

Programme Regulations: 2024/25

Programme Titles:

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

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

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.

2. 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	

3. 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>
NES8300	Research Project	60	30	30	7	
NES8301	Research Project	60		60	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
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.

4. Assessment methods

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

5. 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.