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Unit of  
Ophthalmology &  
Orthoptics.

# BMedSci (Hons) Orthoptics

- **Three year, full time degree**
- **Internationally recognised qualification**
- **Open to UK, EU and International Students**

## Why study Orthoptics?

Orthoptists are highly skilled and play an important role in the eye care team. They:

- Investigate, diagnose and treat defects of binocular vision and eye movements including misalignment of the eyes (strabismus).
- Treat visual symptoms such as double vision (diplopia) and reduced vision (amblyopia)
- Differentially diagnose neurological and systemic conditions affecting the eyes.
- Examine patients of all ages, especially children and the elderly.

## Why study at Sheffield?

The University of Sheffield is an internationally recognised research focused Russell Group university.

We have excellent Orthoptic teaching and clinical skills facilities. Many of which are based inside the Medical School and Sheffield Hospitals placing you within a clinical teaching environment.

We are committed to research-led teaching which will put you at the cutting edge of your discipline.

## Your Degree

The course includes theoretical and clinical skills teaching based at the University. As part of the course structure, a total of 33 weeks clinical experience will also be undertaken in blocks spread across the three years of study. Placements are compulsory and can take place at hospitals across the UK, Ireland and Gibraltar. Please visit our website to see how placements are typically structured in the timetable.

The degree is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) meaning you can practice as an orthoptist in the UK.





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## How to apply

Applications must be made through UCAS. Selection of applicants for interview is based on your overall application. The aim of the interview is to explore your suitability to study the degree and demonstrate an awareness and ongoing commitment to the NHS values.

## Entry requirements (2017 entry)

**A-Level:** BBB including one of Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Mathematics.

**GCSE:** Grade B or 6 in Mathematics and English Language and grade C or 4 in Science.

Suitable equivalent qualifications from the UK or around the world will be considered.

Students from EU and International students will require IELTS 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in each component.

## Tuition fees (2017 entry)

UK and EU students will be required to pay tuition fees in line with government fee cap. Loans are available to cover these fees and you may be eligible for additional financial support depending on your circumstances.

International students will be required to pay a tuition fee of £20,470 per year.

## Placement costs (2017 entry)

Placements are a compulsory part of the course and are allocated for you.

EU and International students must self-fund placement living and travel costs. It is estimated you may need to budget up to approximately £3000 per year which varies depending on the placement location and individual circumstances.

## Any questions?

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