



# ***Exciting changes to the BChD for 2011/12***

## **Introduction of an Integrated Masters/Bachelors degree in Dental Surgery**

For the new intake of students In September 2011 the current undergraduate BChD programme will be replaced by an Integrated Masters/Bachelors degree in Dental Surgery (MChD Dental Surgery, BSc Oral Science).

Integrated Masters degrees typically involve 3 years of undergraduate study at Bachelors level preceding further study at Masters level. At the end of 5 years you will graduate with a BSc in Oral Science and an undergraduate masters degree, MChD in Dental Surgery. To facilitate this conversion we have made some changes to the current BChD, these include;

- *Further development of modules in years 4 and 5 to accommodate the increase in attainment level.*
- *The introduction of a final year project.*
- *The intention is to introduce the option for high attaining students to take a study year abroad at the end of the 4th year.*

This Integrated Masters/Bachelors degree in Dental Surgery will be the first of its kind within the UK and will make our programme at Leeds even more distinctive.

The final year project will further embed our research led curriculum allowing you to enhance and develop higher level learning skills such as critical thinking, self-management and dealing with complex issues and will provide you with invaluable experience in planning and executing a Masters level project.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

#### **What is an Integrated Masters degree?**

An Integrated Masters degree further extends undergraduate level study to postgraduate level. Progression from undergraduate to postgraduate level is uninterrupted integrating 3 years of study at Bachelors level with at least one year at the Masters level.

## **How will the course change?**

To attain an integrated Masters degree students must study at least 120 credits at Masters level, therefore there will be some revision to years 4 and 5 to reflect this. A final year Masters level project will be introduced and there will be the option of a study year abroad between years 4 and 5.

## **Will the final year project be a lab-based research project?**

There will be a number of projects available to broaden student choice, for example these might include;  
*research based projects*  
*literature reviews*  
*critical evaluations*

## **What are the advantages of holding an integrated masters degree in dental surgery ?**

Integrated Masters degrees provide graduates with the dual award of a BSc and an MChD qualification. They provide a range and depth of specialist knowledge and equip graduates with vital technical and personal skills for future study and/or employment

## **What qualification(s) will I receive on completion of the programme?**

You will receive an MChD in Dental Surgery and a BSc in Oral Science.

## **Will I still be able to apply for the BChD?**

No the MChD, BSc award will replace the BChD

## **How will holding an integrated masters degree affect my employability?**

Graduates holding an integrated Masters degree will gain a vital distinguishing qualification in the UK job market and will be much in demand by employers. The skills and attributes developed through the undertaking of a Masters Level research project (such as working autonomously, critical thinking, decision making in complex situations, proficiency in written and oral communication, project management etc.) are all highly valued by potential employers.

## **What sets this programme apart from other BDS programmes?**

The MChD, BSc is the only undergraduate dentistry programme in the UK which will provide its graduates with a Masters level qualification. These developments to our dental programme will provide closer alignment to the European higher education system and will result in greater student mobility throughout Europe with regards to employment and further study.

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