

Programme Regulations: 2026/27- For Candidates commencing their studies in September 2026**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 – 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 1

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

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
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	
NES1212	Foundations for Environmental Scientists	0	0	0	4	
NES1503	Introduction to Marine Sciences	20	20		4	

2. 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) 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.

<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>	<i>Subject</i>
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
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
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.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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>Subject</i>
NES3201	Environmental Impact Assessment	20		20	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.

<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>Subject</i>
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.

<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>	<i>Subject</i>
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
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 and Deltas	20	20		6		E
LAW3015	Environmental Law	20		20	6		S
NCL3007	Career Development for Final Year Students	20	10	10	6		E & S

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

6. Assessment methods

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

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.