

Notes from the Mary Ritter, Imperial College, presentation

- Emphasis is on Applied Science, Engineering and medicine
- No real humanities department, only some support classes for the applied sciences.
 - e.g., humanities courses with very strong science emphasis
- 50% of all faculty are medical faculty
- Good business school with heavy emphasis on science/tech/entrepreneurialism
- #1 in Europe for technology studies
- #2 in Europe for Science studies

General information on education in UK

- UG in UK 3 yrs
- Masters in UK 1 yr (some research MA take two)
- PhD in UK 3-4 years
- 50% of all PhDs in UK awarded in 14 universities the other 50% awarded by other 117 institutions.
- MSc degree take one calendar year – 50% lecture and 50% research activities)
- MRes degree 15% taught and 85% research – 2-3 mini-projects to gain experience
- both degrees are pre PhD training

PhD – 3 formats

- 1) 3 yr traditional F/T at Imperial
- 2) 3 yr split PhD (collaboration w/ 2nd institution in UK or worldwide)
- 3) 3 yr PRI/IRL PhD collaborate with Public Research Institution

Vast majority of Imperial PhD have MA before they start

At Imperial no need to have research project set in advance (i.e., during application)