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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HHBIOBLS	BSc (Hons) Bioscience (Biological Science) BSc (Hons) Bioscience (Biological Science (Sandwich)) BSc (Hons) Bioscience (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, 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 for the first year in order for a student to enrol on their programme.
- This degree holds accreditation from the Royal Society of Biology.
- 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 2023 - 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024
- Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024

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	21%	79%	0%	
Year 2	Year 2 25%		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-class tests

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.
Poster Printing	1, 2 and final	Mandatory	£15

A laboratory coat is supplied to all students. If lost, replacement charges may be incurred.

No additional expenses have been specified for this course.

[#] This may vary depending on module choice