

## **Prerequisites dictated by European Directive 85/432/EEC and resolutions of the EC Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Training**

1. The student undertakes at least 3,000 hours of directed study of pharmaceutically relevant subjects within a full-time degree course of four years' duration.
2. The greater part of the curriculum and not less than 50% of the final year of the degree course is core content, i.e. common to all students.
3. Those components of the degree course which collectively deal with the actions and uses of drugs and medicines occupy no less than 35% of the curriculum, irrespective of the extent of specialisation in the final year.
4. At least 35% of those parts of the degree course common to all students involve the student in preparing for, undertaking and analysing the outcomes of experiments, exercises or observations wherein s/he reaches his/her own findings or conclusions.
5. The degree course includes a significant research project of three to six months duration, but not necessarily with all curriculum time during this period being devoted to this activity alone. The student must undertake the project alone or as his/her individual contribution to a team endeavour. The project must address a research question or problem, must involve a critique of research methodology employed, and must include an analysis of results generated directly by the student or indirectly by others as primary researchers.

One of the European requirements is that entrants to pharmacy degree courses have a thorough grounding in the basic sciences of chemistry, physics and biology.