Programme Regulations: 2026/27 For Candidates commencing their studies in September 2026

Programme Titles:
Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science International (Sept) – UCAS Code: 1927U
Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science International (Jan) – UCAS Code: 1970U

Notes

(i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.

(ii) A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.

(iii) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.

(iv) 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.

(v) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, e-learning or distance learning.

(vi) Programme transfers for Student Visa students may be restricted. Please refer to the Visa Team for advice.

1. Stage 0

(a) Students shall take one of the following compulsory and core modules in English for Academic Purposes

Students with English language competence equivalent to an IELTS score of more than 5.5 with a minimum of 5.0 in writing. 5.0 in reading, 5.0 in listening and 5.0 in speaking: All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code Sept/Jan	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Type*
INU0101/ INU0501	English for Academic Purposes	20	10	10	3	Core

Students with English language competence equivalent to an IELTS score of at least 5.5 with a minimum of 5.0 in writing. 5.0 in reading, 5.0 in listening and 5.0 in speaking:

Code Sept/Jan	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Type*
INU0102/ INU0502	English for Academic Purposes (Foundation)	40	20	20	3	Core

(b) Students shall take the following compulsory module:

Code Sept/Jan	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Type*
INU0122/ INU0522	Study Skills (for Foundation)	20	10	10	3	

Students shall select academic modules from the list below, with the approval of the Degree Programme Director and to fulfil any pre-requisites of their intended subsequent degree programme, to bring their total credits up to 120 credits.

Code Sept/Jan	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Type*
INU0117/ INU0517	Foundation Chemistry	20	10	10	3	
INU0118/ INU0518	Cells and Molecules	20	10	10	3	
INU0119/ INU0519	Organisms and Environment	20	10	10	3	
INU0120/ INU0520	Mathematics and Statistics (Foundation)	20	10	10	3	

2. Re-sit assessment

As an exception to the University Taught Programme Regulations re-assessment may take place before the August/September period on the recommendation of an interim progress board.

For the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module, the following will apply:
Note: The required pass mark for the module is 60 (an average of the four subskills (reading, listening, writing and speaking). The required competence level (as determined by UKVI regulations) in each subskill is 55. A minimum mark of 55 in all subskills as well an average of 60 across all four components is required to pass the EAP module.

If a student has achieved a module mark of 60 or more but has one or more subskill mark of less than 55, then in line with Programme Regulations the student has not passed the module. In this case, the student will be required to re-sit only those subskills where they have failed to achieve the competence level of 55.

A student will only be granted one re-sit opportunity.

The second attempt result achieved at the subskill level will be capped at 60, but the overall module mark will be uncapped. The overall module mark will be calculated as an average of the capped mark(s) achieved at the second attempt, together with any first attempt subskill mark(s) where a re-sit was not required. This is to ensure that the University is provided with the student's actual English language competence level and that the re-sit capping penalty is only attached to those components being retaken.

3. Stage 1

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

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Type*
CEG1717	Mapping the Earth: Location and Space	20		20	4	
NES1100	Sustainability in Practice	20	10	10	4	
NES1201	Introduction to Sustainability	20	10	10	4	
NES1211	Fundamentals of Environmental Science	40	20	20	4	
NES1503	Introduction to Marine Sciences	20	20		4	
NES1212	Foundations for Environmental Scientists	0	0	0	4	

4. Stage 2

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

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Mode*	*Subject*
NES2212	Sustainability Research and Solutions	20	10	10	5		
NES2213	Soil and Ecosystem Science	20	10	10	5		
NES2214	International Environmental Science Fieldtrip	20		20	5	Block	
NES2209	Research Methods in Environmental Pollution	20	20		5		

(b) All candidates shall take one of the following modules:
i. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 2 on Environment and Ecosystems is denoted with E in the subject column.
ii. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 2 on Environment and Society is denoted with S in the subject column.

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Mode*	*Subject*
NES2104	Site Management Planning	20	10	10	5		S
NES2211	Earth Surface Processes in a Changing Climate	20	10	10	5		E

(c) All candidates shall select 20 credits of optional modules from the following list. Candidates shall select modules with the credit split of 60:60, 70:50 or 50:70.
i. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Ecosystems is denoted with E in the subject column.
ii. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Society is denoted with S in the subject column.

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Mode*	*Subject*
GEO2141	Geohazards and Risk	20	20		5		E
GEO2136	Global Environmental Change	20	20		5		E
GEO2240	Water in a Changing World	20		20	5		E
NES2101	Landscape, Culture and Heritage	20		20	5		S
NES2305	Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20		20	5		E
NES2503	Contemporary Oceanography	20	20		5		E
NES2104	Site Management Planning	20	10	10	5		E
LAW2253	Law and Land use	20	20		6		S

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

7. Stage 3

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

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Subject*
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20	10	10	6	
NES3206	Environmental Science Dissertation	40	20	20	6	
NES3207	Geoenvironmental Sensing and Monitoring	20	20		6	

(b) Candidates shall take one of the following modules:
i. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Ecosystems is denoted with E in the subject column.
ii. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Society is denoted with S in the subject column.

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Subject*
NES3116	Sustainability Appraisal & Social Impact Assessment with Environmental Valuation	20	20		6	S
NES3208	Current Issues in Environmental Sciences	20		20	6	E

(c) All candidates shall select 20 credits of optional modules from the following list. Candidates shall Select modules with the credit split of 60:60, 70:50 or 50:70.
i. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Ecosystems is denoted with E in the subject column.
ii. Recommended module for students wishing to base their stage 3 on Environment and Society is denoted with S in the subject column.

Code	*Descriptive title*	*Total Credits*	*Credits Sem 1*	*Credits Sem 2*	*Level*	*Mode*	*Subject*
GEO3128	Polar Environments	20		20	6		E
GEO3144	Mountain Environments	20	20		6		E
GEO3147	Past and Present Climates	20		20	6		E
GEO3165	Rivers, Coasts and Deltas	20	20		6		E
NCL3007	Career Development for Final Year Students	20	10	10	6		E & S
NES2305	Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20		20	5		E & S
NES2503	Contemporary Oceanography	20	20		5		E
NES3104	Countryside Management	20	10	10	6		S
NES3105	Planning the Global Countryside	20		20	6		S
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6		E&S
LAW3015	Environmental Law	20		20	6		S

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

8. Assessment methods

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

9. 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.