

MIMS Course Handbook & Purchase of Laboratory Coats 2025-26

MIMS course handbooks are digital this year and are available on the MIMS Moodle site. The handbook will include timetables and means for the delivery of lectures, practicals and problem-based learning (PBL) sessions prior to Michaelmas term, along with other useful information. Should a health-related reason require you to obtain a hardcopy, please get in touch with the Teaching Administrator on ug-admin@bioc.cam.ac.uk.

MIMS lectures will be delivered in person, as per the details in the course handbook and timetable. A link to the recording of each lecture will be available shortly after each session via the MIMS Moodle site, embedded within the individual lecture block section. There will also be link on the Moodle site to watch a live stream of the lectures.

Practicals and PBLs will be in person; schedules are available in the handbook.

If you have not already done so you can buy a laboratory coat (£14.00) and a choice of different style safety spectacles (£4.50 - £6.00). You require a lab coat for Molecules in Medical Science (MIMS) laboratory practicals, but not for the MIMS problem-based learning exercises. You can also use it in other courses.

Where to go to purchase your laboratory coats:

The Biochemistry Department teaching laboratory - go into the Downing Site by the archway entrance in Downing Street. Turn left and go down the main North-South axis road. Turn right after the second large building on your right (Genetics). On your left look out for the white pebble-dash 1960s Wellcome Wing of the Biochemistry Hopkins Building. There is a door at the end of the building nearest to you with a sign identifying the Department of Biochemistry. Once inside, there are steps up to the Teaching Rooms, where the Problem-Based Learning sessions occur. The steps down lead to the teaching laboratory where you do your MIMS practical laboratory work. Be prepared for a social queue.

Collection procedure and £14.00 charge for lab coat

The price of each lab coat is £14.00 and this can be pre-paid online, using the following link:
<http://onlinesales.admin.cam.ac.uk/product-catalogue/products/schools-faculties-departments-and-institutions/department-of-biochemistry/biopath-stores-for-students>

If you are unable to pre-pay (which is the preferred option), you will have the option to pay by card at the session. All items ordered online must be collected from the Biochemistry Department teaching laboratory.

First sessions

The MIMS Launch lecture is scheduled for **Thursday, 09 October 2025 at 12.00** in The Babbage Lecture Theatre. The first session of the practical course (Problem-Based Learning exercise) is on **Monday, 20 October 2025** for students in Group G, comprising Sets M15 and M16. The MIMS handbook includes MIMS timetables and a course outline, and they are also available at: <http://www.bioc.cam.ac.uk/teaching/first-year/mims>.

Venue for Problem-based Learning and Practicals

The practical course takes place in the Part I Teaching Facility of the Biochemistry Hopkins Building. You can see this on a map here: <https://map.cam.ac.uk/Hopkins+Building#52.201793,0.121704,18>. The entrance is indicated by the small red arrow directly opposite from the Craik-Marshall Building.