

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
Metabolism	BIOL2491	20
Integrated Physiological Systems	BIOL2521	20
Microbiology	BIOL2431	20
Immune Systems	BIOL2421	20
Biomolecules - Structure and Function	BIOL2591	20

Candidates who have taken a 20 credit language module at level 1 shall have the following alternative: candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List B (above) and shall take a level 2 language module (20 credits) which follows on from the level 1 language module already taken.

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
Advanced Biochemistry Φ	BIOL3671	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

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 F:

List F:		Credit value
Field Course L4	BIOL4101	20
Workshop L4	BIOL4111	20

12. The module marked with the Φ symbol will not be available until the 2025/26 academic year.

Assessment, progression and award

- 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 accordance with the Core Regulations
- 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.
- 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