

Programme Regulations 2026/27

Programme Titles:

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology - UCAS Code: C161

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology with Placement Year - Code: 1157U

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology with International Study Year – Code 1841U

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

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>
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	Introduction to Marine Sciences	20	20		4
NES1504	Skills for the Biosciences	20	20		4

2. Stage 2

(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
NES2501	Tropical Marine Ecology	20		20	5
NES2503	Contemporary Oceanography	20	20		5
NES2504	Professional Skills for Bioscientists	20	20		5
NES2509	Field Skills for Marine Science	20	20		5

(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>
NES2309	Evolution and Behaviour	20		20	5
NES2314	Vertebrate Biology and Ecology	20		20	5
NES2506	Deep Sea and Polar Biology	20		20	5

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

3. Intercalating Year

(a) Careers Placement (1157U)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, BSc candidates may as part of their studies for the degree spend a year at an approved institution. Permission to undertake the intercalating year 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 intercalating year until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 may not complete an intercalating 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>
NCL3000	Career Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6

(b) International Study Year (1841U)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates may spend the equivalent of one academic 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 2 assessment must delay the start of their year abroad until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 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>Level</i>
ISY3000	International Study Year Module	120	60	60	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	Global Challenges and Solutions	20		20	6
NES3504	Global Marine Science	20	20		6
NES3505	Research Project	40	20	20	6

(b) All candidates shall take 40 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>
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20	10	10	6
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6
NES3302	Current Research in Ecology	20	20		6
NES3306	Physiological Zoology	20		20	6
NES3314	Current Zoology	20	20		6

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

(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>
NES3501	Global Challenges & Solutions	20		20	6
NES3505	Research Project	40	20	20	6

(b) All candidates shall take at least one module 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>
NES3302	Current Research in Ecology	20	20		6
NES3314	Current Zoology	20	20		6

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>
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20	10	10	6
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6
NES3306	Physiological Zoology	20		20	6
NES3504	Global Marine Science	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.