

## Programme Regulations: 2026/27

### Programme Titles:

**Degree of Master of Environmental Science - UCAS Code: F900\***

**Degree of Master of Environmental Science with Placement Year - Code: 1624U\***

### 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) *If the candidate meets the requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science (F850), they may transfer to that programme at any time before the start of the semester 2 examination period in Stage 3. (This only applies to students who joined the programme prior to 2023).*
- (v) *Programme transfers for Student Visa students may be restricted. Please refer to the Visa Team for advice.*
- (vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (vii) *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.*
- (viii) *Programmes F900 and 1624U are withdrawn from entry effective from September 2023.*

### 3. Stage 4

Candidates will select a stream from (i)-(iii):

#### (i) Ecosystem Management

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

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
NES8200	Earth and Environmental Science Research Project	60	30	30	7	
NES8313	Sustainability of Human and Natural Systems	20	20		7	Block

(b) All candidates shall take 40 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Mode
NES8010	Quantitative Ecological Research Methods	20	20		7	Block
NES8317	Biodiversity Policy: Global and National Processes	20		20	7	Block
NES8318	Assessing the Status of Biodiversity	20		20	7	Block
NES8319	Drivers of Biodiversity Loss	20		20	7	Block
NES8320	Writing for Policy	20	20		7	Block
NES8500	Understanding Marine Ecosystems	20	20		7	Block

**(ii) Agricultural and Environmental Science**

(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>
NES8200	Earth and Environmental Science Research Project	60	30	30	7	
NES8313	Coupled Human and Natural Systems	20	20		7	Block

(b) All candidates shall take 40 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following

<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>
NES8006	Data Analysis, Interpretation and Presentation for MSc	10	10		7	Block
NES8010	Quantitative Ecological Research Methods	20	20		7	Block
NES8103	Assessing Agricultural Systems	20		20	7	Block
NES8106	Agricultural Systems	10	10		7	Block
NES8319	Drivers of Biodiversity Loss	20		20	7	Block
NES8320	Writing for Policy	20	20		7	Block
SPG8027	Project Management Appreciation	10		10	7	Block

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

**(iii) Clean Technology**

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

<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>
NES8200	Earth and Environmental Science Research Project	60	30	30	7	

(b) All candidates shall take 60 credits of optional modules normally selected from the following:

<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>
NES8006	Data Analysis, Interpretation and Presentation for MSc	10	10		7	Block
SPG8008	Renewable Energy: Biomass and Bioenergy	10		10	7	Block
SPG8012	Renewable Energy: Energy Management	10	10		7	
SPG8016	Design, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Science and Engineering	20		20	7	Block
SPG8024	Quantifying Energy Decision Making	10		10	7	Block
SPG8025	Subsurface Energy Systems: Exploration, Evaluation and Sustainable Management	10	10		7	Block
SPG8032	Renewable Electricity Generation Systems	20	20		7	

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, 3 and 4 with the weighting of the stages being 1:2:3 for Stages 2, 3 and Stage 4 respectively.