

Programme Regulations 2023/24

Programme Titles:

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology - UCAS Code: C161

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology with Placement Year - Code: 1157U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology (Inversion) - Code: 1738U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology with International Study Year – Code 1841U

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (v) *Programme transfers for Tier 4 students may be restricted by current Tier 4 rules. Please refer to the Visa Team for advice.*

1. Stage 1

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES1501	Marine Biology	20	20		4
NES1502	Diversity of Marine Animals	20	20		4
NES1503	The Marine Environment	20		20	4
NES1504	Academic and Professional Skills for the Biosciences	20	10	10	4
NES1505	Marine Practical Skills 1	20	10	10	4

(b) All candidates shall take 20 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES1300	Genetics and Evolution	20		20	4
NES1506	Marine Microbiology and Primary Producers	20		20	4

2. Stage 2

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES2501	Tropical Marine Ecology	20	20		5
NES2502	Applied Marine Biology	20		20	5
NES2503	Oceans and Climate I	20	20		5
NES2504	Academic and Employability Skills	20	10	10	5
NES2505	Marine Practical Skills II	20	10	10	5

(b) All candidates shall take 20 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES2306	Biotechnology: Principles and Practice	20		20	5
NES2309	Evolutionary Biology	20		20	5
NES2506	Deep-Sea and Polar Biology	20		20	5
NES2507	Marine Vertebrate Biology and Ecology	20		20	5

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

1. Intercalating Year – BSc Candidates Only

(a) Careers Placement (1157U)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, BSc candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year at an approved institution. Permission to undertake the intercalating year is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their intercalating year until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete an intercalating year.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
NCL3000	Career Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6	

(b) International Study Year (1841U)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may spend the equivalent of one academic year abroad at an appropriate exchange partner institution. Permission to undertake a year abroad is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their year abroad until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete a year abroad.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
ISY3000	International Study Year Module	120	60	60	6	

4. Stage 3

(a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES3501	Advanced Marine Research Topics 1	20	20		6
NES3502	Advanced Marine Research Topics 2	20	20		6
NES3504	Global Marine Science	20	10	10	6
NES3505	Research Project	40	20	20	6

(b) All candidates shall take 20 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level

NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20	20	6
NES3303	Biotechnology: Applications	20	20	6
NES3503	Advanced Marine Research Topics 3	20	20	6

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

5. Year 4 (Placement Year) - for candidates on 1738U only

On completion of Stage 3, 1738U candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation. Permission to undertake a placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. Students who are required to re-sit their Stage 3 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 3 may not complete a placement year.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>
NCL3000	Career Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6

6. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

7. Degree Transfer

When student complements allow, candidates completing Stage 1 may transfer to another Marine Science degree programme with the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

8. Degree classification

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 with the weighting of the stages being 1:3 for Stage 2 and Stage 3 respectively.