

Programme Regulations: 2026/27

For candidates who commenced their studies between September 2023 and September 2025

Programme Titles:

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science – UCAS Code: F850

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Environmental Science with International Study Year - Code: 1572U

**Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science with Placement–
F851 (Suspended effective from 2023 entry)**

Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science with Placement – Code: 1971U

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) *Candidates must meet the Newcastle University Qualifications and Credits Framework which states that candidates must take a minimum of 90 credits at each FHEQ levels 4,5 and 6.*

1. Stage 2

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

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
NES2200	Dissertation and Research Preparation	10		10	5	
NES2201	Soil and Ecosystem Science	10	10		5	
NES2202	Sustainable Solutions	10	10		5	
NES2208	International Earth and Environmental Science Fieldtrip	20		20	5	Block
NES2209	Research Methods in Environmental Pollution	20	20		5	
NES2211	Earth Surface Processes in a Changing Climate	20	10	10	5	

(b) All candidates shall select optional modules to the value of 30 credits from the following list. Candidates should look to select modules with a credit weighting of 60/60 per semester. A 70/50 or 50/70 split is allowable.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
LAW2253	Law and Land Use	20	20		6	
NES2101	Landscape, Culture and Heritage	20		20	5	
NES2104	Site Management Planning	20	10	10	5	
NES2302	Pollution of Air, Water and Soil	10	10		5	
NES2305	Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20		20	5	
NES2503	Contemporary Oceanography	20	20		5	

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

2. Year 3 Career Placement Year– 1971U only

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 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Students who fail Stage 2 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>
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6

3. Year 3 International Study Year 1572U only

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	120	60	60	6

If a pass mark is obtained, in addition to a student meeting the criteria for the BSc in Environmental Science, the degree of BSc in Environmental Science with International Study Year will be awarded. Failure to pass the International Study year will result in the candidate being transferred to the BSc (Hons) Environmental Science award.

4. Stage 3

(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>	<i>Mode</i>
NES3112	Sustainable Development and Environmental Valuation	10	10		6	
NES3200	Earth and Environmental Science Dissertation	30	10	20	6	
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20	10	10	6	
NES3202	Current Issues in Earth and Environmental Sciences	20	10	10	6	

(b) All candidates shall select optional modules to the value of 40 credits from the following list. Candidates shall select modules with the credit split of 60:60, 70:50 or 50:70. **Candidates should only select a maximum of 20 credits from NCL3007, NES3011 and NES3205 and must only select a maximum of 30 credits of Level 5 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>
GEO3128	Polar Environments	20		20	6	
GEO3144	Mountain Environments	20	20		6	
GEO3147	Past and Present Climates	20		20	6	
GEO3165	Rivers, Coasts and Deltas	20	10	10	6	
LAW3015	Environmental Law	20	20		6	
NCL3007	Career Development for Final Year Students	20	10	10	6	
NES2106	Qualitative Research Methods	10	10		5	
NES2302	Pollution of Air, Water and Soil	10	10		5	
NES2305	Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation	20		20	5	

NES2503	Contemporary Oceanography	20	20		5	
NES3011	Your Future – Occupational Awareness	10		10	6	
NES3104	Countryside Management	20	10	10	6	
NES3105	Planning the Global Countryside	20		20	6	
NES3203	Geotechnical and geophysical investigations	10		10	6	
NES3205	Insight, Innovate, Impact	10	10		6	
NES3301	Biodiversity Science and Management	20		20	6	

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5. Assessment methods

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

6. 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.