

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

MBiol Biosciences (C107)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

| | | Credit value |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Molecules and Cells | BIOL1281 | 20 |
| Genetics | BIOL1171 | 20 |
| Introduction to Physiology | BIOL1151 | 20 |
| Organisms and Environment | BIOL1161 | 20 |
| Fundamentals of Bioscience Research | BIOL1321 | 20 |

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

| List A: | | Credit value |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by another Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study). | | 20 |

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

| | | Credit Value |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Research Skills for Biosciences | BIOL2581 | 20 |

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 100 credits from List B.

| List B: | | Credit value |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Ecology | BIOL2461 | 20 |
| Behaviour | BIOL2511 | 20 |
| Evolution | BIOL2451 | 20 |
| Plant and Algal Physiology | BIOL2571 | 20 |
| Cell Signalling | BIOL2501 | 20 |
| Development | BIOL2471 | 20 |
| Cell Biology | BIOL2481 | 20 |
| Molecular Biology | BIOL2441 | 20 |
| Biochemistry | BIOL2491 | 20 |
| Integrated Physiological Systems | BIOL2521 | 20 |
| Microbiology | BIOL2431 | 20 |
| Immune Systems | BIOL2421 | 20 |

Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module:

| | | Credit value |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Literature Review | BIOL3451 | 20 |

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List C:

| List C: | | Credit value |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Workshop | BIOL3581 | 20 |
| Field Course | BIOL3161 | 20 |

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D:

| List D: | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Advanced Topics in Ecology and Behaviour | BIOL3561 | 20 |
| Conservation Biology | BIOL3551 | 20 |
| Ecology in the Anthropocene | BIOL3541 | 20 |
| Advanced Topics in Development | BIOL3521 | 20 |
| Stress and Responses to the Environment | BIOL3491 | 20 |
| Crops for the Future | BIOL3611 | 20 |
| Biochemistry and Biotechnology | BIOL3601 | 20 |
| Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering | BIOL3531 | 20 |
| Ageing | BIOL3591 | 20 |
| Advanced Cell Biology | BIOL3481 | 20 |
| Biology of Disease | BIOL3621 | 20 |
| Genomics | BIOL3651 | 20 |

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List E:

| List E: | | Credit value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Biology into Schools * | BIOL3431 | 20 |
| Contemporary Issues in the Biosciences | BIOL3641 | 20 |
| Biological Enterprise | BIOL3441 | 20 |
| Public Engagement in Biosciences | BIOL3661 | 20 |

Level 4 (Degree)

10. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

| | | Credit value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Research Skills L4 | BIOL4121 | 20 |
| Research Project (MBiol) | BIOL4094 | 80 |

11. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from list E:

| List E: | | Credit value |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Field Course L4 | BIOL4101 | 20 |
| Workshop L4 | BIOL4111 | 20 |

Assessment, progression and award

12. Modules marked with * are not available in 2021-22.
13. Students who fail to achieve an overall mark of 55% or greater at level 2 required for progression to Level 3 of the MBiol, but who achieve the standard required for progression to Level 3 of a Bachelors programme, may progress to Level 3 of BSc Biological Sciences in the Honours or Ordinary stream in accordance with the Core Regulations
14. Students whose achievement at the end of Level 3 does not qualify them to proceed to Level 4 may be awarded the degree of BSc Biological Sciences at either Honours or Ordinary level in accordance with the Core Regulations for the award of a Bachelors degree.
15. Students whose achievement at the end of Level 4 does not qualify them to be awarded the degree of MBiol may be awarded the degree of BSc Biological Sciences with Honours in accordance with the Core Regulations for the award of a Bachelors degree.