

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.

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level | Type |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|
| 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.

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Credits Sem 3 | Level | Type | Mode |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| 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:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 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:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 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:

| Code | Descriptive title | Total Credits | Credits Sem 1 | Credits Sem 2 | Level |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 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.