Medicine in the Sessions July – September 2017

I. Session of admission on available seats to the undergraduate program of study ‘Medicine taught in English’, applicable to foreign candidates from the EU member states, the EEA states and the Swiss Confederation

For undergraduate studies taught in English, the admission on available seats of foreign candidates from the EU member states, the EEA states and the Swiss Confederation mandatorily includes an eliminatory test of language competence with the pass/fail grading option, and a tie-breaker consisting in 50 multiple-choice questions in English from the **Biology** subject.

Candidates coming from countries where the official state language is English and who prove, with school documents, that they studied in this language, are exempt from taking the test of language competence.

The competition database will consist in the number of multiple-choice questions of the admission test, multiplied by at least 10. Given the heterogeneity and diversity of the candidates’ origins, this database will include generic questions from the high school level human biology subject, which will cover as wide an area of this subject as possible.

The questions in Romanian will be forwarded for translation to specialists with competence in the field from the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Letters.

The President of the Technical Admission Board of the faculty is responsible for building the database with multiple-choice questions in the electronic format required by the Central Admission Board and with providing it to the latter 7 days before the date of the admission competition, for publication on the University’s website.

For the test of language competence, the Faculty of Letters of OUC will appoint the members of the Examination Boards, whose structure will be approved and validated by the Faculty Board, the Administrative Board and the OUC Senate. The examination of the candidates’ language competence will take place on the premises of the Faculty of Medicine. The eliminatory test of language competence is graded with either ‘pass’ or ‘fail’. The results, presented in the form of a nominal list, will be submitted to the Faculty Admission Board after being assumed, through signature, by the members of the Examination Boards of the Faculty of Letters of OUC.

On the morning of the competition day, at 7:00 AM, the members of the Central Admission Board of OUC, together with the members of the Test Drafting Board, the involved IT specialists and the members of the Exam Test Multiplication Board, will be in the room assigned for drafting the tasks for the written Biology test. These people are strictly prohibited from establishing any external

communication until the written test has begun. All conditions must be ensured for the assigned room to be completely isolated and secured.

The multiple-choice questions of the competition are drawn randomly, based on the software provided by the Central Board, while ensuring a balanced representation of all the required topics of the subject. The questions will be drawn from the database of multiple-choice questions, which consists of questions from the whole range of topics.

Before the random draw takes place, a number between 1 and 10 will be picked at random from a bowl, thus establishing the number of the combination of questions which will be used in the admission process. For instance, if number 5 has been drawn randomly, the first 4 combinations of multiple-choice questions are discarded, and the fifth is the one which is saved.

For the major Medicine Taught in English the competition book will consist of 50 multiple-answer questions (each question has 5 choices of answers, respectively a, b, c, d and e) from the high school level biology subject. The drawn questions are checked by the Test Drafting Board, which will also establish the corresponding correct answers.

The computer-selected combination of questions will be printed, dated and signed by the IT specialist, the members of the Test Drafting Board and the representative of the Central Board.

If the Test Drafting Board observes that one or several of the selected questions are wrong, these will be corrected by the Test Drafting Board and therefore will not be replaced. The corrected questions will be printed, dated and signed by the IT specialist, by the members of the Test Drafting Board and by the representative of the Central Board. The set of multiple-choice questions thus obtained becomes the competition paper.

After establishing the competition paper, the Test Drafting Board, together with the IT specialist and the representative of the Central Board, will prepare the minutes in which they will record the findings from this activity. The printed, dated and signed documents will be attached to these minutes.

The competition paper will be multiplied depending on the number of candidates present in the exam rooms. The competition papers for each room will first be checked and then put in envelopes which will be sealed by the representative of the Central Admission Board. Then, in turn, they will be distributed to the exam rooms by representatives of the Technical Admission Board of the faculty.

Only candidates who have obtained the 'pass' grade in the test of language competence will be admitted to the written test.

The final grade is computer-generated, with two decimals, without rounding.

The final list of the results of the competition is computer-generated. Candidates with equal final grades will be ranked based on:

- The average grade of the Baccalaureate examination or of another type of high school graduation examination,
- The high school average of the subjects Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

II. Session of admission on available seats to the undergraduate program of study ‘Medicine taught in English’, applicable to foreign candidates from non-EU countries

The exam for foreign candidates from non-EU countries includes a test of competence in the English language, with the pass/fail grading option, and a file-based selection with the following selection criteria:

- a) the fulfilment of eligibility conditions;
- b) the results obtained during previous studies;
- c) the academic activity of the candidate in the candidate’s chosen field.

These criteria are set forth in the assessment grid of the Faculty of Medicine: “Grid of criteria for the assessment and rating of the foreign candidates from non-EU countries in the competition of admission to studies taught in English, on self-sponsored seats”.

Grid of criteria for the assessment and rating of the foreign candidates from non-EU countries in the competition of admission to studies taught in English, on self-sponsored seats:

Criterion	No. of points	Check the fulfilled criterion	Total no. of points
The average of the Baccalaureate examination (or of another type of high school graduation examination) represents at least: - 80% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin) - 60-80% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin) - 50-60% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin)	40 30 20		
General Certificate of Education (GCE) A or A+, minimum B+	40		
International Baccalaureate Diploma with an average which represents at least: - 60% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin) - 50% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading	20 10		

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The annual average of the high school grades obtained in biology/ chemistry/ physics represents at least:			
- 80% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin)	20		
- 60-80% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin)	15		
- 50-60% of the maximum grade (in accordance with the grading system of the country of origin)	10		
Post-secondary degree:			
a. University with related major	10		
b. Medical training	10		
Internationally-recognised language certificate, minimum level B1	20		
Proof of an extra-curricular activity:			
a. Volunteering (Red Cross, humanitarian activities etc.)	20		
b. Professional experience in fields related to medicine	10		
SCORE			

Selection criteria may be partially or fully met, generating corresponding scores. The File Assessment Board will validate and, consequently, will score, only the activities which can be proved with official documents.

Candidates with equal final scores will be ranked based on:

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nominal list, will be submitted to the Faculty Admission Board after being assumed, through signature, by the members of the Examination Boards of the Faculty of Letters of OUC.

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The registration of foreign candidates for the competition of admission to the Faculty of Medicine in the sessions July and September 2017 is made in accordance with the provisions of the “Methodology for organising and running undergraduate admission at “Ovidius” University of Constanta during the July and September 2017 sessions” and of the “Methodology for organizing the competition for the admission to undergraduate studies at Ovidius” University of Constanta, Faculty of Medicine, in the sessions July and September 2017”.