

Programme Regulations 2025/26

Programme Titles:

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Zoology - UCAS Code: C350

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Zoology with Placement Year - Code: 1158U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Zoology with International Study Year - Code: 1996U

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) *Programme transfers for Tier 4 students may be restricted by current Tier 4 rules. Please refer to the Visa Team for advice.*
- (v) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (vi) *Full-time students must select modules having a total credit value of not less than 50 and not more than 70 in any one semester. Exceptional variations to this standard may only be approved by the Degree Programme Director.*

1. Stage 1

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

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES1300	Genetics and Evolution	20		20	4
NES1302	Ecology and Conservation	20		20	4
NES1501	Marine Biology	20	20		4
NES1502	Animal Life	20		20	4
NES1503	The Marine Environment	20	20		4
NES1504	Skills for the Biosciences	20	20		4

2. Stage 2

(i) Candidates who commenced their studies prior to September 2025

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

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level
NES2307	Animal Function (Physiology and Development)	20	20		5
NES2501	Tropical Marine Ecology	20	20		5
NES2504	Academic and Employability Skills	20	10	10	5
NES2505	Marine Practical Skills II	20	10	10	5
NES2314	Vertebrate Biology	20		20	5

- (b) All candidates shall take 20 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>
NES2309	Evolutionary Biology	20		20	5
NES2502	Applied Marine Biology	20		20	5
NES2506	Deep-Sea and Polar Biology	20		20	5

(ii) Candidates commencing their studies from September 2025

- (a) All candidates shall take 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>
NES2305	Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20		20	5
NES2314	Vertebrate Biology and Ecology	20		20	5
NES2501	Global Marine Ecology	20	20		5
NES2504	Academic and Employability Skills	20	10	10	5

- (b) All candidates shall take 40 credits of the following optional 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>
NES2307	Animal Function (Physiology and Development)	20	20		5
NES2309	Evolution and Behaviour	20		20	5
NES2502	Applied Marine Biology	20		20	5
NES2508	Marine Fisheries Science	20	20		5

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected. 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>
NCL2007	Career Development for second year students	20	10	10	5

3. Year 4 Intercalating Year

(i) Career Service Placement Year Only – 1158U

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, 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>Type</i>
NCL3000	Career Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6	

(ii) **International Study Year – 1996U only**

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a 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 3 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 3 may not complete a year abroad.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ISY3000	International Study Year	120	60	60	0	6		

4. Stage 3

(i) Candidates who commenced their studies prior to September 2025

(a) All candidates shall take 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>
NES3501	Advanced Marine Research Topics I	20	20		6
NES3502	Advanced Marine Research Topics II	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:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6
NES3306	Physiological Zoology	20		20	6

(ii) Candidates commencing their studies from September 2025

(a) All candidates shall take 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>
NES3306	Physiological Zoology	20		20	6
NES3504	Global Marine Science	20	10	10	6
NES3505	Research Project	40	20	20	6

(b) All candidates shall take one of the following optional 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>
NES3501	Global Challenges & Solutions	20	20		6
NES3502	Marine Biodiversity & Conservation	20	20		6

(c) All candidates shall take 20 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>
NCL3007	Career Development	20	10	10	6
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20	10	10	6
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6

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

5. Assessment methods

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

6. 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.

7. 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.