

Programme Regulations: 2023/24

Programme Titles:

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Ecology and Conservation) – UCAS Code: C182

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Ecology and Conservation) with Placement Year Code: 1144U

Degree of Master of Biology (Ecology and Conservation) – UCAS Code: C183

Degree of Master of Biology (Ecology and Conservation) with Placement Year – Code: 1145U

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.

1. Year 3 (Placement Year) Bachelor of Science Programmes Only:

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, (for BSc programmes) 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 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete a placement year.

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

2. Stage 3

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

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Mode |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|
| NES3305 | Biological Modelling | 20 | 20 | | 6 | |
| NES3505 | Research Project | 40 | 20 | 20 | 6 | |

- (b) All candidates shall take one of the following modules:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Mode |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|
| NES3301 | Biodiversity Science and Management | 20 | | 20 | 6 | |
| NES3302 | Current Research in Ecology | 20 | 20 | | 6 | |

- (c) All candidates shall take 40 credits of optional modules from the following list:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Mode |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|
| NES3201 | Environmental Impact Assessment | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | |

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|---------|------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|--|
| NES3306 | Physiological Zoology | 20 | | 20 | 6 | |
| NES3308 | Advances in Plant Science Research | 20 | | 20 | 6 | |
| NES3314 | Current Zoology | 20 | 20 | | 6 | |
| NES3313 | Africa Field Course: Conservation and Ecology* | 20 | 20 | | 6 | |

*NES3313 takes place prior to Stage 3.

- (d) With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, an alternative optional module to those listed above may be selected with a total value of not more than 20 credits. In particular, the following module may be selected without the need for DPD approval:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| NCL3008 | Advanced Career Development module | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 |

For Master of Biology candidates only: To progress to Stage 4 candidates are required to obtain an average over all modules taken at Stage 3 of at least 60 at the first attempt.

3. Year 4 (Placement Year) – MBIol programmes only

On completion of Stage 3 and before entering Stage 4 (for MBIol programmes), 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> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| NCL3000 | Career Service Placement Year Module | 120 | 60 | 60 | 6 | |

4. Stage 4 – MBIol programmes only

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

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| NES8301 | Research Project | 60 | | 60 | 7 | |
| NES8300 | Research Project | 60 | 30 | 30 | 7 | |

- (b) All candidates shall take 60 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following list:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| NES8010 | Quantitative Ecological Research Methods | 20 | 20 | | 7 | Block |
| NES8100 | Habitat Monitoring and Assessment | 20 | | 20 | 7 | Block |
| NES8101 | Ecosystem Management | 10 | | 10 | 7 | Block |
| NES8312 | Geographical Information systems and Remote Sensing | 20 | | 20 | 7 | Block |

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| NES8313 | Dynamics of Coupled Human-Natural Systems | 20 | 20 | | 7 | Block |
| NES8314 | Critical Thinking and Analysis for Evidence-Based Environmental Science | 20 | 20 | | 7 | Block |
| SPG8013 | Environmental Impact Assessment | 10 | | 10 | 7 | Block |

Module selection at stage 4 is subject to timetabling and approval by the Degree Programme Director. Similarly, alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected but only with the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

5. Assessment methods

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

6. Degree classification

i) BSc Candidates:

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.

ii) MBiol Candidates:

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2, 3 and 4 with the weighting of the stages being 1:2:3 for Stages 2, 3 and 4 respectively.