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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HHBIOBLS	BSc (Hons) Biological Science BSc (Hons) Biological Science (Sandwich) BSc (Hons) Biological Science with a Year Abroad	C902

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 Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, and Pharmacology. 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 or a year abroad between the second and final year. The Careers and Employment 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 enrol on their programme.
- This degree holds accreditation from the Royal Society of Biology (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.
- This degree includes optional modules in the second and final year. The choice of modules in the final year will be dependent on the modules previously studied.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2020-21

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate 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 21 September 2020 to Friday 15 January 2021
- Semester B runs from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 21 May 2021
- Semester C runs from Monday 24 May 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

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	35%	65%	0%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	19%	73%*	8%
Year 2	44%	56%*	0%
Year 3 (Optional Placement)	For a Sandwich award, students are required to complete at least 30 weeks of full-time placement activity from a maximum of 2 separate placements and submit a satisfactory report.		
Year 3 (Optional Year Abroad)	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.		
Year 3/4	38%	62%*	0%

* This component can include in course tests

† Due to multiple module combinations the values in the tables can vary.

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Placement Year	3	Optional	Costs may be incurred for travel and accommodation
Year Abroad	3	Optional	Travel and accommodation costs may be incurred.
EVS handsets, lab coats and head-coverings for laboratories are provided where needed, as part of your course fees.			