Recognizing that the pandemic may have impacted the transition to first-year university studies, the requirements to progress from Medical Sciences 1 to Medical Sciences 2 will be slightly revised for this year.

Below are the requirements from the Academic Calendar with highlighting to indicate what will be allowed for this year:

Medical Sciences 1 (Year 1):
5.0 courses:

1.0 course: Biology 1001A and Biology 1002B.
1.0 course: Chemistry 1301A/B and Chemistry 1302A/B.
0.5 course from: Calculus 1000A/B or Calculus 1500A/B
0.5 course from: Applied Mathematics 1201A/B, Calculus 1301A/B or Calculus 1501A/B, Mathematics 1600A/B (see notes below).
0.5 course from: Physics 1201A/B, Physics 1501A/B, the former Physics 1028A/B, the former Physics 1301A/B (see notes below).
0.5 course from: Physics 1202A/B, Physics 1502A/B, the former Physics 1029A/B, the former Physics 1302A/B (see notes below).
1.0 1000-level course from either Category A or Category B (see Breadth Requirements for Bachelor Degrees).

To progress from Medical Sciences 1 to Medical Sciences 2, students must:

• Successfully complete a full load of 5.0 courses during the Fall/Winter of Medical Sciences 1;
• Achieve a mark of at least 60% in the first attempt at each of the half courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics (if taken in Medical Sciences 1) listed above; Achieve a passing grade (mark of at least 50%) in the first-year course from either Category A or B;
• Not fail any course(s) taken during Medical Sciences First Entry (including summer sessions)

What does this mean?
• 1.0 course in each of biology, chemistry and math must be completed with marks of at least 60% during the fall/winter of Medical Sciences 1
• 1.0 additional course must be completed during the fall/winter of Med Sci 1 – this is what is being relaxed: 4.0 courses, rather than 5.0 courses, must be taken.
• (and you cannot fail any course)
• if one or both of the physics courses are taken in Med Sci 1, then a mark of at least 60% in each is required. As always, deferring these courses to the summer between Med Sci 1 and 2 or to Med Sci 2 will be allowed.

Before you drop a first-term half course:
Watch the recording of a Zoom session hosted this afternoon by Tarrah Fairweather from the Academic Counselling Office for Med Sci 1 students thinking of dropping a first-term half course and the impact on progression to Medical Sciences 2. Kathy Boon from the Basic Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education (BMSUE) joined in to help answer the questions. A recording of this Zoom session is posted on the Landing Page for Medical Sciences 1. Questions such as “can I drop Calculus 1000A and continue in Medical Sciences?” and “can I drop Physics 1201A and stay in Med Sci” were asked and answered.

All the best,

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