

What is a dual Master's degree?

A dual Master's program enables students to achieve two standalone Master's-level degrees across two academic institutions that participate in this type of educational program.

What degrees will I earn from this program?

Students enrolled in this program will earn two certificates after completion of the program; Master of Periodontology from Alexandria University and MSc in Periodontology Science and Practice from University of Essex.

What is the duration of this program?

The duration of this program is 3 years; after successfully completing 2-years of the course at Alexandria University, the student starts a one-year course at University of Essex to fulfil the requirements of both degrees.

How many credit hours are in this program?

The program includes 50 credit hours for the Alexandria University degree and 120 credit hours for University of Essex degree, both including the thesis.

What are the admission requirements for the program?

- Having a Bachelor degree of Dental Surgery with a general grade of at least Very Good from an Egyptian University or its equivalent accredited by the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities.
- Completion of the obligatory internship year.
- Having a license to practice dentistry.
- A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 (please note, IELTS test report would only be valid for 2 years and so this may need to be re-taken when joining the University of Essex programme)
- Paying the tuition fees by the specified deadlines approved by both Alexandria University and University of Essex.
- Upon successful completion of 2 years of the Master's at Alexandria University, students transfer to the University of Essex and register on the 1-year program.

What are the documents required to enrol in the program?

- Original certificate for the BDS
- Original transcript of the BDS courses
- Equivalency certificate for overseas students
- Original internship document
- Dental licence
- Photocopy of identity card or passport for foreign students
- Original birth certificate for Egyptians
- All documents should be in English language.
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What is the minimum GPA required to enrol in the program?

A General grade of "Very Good" or a minimum GPA of 3 is required to enrol in the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the minimum English Language score required to enrol in the program?

An IELTS score of 6.5 is required to enrol in the program.

Should I have professional experience as a dentist before enrolling in the program?

Students should complete the one-year obligatory internship year and have a license to practise dentistry to enrol in the program.

What are the tuition fees for the program?

The tuition fees for the 2-years program at Alexandria University for both Egyptians and foreigner dentists apply according to the Higher Ministry of Education rules. There is a bespoke University of Essex tuition fee agreed as part of the arrangement.

Is there any deduction applied for the tuition fees?

Students on the program will receive an automatic 25% discount on the bespoke University of Essex tuition fee, awarded as a Global Partners Scholarship.

Is there a possibility of instalment for the tuition fees?

The faculty of Dentistry, Alexandria University offers the possibility of paying the tuition fees in two instalments; first instalment is to be paid before registration for the Fall semester and the second instalment is to be paid before registration for the Spring semester.

The University of Essex offers the possibility of paying the tuition fees in two instalments.

Further information is available online at:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/money/how-to-pay-your-fees>

How to pay the tuition fees?

Tuition fees for Alexandria University will be paid at the postgraduates' administration office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Alexandria University.

Information on how to pay tuition fees at the University of Essex is available online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/money/how-to-pay-your-fees>.

When will applying for the program start?

Application for the program starts on the 1st July.

What is the deadline for applying in the program?

The deadline for applications with the program is 31st August in Alexandria university. Alexandria university will submit the candidates documents to Essex university.

Students accepted for the 2+1 year Dual Master's Degree programme will be automatically enrolled at AU in year 1 and 2 and at the university of Essex in year 3.

What are the UK visa requirements and how to apply for a UK visa?

Further information on visas is available online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/international/immigration-and-visas/student-route-cas>

Please note students applying to Essex via the Dual Masters link will be exempt from paying a tuition fee deposit before being issued a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies for a Student Visa.

Does the program tuition fee for the University of Essex include traveling or accommodation in the UK?

No, travel and accommodation are not included in the fees.

Does the University of Essex have residency halls for accommodation of students enrolled in the program?

Yes, further information on the types of accommodation is available online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation>

Further information on how accommodation is allocated is detailed online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/terms-and-policies>

Will the University of Essex facilitate accommodation for students enrolled in the program during their one-year study period?

Yes, further information on how accommodation is allocated is detailed online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/terms-and-policies>

Will I have a work permit to work in the UK during my one-year study period?

Further information on working during your studies is available online:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/immigration-and-visas/working-in-the-uk-during-your-studies>

Will I be able to work in the UK after completing my studies?

Further information is available online at

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/immigration-and-visas/working-in-the-uk-after-your-studies>

Will I have a dental license to work in the UK after achieving the MSc Periodontology Science and Practice from University of Essex?

No, this course does not automatically enable you to practise in the UK. Currently, to register with the General Dental Council, dentists who qualified overseas need to sit the Overseas Registration Examination, pass a Licence in Dental Surgery and then they can apply for entry to the Performers List if they wish to provide NHS dental care in England. The UK Government are exploring whether provisional registration may be offered to overseas dentists in the future.

Does the program include online courses?

No. The 2-years course at Alexandria University and the program at University of Essex requires full time attendance of the accepted students.

Will there be any clinical requirements for the program?

The Alexandria University course includes mandatory clinical requirements. The University of Essex program includes simulated practice. Students will have the opportunity to learn using 'phantom heads' which simulate authentic clinical situations and practices.

What are my duties during the one-year period at Essex University?

Further information is available online at:

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/student/contractual-documents>

Does the program include writing a dissertation/thesis?

Yes, the program includes writing a dissertation that will be held at University of Essex, which will be jointly supervised by members of both universities.

How long will the dissertation take?

The dissertation will take place during the one-year period at University of Essex as a part of the requirements of both programs.

Where will the dissertation defence take place?

The dissertation defence will usually take place at University of Essex with an academic from Alexandria University also in the jury committee.

When will I receive the MSc of Periodontology certificate from Alexandria University?

AU certificate will be received after the third year and after fulfilling the mandatory requirements according to the approved bylaws for the degree

When will I receive the MSc Periodontology Science and Practice certificate from University of Essex?

You will receive the MSc Periodontology Science and Practice certificate following completion of the University of Essex program. The Board of Examiners usually meets in November each year to ratify the marks and the award. You will then be sent your transcript and award certificate.