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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
LMNHIYSBH Biomedical and Healthcare Science	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Biomedical and Healthcare Science NHC	B904
LMWHIYSBH Biomedical and Healthcare Science	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Biomedical and Healthcare Science WHC	B904
LMOKIYSBH Biomedical and Healthcare Science	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Biomedical and Healthcare Science OAK	B904
LMHRIYSBH Biomedical and Healthcare Science	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Biomedical and Healthcare Science HRC	B904
LMOKIYSSP Sports	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Sports OAK	B903
LMHRIYSSP Sports	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Sports HRC	B903
LMWHIYSPSY Psychology	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Psychology WHC	B905
LMNHIYSGE Geographical and Environmental Sciences	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Geography & Environmental Sci NHC	B906
LMWHIYSGE Geographical and Environmental Sciences	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Geography & Environmental Sci WHC	B906
LMOKIYSGE Geographical and Environmental Sciences	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Geography & Environmental Sci OAK	B906
LMHRIYSGE Geographical and Environmental Sciences	Initial Year for Extended Degree in Science – Geography & Environmental Sci HRC	B906

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

Important points

- The Initial Year of the Extended Degree in Science is taught at North Hertfordshire College (Stevenage Campus), West Herts College (Watford), Oaklands College (Welwyn Garden City Campus), and Hertford Regional College (Broxbourne Campus).
- Students are registered on the Extended Degree Science programme at the University of Hertfordshire and have access to University facilities including the Learning Resources Centre, Students Union, and University accommodation.

- Students will complete the Initial Year at one of the four colleges and progress to level 4 at the University.
- The Initial Year does not, on its own, lead to a qualification that is recognised by UCAS, but it is the first year of a four- or five-year course leading to a degree qualification at the University of Hertfordshire.
- The Initial Year of the Extended Degree in Science currently comprises 11 courses. Each course code indicates the college where the course is delivered, and the subject area. The subject areas are aligned to groups of progression routes to the 25 possible degree qualifications, rather than course content.
- Student registration on the Extended Degree in Science Initial Year includes registration on one of the courses based on the subject area a student wants to study and, depending on availability of places, the college the student wishes to attend.
- Registration on a course code does not exclude the possibility of progression to a degree qualification aligned to another course code, provided the entry requirements for the other course are met.
- Students should attend West Herts College for Psychology, and Oaklands College or Hertford Regional College for Sports.
- There is some flexibility for students at the other colleges to continue with psychology or sports if they want to include these subjects as a second or third choice, but there may be student loan and funding implications. Clear advice will be given when these choices are made.
- For progression to Level 4 minimum GCSE requirements (or equivalent) in Mathematics, English Language and Science are mandatory and if these have not been met upon entry to the programme they must be met before progression.
- Note that progression to a Nursing programme requires an additional two GCSEs at Grade 4 and progression to MPharm requires a higher tariff of Grade 5 and must include double science.
- Progression to a BSc or MPharm degree programme at the University of Hertfordshire is not guaranteed and is dependent on:
 - a satisfactory personal statement
 - for degree qualifications in healthcare professions, success in a formal interview, a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, successful Occupational Health screening and for some a pass in a numeracy and literacy test
 - successful completion of 120 credits (a pass in eight modules)
 - minimum grade requirements in specific modules, and a minimum average across all modules (these progression tariffs are specific to each degree qualification, please see below).
- Progression tariffs:
 - MPharm requires an average grade of 70%, and 70% in Chemistry and 50% in Maths for Science
 - BSc (Hons) Nursing, each of the four programmes (Adult, Child, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health) require an average grade of 60%, and 50% in Mammalian Physiology and 50% in Maths for Science.
 - Midwifery requires an average grade of 60%, and 60% in Mammalian Physiology and 60% in Introductory Biology

- Paramedic Science requires an average grade of 60%, and 70% in Mammalian Physiology and 70% in Chemistry.
- Sports Therapy requires an average grade of 60%.
- Dietetics requires an average grade of 60%, and 50% in Maths for Science, 60% in Chemistry and 60% in Mammalian Physiology.
- Physiotherapy requires an average grade of 65%, and 70% in Mammalian Physiology.
- Pharmaceutical Science requires an average grade of 60%, and 60% in Chemistry and 60% in Maths for Science.
- Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging requires a 65% average grade, 60% in Mammalian Physiology, 55% in Maths for Science, 50% Introductory Physics, and 40% Physics
- Radiotherapy & Oncology requires a 60% average grade, 60% in Mammalian Physiology, 55% in Maths for Science, 50% Introductory Physics, and 40% Physics

(Progression to the courses listed above additionally require completion of a satisfactory personal statement, a formal interview, a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and a pass in occupational health. The courses listed below do not have these requirements.)

- Biomedical Sciences, Sports Studies, Sports Development, Sports Coaching, Sports Business Management, Sport and Exercise Science, and Psychology each require an average grade of 60%. Psychology additionally requires 50% in Maths for scientists.
- Pharmacology and Biochemistry require an average grade of 50%. Biochemistry additionally requires 50% in Chemistry.
- Biological Sciences, Geography, and Environmental Management and Ecology each require a pass in all eight modules.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

The courses on the Initial Year of the Extended Degree in Science will commence Monday 11th September 2023 for induction and registration, with teaching taking place during semesters:

- Semester A runs from Monday 11 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024

The colleges observe half-term breaks 23-27 Oct. 2023 and 19-23 Feb. 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	28%	72%	0%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	10%	84%	6%

Additional expenses

Additional expenses associated with this programme could include travel costs to the college location if the student decided to live in university accommodation at Hatfield, and costs will be variable dependent on where the journey originates, and mode of transport selected.

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Resources are available electronically and in hardcopy format in the Learning Resource Centre. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies.

Some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses. Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Travel costs associated with transport to college location	1	Mandatory	Dependent on location
Purchase of hardcopy reading materials e.g., core textbook	1	Optional	£50- £80 per textbook
There may be additional costs associated with access to a computer or similar device as well as a reliable Internet connection for any study online.			
There may be additional costs associated with the particular programme a student wishes to progress to, please see the University of Hertfordshire website for details.			