

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HHBIOBIC	Biochemistry	C1CR

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- As one of the Bioscience degrees, this course shares a common first year with Biological Science, Molecular Biology, Biomedical Science and Pharmacology except students study a higher level 15 credit point Chemistry module in the first year. Students have the opportunity to transfer to a different degree pathway on the programme at the end of the first year.
- Students have the opportunity to undertake a placement year (called the Sandwich year) or a year abroad (studying at a University in another country) between second and final year. Successful students undertaking this year will be awarded a Sandwich degree or a degree with a Year Abroad on completion of their studies. The Careers and Enterprise Service provides support for students in finding a placement opportunity. Some partner institutions for the year abroad stipulate a minimum overall grade at first year in order for a student to enroll on their programme.
- This degree is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB). The sandwich award, which includes successful completion of a placement year, holds advanced accreditation with the RSB.
- Attendance at practical sessions is compulsory and students are required to pass the first year Practical and Transferable Skills module to progress to the second year of the degree programme.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2018 - 2019

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate/postgraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 17 September 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019
- Semester B runs from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 17 May 2019
- Semester C runs from Monday 20 May 2019 to Friday 13 September 2019

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	25%	75%	0%
Year 2	27%	73%	0%
Year 3	Optional Placement Year * or Year Abroad **		
Year 3/4	36%	64%	0%

*Students are required to complete at least 36 weeks of full-time placement activity from a maximum of 2 separate placements and submit a satisfactory report. On successful completion of their degree they will gain a Sandwich award

** At least 2 semesters have to be completed and at least 90 credits accumulated or a semester of placement activity and at least 45 credits.

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	25%	68% [†]	7%
Year 2	44%	56% ^{††}	0%
Year 3	Optional Placement Year or Year Abroad		
Year 3/4	31%	69%*	0%

[†] This component can include in-course tests

^{††} This includes 2 practical assessments in one module that contribute 4% to the first year assessment

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Chemistry Locker (refundable)	1 and 2	Mandatory	£30
Placement year	3	Optional	Costs may be incurred for travel and accommodation
Year Abroad	3	Optional	There may be a tuition fee. Details are available in the University Fees and Finance policy document. Travel and accommodation costs may be incurred.
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			