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BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0), BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1), BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2), BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0), BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1), BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2)

(for candidates admitted from October 2026)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.
2. The BSc in Natural Sciences allows candidates to take modules from two or more subjects in a three-year programme. The range of subjects is limited to those shown in the table under Paragraph 16 (in Table 1) and also Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences and languages offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study.
3. All module selections must be approved by the Director of Natural Sciences or by their nominee and be compatible in the timetable.
4. Where modules are delivered entirely within a single term, a total of no more than 70 credits may be taken within any term.
5. The degree certificate issued to successful candidates who have taken a BSc Natural Sciences degree shall list in alphabetical order all subjects in which they have taken at least 40 credits during Levels 2 and 3 of their degree programme.

Level 1 (Certificate)

6. Candidates take modules: from at least two subjects; from not more than four subjects; to a maximum of 80 credits per subject. Candidates must take at least 60 credits from the Faculty of Science. The subjects within the Faculty of Science are: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.
7. Candidates may take no more than 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study.

Level 2 (Diploma)

8. Candidates who have completed Level 1 of another programme will be permitted to transfer to Level 2 of BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) if they have met both of the following conditions:

    - Taken a minimum of 60 credits from a single discipline: Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Earth Sciences; Mathematics; Physics; or Psychology, or completed Level 1 of a designated Joint Honours pathway within the Natural Sciences department; AND
    - Passed 120 credits at Level 1 (Certificate) with an average weighted mark of no less than 55%.

9. Candidates take modules: from at least two subjects; from not more than three subjects; with at least 40 credits each in at least two subjects; to a maximum of 80 credits per subject.
10. Candidates may take no more than 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study.
11. Candidates studying for a BSc Natural Sciences degree must take modules to the value of at least 120 credits from the Faculty of Science across Levels 2 and 3.

Level 3 (Degree)

12. Candidates take modules: from at least two subjects excluding NSCI coded modules; from not more than three subjects excluding NSCI coded modules; to a maximum of 100 credits per subject, including NSCI coded modules.

13. Candidates are required to take Capstone modules to the value of at least 20 credits and no more than 60 credits from at most two Departments/Schools that must be approved by the Director of Natural Sciences or by their nominee.

14. Candidates studying for a BSc Natural Sciences degree must take modules to the value of at least 120 credits from the Faculty of Science across Levels 2 and 3.

Joint Honours

15. Within the Natural Sciences programme certain combinations of modules are known as "Joint Honours degrees". Candidates who follow these combinations of modules will be awarded a specific title for their degree.

16. The table below shows the Joint Honours combinations that are currently available. A **x** symbol indicates that this combination is a distinct Joint Honours programme, listed below. A ■ symbol indicates that combining these two subjects is possible as a Joint Honours route within the general Natural Sciences programme:

	An	**Bi**	**Bs**	**Ch**	**CS**	**ES**	**Ec**	**Gg**	**Ma**	**Ph**	**Py**	**Ps**
An		■										
Bi	■			x		■		■	■		■	■
Bs					■							
Ch		x				■			x		x	
CS			■						x		■	
ES		■		■				■				
Ec									x			
Gg		■				■						
Ma		■		x	x		x			x	x	■
Ph									x		x	
Py		■		x	■				x	x		
Ps		■							■			

Table 1: Joint Honours combinations available in the A and B degree

The abbreviations represent the subjects in the above list:

An	Anthropology	Ec	Economics
Bi	Biology	Gg	Geography
Bs	Business	Ma	Mathematics
Ch	Chemistry	Ph	Philosophy
CS	Computer Science	Py	Physics
ES	Earth Sciences	Ps	Psychology

17. Candidates registered on programme CFG0 who follow an approved Joint Honours route will be awarded a "BSc Honours in A and B within the Natural Sciences programme", where A and B are replaced by the approved subject titles. The only exceptions are as follows:

    (i) Candidates will be awarded a "BSc Honours in A and B" in cases where A and B are one of the following pairings:

    a. Earth Sciences and Biology
    b. Earth Sciences and Chemistry
    c. Psychology and Mathematics

    (ii) Candidates on programme CFG0 who satisfy the programme regulations for a listed distinct Joint Honours pathway on the following list will be transferred to that programme:

    a. BSc Computer Science and Mathematics (G411)
    b. BSc Economics and Mathematics (L125)
    c. BSc Mathematics and Physics (G427)
    d. BSc Biology and Chemistry (CF11)
    e. BSc Mathematics and Philosophy (GV15)
    f. BSc Chemistry and Physics (FF13)

g. BSc Philosophy and Physics (VF53)
h. BSc Chemistry and Mathematics (FG11)

(iii) From 2027-28 onwards, candidates on programme CFG0 who satisfy the programme regulations for the BSc Biology and Psychology will be transferred to that programme. Candidates entering the University before 2027-28 who satisfy the Joint Honours criteria for this programme are also permitted to transfer.

18. Candidates studying for a Joint Honours degree are bound by the paragraphs above (including Paragraph 6) except 11 and 14. That relate to the number of credits of Science being taken in any given Level. In order to qualify for the degree BSc Honours in A and B within the Natural Sciences programme, candidates in Levels 2 and 3 must select modules from the same two subjects. At Level 2, the number of credits in each subject must be 60, with the exception of programmes involving Psychology which have 80 credits at Level 2 for accreditation purposes. At Level 3, the number of credits in either subject cannot exceed 80. In Level 3 candidates may, with the agreement of the Director of Natural Sciences, replace 20 credits which are not compulsory for qualification of the Joint Honours degree with the module Science Enterprise (NSCI 3001).

Anthropology and Biology

19. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours in Anthropology and Biology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Human Evolution and Diversity	ANTH1091	20
	Doing Anthropological Research	ANTH1101	20
	Being Human: An Introduction To The History And Practice Of Anthropology	ANTH1111	20
	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	20 credits from any subject listed in paragraph 2		20
Level 2	Research Project Design	ANTH2187	10
	Biology, Culture and Society	ANTH2207	10
	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	Behaviour	BIOL2511	20
	An additional 40 credits of Level 2 Anthropology modules to include at least 20 credits from the following list:		40
	Mind and Culture	ANTH2297	10
	Palaeoanthropology: The Story of Human Evolution	ANTH2307	10
	Primate Societies	ANTH2327	10
	Reading the Skeleton	ANTH2337	10
Level 3	At least 40 credits from the Level 3 Anthropology (ANTH) list of modules		40
	40 credits taken from the list:		
	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20
	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	Advanced Topics in Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour	BIOL3561	20
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Biology and Earth Sciences

20. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours in Biology and Earth Sciences are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Field Studies	GEOL1051	20
	Understanding Earth Sciences	GEOL1101	20

	Environment & Sustainability	GEOL1161	20
	20 credits from any subject listed in paragraph 2		20
Level 2	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	Behaviour	BIOL2511	20
	Isotopes in Environmental & Climate Sciences	GEOL2171	20
	Fieldwork (Environmental)	GEOL2201	20
	EITHER Sedimentary environments	GEOL2031	20
	OR Environmental Geophysics	GEOL2331	20
Level 3	**40 credits taken from the list:**		
	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20
	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	Advanced Topics in Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour	BIOL3561	20
	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Earth Sciences (GEOL) list **To obtain accreditation modules to the value of 80 credits or more must be taken in Earth Sciences and must include:**		40
	Dissertation	GEOL3022	40
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Biology and Geography

21. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours in Biology and Geography are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc)	GEOG1232	40
	40 credits of modules from subjects in paragraph 2		40
Level 2	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	Behaviour	BIOL2511	20
	Scientific Research in Geography	GEOG2462	40
	20 credits of the modules available from the Level 2 List B in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations, or Handling Geographic Information GEOG 2591		20
Level 3	**40 credits taken from the list:**		
	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20
	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	Advanced Topics in Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour	BIOL3561	20
	At least 40 credits from:		
	Dissertation in Geography B	GEOG3432	40
	Modules available from the Level 3 Lists D and E in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations		
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Biology and Mathematics

22. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Mathematics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Calculus I	MATH1061	20
	Linear Algebra I	MATH1071	20
	Probability I	MATH1597	10
	Statistics I	MATH1617	10
	20 credits from any subject listed in paragraph 2		20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	60 credits of modules available from the level 2 Mathematics (MATH) list, which may include Analysis I MATH 1051		60
Level 3	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20
	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 MATH modules		40
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Biology and Physics

23. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Molecules and Cells	BIOL1281	20
	Foundations of Physics 1	PHYS1122	40
	EITHER (Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B) **OR**	MATH1571	20
	(Calculus I **AND**	MATH1061	20
	Linear Algebra I)	MATH1071	20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Development	BIOL2471	20
	Cell Biology	BIOL2481	20
	Foundations of Physics 2A	PHYS2581	20
	Mathematical Methods in Physics	PHYS2611	20
	Discovery Skills in Physics	PHYS1101	20
Level 3	Advanced Cell Biology	BIOL3481	20
	Advanced Topics Development	BIOL3521	20
	20 credits of available modules from the Level 3 Biosciences (BIOL) list or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		20
	Foundations of Physics 3A	PHYS3621	20
	Foundations of Physics 2B	PHYS2591	20
	Laboratory Skills and Electronics 3	PHYS3681	20

Biology and Psychology

24. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Psychology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Physiology	BIOL1151	20
	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Introduction to Psychological Research #	PSYC1062	40

	EITHER Introduction to Psychology I: Cognitive and Biological Psychology # **OR**	PSYC1071	20
	Introduction to Psychology II: Developmental, Social and Abnormal Psychology #	PSYC1081	20
	20 credits selected from the following list:		
	Organisms and their Environment	BIOL1161	20
	Molecules and Cells	BIOL1281	20
	20 credits from any subject listed in paragraph 2		20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Integrated Physiological Systems	BIOL2521	20
	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	PSYC2232	40
	Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
	Social & Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Level 3	Literature Review	BIOL3451	20
	Ageing	BIOL3591	20
	Contemporary Issues in the Biosciences	BIOL3641	20
	Genomics	BIOL3651	20
	Psychology Project ~	PSYC3041	20
	Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20

Business and Computer Science

25. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Business and Computer Science are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Modules taken from the Level 1 Business list		40
	Mathematics for Computer Science	COMP1021	20
	Computational Thinking	COMP1051	20
	40 credits from subjects listed in paragraph 2		40
Level 2	Business Research Methods and Statistics	BUSI2311	20
	40 credits of available modules from the Level 2 Business (BUSI) list		40
	60 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Computer Science (COMP) list.		60
Level 3	40 credits of available modules from the Level 3 Business (BUSI) list		40
	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Computer Science (COMP) list		40
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Chemistry and Earth Sciences

26. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degree in Chemistry and Earth Sciences are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Foundations of Chemistry: Atoms, Bonding & Energetics	CHEM1032	40
	Chemical Systems & Change: Structure & Dynamics	CHEM1131	20
	EITHER Mathematical Methods for Chemists **OR**	CHEM1121	20
	Single Mathematics A	MATH1561	20
	Understanding Earth Sciences	GEOL1101	20
	Environment & Sustainability	GEOL1161	20

Level 2	Principles of Inorganic Chemistry: Symmetry & Transition metal complexes	CHEM****	20
	Principles of Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics & Spectroscopy	CHEM****	20
	Practical Measurement and Analysis – Level 2	CHEM****	20
	Isotopes in Environmental & Climate	GEOL2171	20
	Fieldwork (Environmental)	GEOL2201	20
	EITHER Sedimentary Environments **OR**	GEOL2031	20
	Environmental Geophysics	GEOL2331	20
Level 3	40 credits selected from the following list:		
	Contemporary Physical Chemistry: Statistical thermodynamics & Kinetics	CHEM****	20
	Contemporary Inorganic Chemistry: Organometallics & Catalysis	CHEM****	20
	Material Chemistry	CHEM****	20
	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Earth Sciences (GEOL) list **To obtain accreditation, GEOL-coded modules to the value of 80 credits or more must be taken and must include:**		40
	Dissertation	GEOL3022	40
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, including Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Computer Science and Physics

27. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Computer Science and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Computational Thinking	COMP1051	20
	EITHER Computer Systems	COMP1071	20
	OR Algorithms and Data Structures	COMP1081	20
	Foundations of Physics 1	PHYS1122	40
	EITHER (Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B) **OR**	MATH1571	20
	(Calculus I **AND**	MATH1061	20
	Linear Algebra I)	MATH1071	20
Level 2	60 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Computer Science (COMP) list.		60
	Foundations of Physics 2A	PHYS2581	20
	Mathematical Methods in Physics	PHYS2611	20
	Discovery Skills in Physics	PHYS1101	20
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Computer Science (COMP) list		40
	Foundations of Physics 3A	PHYS3621	20
	Foundations of Physics 2B	PHYS2591	20
	Laboratory Skills and Electronics 3	PHYS3681	20
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Earth Sciences and Geography

28. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees in Earth Sciences and Geography are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Earth Materials	GEOL1021	20
	Field Studies	GEOL1051	20
	Understanding Earth Sciences	GEOL1101	20
	Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc)	GEOG1232	40
	20 credits from subjects listed in paragraph 2		20
Level 2	Fieldwork (Geological)	GEOL2191	20
	Igneous & Metamorphic Processes	GEOL2231	20
	EITHER Sedimentary Environments **OR**	GEOL2031	20
	Lithospheric Structure & Imaging	GEOL2351	20
	Scientific Research in Geography	GEOG2462	40
	20 credits of the modules available from the Level 2 List B in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations, or Handling Geographic Information GEOG 2591		20
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Earth Sciences (GEOL) list **To obtain accreditation in Earth Sciences, GEOL-coded modules to the value of 80 credits or more must be taken and must include:**		40
	Dissertation	GEOL3022	40
	At least 40 credits from:		
	Dissertation in Geography B	GEOG3432	40
	Modules available from the Level 3 Lists D and E in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations **Any remaining credits** may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Mathematics and Psychology

29. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Mathematics and Psychology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Calculus I	MATH1061	20
	Linear Algebra I	MATH1071	20
	Probability I	MATH1597	10
	Statistics I	MATH1617	10
	Introduction to Psychological Research **AND**	PSYC1062	40
	EITHER Introduction to Psychology I: Cognitive and Biological Psychology **OR**	PSYC1071	20
	Introduction to Psychology II: Developmental, Social and Abnormal Psychology	PSYC1081	20
Level 2	Statistical Inference II	MATH2761	20
	Data Science & Statistical Modelling II	MATH2801	20
	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	PSYC2232	40
	Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
	Social and Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Mathematics (MATH) list		40
	Psychology Project ~	PSYC3041	20
	Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20
	Any remaining credits may be chosen from Level 3 modules in subjects listed in Paragraph 2, or Science Enterprise NSCI 3001		

Accredited Psychology Pathway

30. Candidates studying for BSc degrees involving Psychology that wish their degree to be accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) are required to take the following modules and will be registered on the Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) programme:

			Credit value
Level 1	Introduction to Psychological Research **AND**	PSYC1062	40
	(**EITHER** Introduction to Psychology I: Cognitive and Biological Psychology **OR**	PSYC1071	20
	Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental, Social and Abnormal Psychology)	PSYC1081	20
Level 2	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics #	PSYC2232	40
	Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
	Social and Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Level 3	Psychology Project ~	PSYC3041	20
	Individual Differences and Mental Health	PSYC****	20

Within the Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) programme, Introduction to Psychology 2: Developmental and Social Psychology is only available to students who have passed Biology A2 level at Grade B or higher, or an equivalent.

Assessment, progression and award

31. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

32. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

Year Abroad

33. Students admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad programme (CFG1). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad programme (CFG1) will undertake an approved exchange in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host institution.

34. Students registered on the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad programme (CFC1). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad programme (CFC1) will undertake an approved exchange in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host institution.

35. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and

    b. secure an exchange opportunity with an approved international partner institution of the University; and

    c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme; and

    d. register for the module Natural Sciences Overseas BSc (NSCI 3986).

36. Students who the Board of Examiners for Natural Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme.

Placement

37. Students admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement programme (CFG2) will undertake an approved placement chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host partner.

38. Students registered on the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement programme (CFC2) will undertake an approved placement chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host partner.

39. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2) must:

    a. Have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and

    b. Secure a Placement Year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee; and

    c. Successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme; and

    d. register for the module Natural Sciences Placement BSc (NSCI 3976).

40. Students who the Board of Examiners for Natural Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the placement will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the placement will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0).

Professional accreditation

41. The specified Joint-Honours approved pathways through Earth Sciences within Natural Sciences have been accredited by the Geological Society for six years with effect from March 2016.

42. The specified approved pathways through Psychology within Natural Sciences have been accredited from the 2012-13 intake on an ongoing basis as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. Candidates need to achieve a minimum of a second class honours degree to gain eligibility. The Psychology Project module must be passed in order to achieve the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. BSc Natural Sciences students following a Joint-Honours Psychology pathway will be registered for the degree programme CFC0, CFC1 or CFC2. For all other purposes students will be treated identically to students taking one of the degree programmes CFG0, CFG1 or CFG2.

43. The specified Joint-Honours approved pathways through Physics within Natural Sciences have been recognised by the Institute of Physics as a degree with a physics component until June 2029.

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Joint Honours

16. Within the Natural Sciences programme certain combinations of modules are known as "Joint Honours degrees". Candidates who follow these combinations of modules will be awarded a specific title for their degree.
17. Candidates who follow an approved Joint Honours degree will be awarded a "BSc Honours in A and B within the Natural Sciences programme", where A and B are replaced by the approved subject titles. The only exceptions are as follows: candidates who entered Durham University on or after October 2023 [cases (a)-(h)] or on or after October 2025 [cases (i)-(m)] will be awarded a "BSc Honours in A and B" in cases where A and B are one of:

    a. Computer Science and Mathematics
    b. Economics and Mathematics
    c. Mathematics and Physics
    d. Earth Sciences and Biology
    e. Earth Sciences and Chemistry
    f. Psychology and Biology
    g. Psychology and Economics (to be withdrawn from October 2026 onwards)
    h. Psychology and Mathematics
    i. Biology and Chemistry
    j. Mathematics and Philosophy
    k. Chemistry and Physics
    l. Philosophy and Physics
    m. Chemistry and Mathematics

    In cases (a)-(c) these degrees have a new distinct programme code and candidates entering from the academic year 2024-25 onwards who satisfy the Joint Honours criteria will be transferred to the relevant programme. Candidates entering the University before 2024-25 who satisfy the Joint Honours criteria in cases (a)-(c) are also permitted to transfer to the new relevant programme. In cases (i)-(m) these degrees have a new distinct programme code and candidates entering from the academic year 2025-26 onwards who satisfy the Joint Honours criteria will be transferred to the relevant programme. Candidates entering the University before 2025-26 who satisfy the Joint Honours criteria in cases (i)-(m) are also permitted to transfer to the new relevant programme.

18. Candidates studying for a Joint Honours degree are bound by the paragraphs above (including Paragraph 5) except 11 and 15. That relate to the number of credits of Science being taken in any given Level. In order to qualify for the degree BSc Honours in A and B within the Natural Sciences programme, candidates in Levels 2 and 3 must select modules from the same two subjects. At Level 2, the number of credits in each subject must be 60. At Level 3, the number of credits in either subject cannot exceed 80. In Level 3 candidates may, with the agreement of the Director of Natural Sciences, replace 20 credits which are not compulsory for qualification of the Joint Honours degree with the module Science Enterprise (NSCI 3001).
19. The table below shows the Joint-Honours combinations that are currently available where a ■ indicates that combining these two subjects is possible:

	An	Bi	Bs	Ch	CS	ES	Ec	Gg	Ma	Ph	Py	Ps
An		■										
Bi	■			■		■		■	■		■	■
Bs					■							
Ch		■				■			■		■	
CS			■						■		■	
ES		■		■				■				
Ec									■			■
Gg		■				■						
Ma		■		■	■		■			■	■	■
Ph									■		■	
Py		■		■	■				■	■		
Ps		■					■		■			

Table 1: Joint Honours combinations available in the A and B degree

The abbreviations represent the subjects in the above list:

An	Anthropology	Ec	Economics
Bi	Biology	Gg	Geography
Bs	Business	Ma	Mathematics
Ch	Chemistry	Ph	Philosophy
CS	Computer Science	Py	Physics
ES	Earth Sciences	Ps	Psychology

20. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Anthropology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Human Evolution and Diversity	ANTH1091	20
	Doing Anthropological Research	ANTH1101	20
	Being Human: An Introduction To The History And Practice Of Anthropology	ANTH1111	20
Level 2	Research Project Design	ANTH2187	10
	Biology, Culture and Society	ANTH2207	10
	An additional 40 credits of Level 2 Anthropology to include at least 20 credits from the list:		40
	Palaeoanthropology: The Story of Human Evolution	ANTH2307	10
	Reading the Skeleton	ANTH2337	10
	Mind and Culture	ANTH2297	10
	Primate Societies	ANTH2327	10
Level 3	At least 40 credits from the Level 3 Anthropology (ANTH) list of modules		40

21. There are five Joint Honours routes through modules offered by Biosciences: Ecological; Biology and Mathematics; Biology and Psychology; Biology and Chemistry; Biology and Physics route;

22. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours Biology degrees following the Ecological route* are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
Level 2	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	Behaviour	BIOL2511	20
Level 3	**40 credits taken from the list:**		
	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20
	Advanced Topics in Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour	BIOL3561	20

* The Ecological route is designed to go with Anthropology, Earth Sciences and Geography.

23. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Mathematics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Organisms and Environment	BIOL1161	20
Level 2	Evolution	BIOL2451	20
	Ecology	BIOL2461	20
	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
Level 3	Conservation Biology	BIOL3551	20
	Ecology in the Anthropocene	BIOL3541	20

24. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Psychology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Physiology	BIOL1151	20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Integrated Physiological Systems	BIOL2521	20
	20 credits of available modules from the Level 2 Biosciences (BIOL) list		20
Level 3	Ageing	BIOL3591	20
	20 credits of available modules from the Level 3 Biosciences (BIOL) list		20

25. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Chemistry are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Molecules and Cells	BIOL1281	20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Metabolism	BIOL2491	20
	Cell Signalling	BIOL2501	20
Level 3	Biochemistry and Biotechnology	BIOL3601	20
	Stress and Responses to the Environment	BIOL3491	20
	20 credits of available modules from Level 3 (including the Biosciences (BIOL) list and		20
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

26. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Biology and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Genetics	BIOL1171	20
	Molecules and Cells	BIOL1281	20
Level 2	Molecular Biology	BIOL2441	20
	Development	BIOL2471	20
	Cell Biology	BIOL2481	20
Level 3	Advanced Cell Biology	BIOL3481	20
	Advanced Topics Development	BIOL3521	20
	20 credits of available modules from Level 3 (including the Biosciences (BIOL) list and		20
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

27. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Business and Computer Science are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Modules taken from the Level 1 Business		40
Level 2	Business Research Methods and Statistics	BUSI2311	20
	40 credits of available modules from the Level 2 Business (BUSI) list		40
Level 3	40 credits of available modules from the Level 3 Business (BUSI) list		40

28. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees in Biology and Chemistry are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Core Chemistry 1	CHEM1078	30
	Practical Chemistry 1A	CHEM1087	10
	EITHER		
	(Linear Algebra I **AND**	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I)	MATH1061	20
	OR		
	(Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B)	MATH1571	20
	OR		
	Mathematical And Experimental Tools Required In Chemistry **AND**	CHEM1111	20
	20 credits of modules from subjects listed in Paragraph 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences programme (CFG0) regulations		20
Level 2	Core Chemistry 2	CHEM2012	40
	Structure and Reactivity in Organic Chemistry	CHEM2087	10
	Practical Chemistry 2 - Synthetic	CHEM2147	10
Level 3	Modules to the value of 40 credits taken from:		
	EITHER Bioactive Chemistry 3	CHEM3211	20
	And 20 credits of available modules from Level 3 (including the Chemistry (CHEM) list and		20
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20
	OR Core Chemistry 3	CHEM3012	40

29. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees in Chemistry and Earth Sciences are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Core Chemistry 1	CHEM1078	30
	Practical Chemistry 1A	CHEM1087	10
	Plus EITHER		
	(Linear Algebra I **AND**	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I)	MATH1061	20
	OR		
	(Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B)	MATH1571	20
	OR		
	Mathematical And Experimental Tools Required In Chemistry	CHEM1111	20
Level 2	Core Chemistry 2	CHEM2012	40
	Chemistry of the Elements	CHEM2077	10
	Practical Chemistry 2 - Synthetic	CHEM2147	10
Level 3	Core Chemistry 3	CHEM3012	40

30. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees in Chemistry and (Mathematics or Physics) are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Core Chemistry 1	CHEM1078	30
	Practical Chemistry 1A	CHEM1087	10
	And EITHER		
	(Linear Algebra I **AND**	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I)	MATH1061	20
	OR		
	(Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B)	MATH1571	20
Level 2	Core Chemistry 2	CHEM2012	40
	Properties of Molecules	CHEM2097	10
	Practical Chemistry 2 - Measurement	CHEM2157	10
Level 3	Modules to the value of 40 credits taken from:		
	EITHER Chemical Physics 3	CHEM3411	20
	AND		
	Core Chemistry 3 **OR**	CHEM3012	20

	20 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Chemistry (CHEM) list and Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

31. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree involving Business and Computer Science are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Computational Thinking	COMP1051	20
	Mathematics for Computer Science	COMP1021	20
	20 credits of modules available from Level 1		20
Level 2	60 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Computer Science (COMP) list.		60
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Computer Science (COMP) list and Science Enterprise)		40
		NSCI3001	20

32. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Computer Science and Mathematics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Computational Thinking	COMP1051	20
	Algorithms and Data Structures	COMP1081	20
	EITHER Computer Systems	COMP1071	20
	OR Programming (black)	COMP1101	20
	OR Programming (gold)	COMP1111	20
Level 2	60 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Computer Science (COMP) list.		60
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Computer Science (COMP) list and Science Enterprise)		40
		NSCI3001	20

33. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Computer Science and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Computational Thinking	COMP1051	20
	EITHER Computer Systems	COMP1071	20
	OR Algorithms and Data Structures	COMP1081	20
Level 2	60 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Computer Science (COMP) list.		60
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Computer Science (COMP) list and Science Enterprise)		40
		NSCI3001	20

34. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Earth Sciences are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Understanding Earth Sciences	GEOL1101	20
	And at least 20 credits from:		
	Earth Materials	GEOL1021	20
	Environment and Resources	GEOL1111	20
	To obtain accreditation the following modules must be taken at either Level 1 or Level 2:		
	Field Studies	GEOL1051	20
Level 2	At least 60 credits of Level 2 Earth Sciences.		60
	To obtain accreditation the following modules must be taken (the latter module may be taken at Level 1):		
	Fieldwork (Geological)	GEOL2191	20
	Environment and Resources (if not already taken)	GEOL1111	20
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Earth Sciences (GEOL) list and Enterprise Science)		40
		NSCI3001	20
	To obtain accreditation modules to the value of 80 credits or more must be taken and must include:		

	Dissertation	GEOL3022	40

35. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours in Economics and Mathematics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Elements of Economics	ECON1011	20
	The World Economy	ECON1071	20
Level 2	Economic Data Analysis	ECON2061	20
	EITHER (Macroeconomics AND	ECON2011	20
	Microeconomics)	ECON2021	20
	OR (Economic Theory 2 AND	ECON2291	20
	20 credits of modules available from Level 2)		20
Level 3	40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Economics (ECON) list and		40
	Enterprise Science)	NSCI3001	20

36. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours in Economics and Psychology are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Elements of Economics	ECON1011	20
	Economic Methods	ECON1021	20
Level 2	Economic Data Analysis	ECON2061	20
	Economic Theory 2	ECON2291	20
	20 credits of modules available from the Level 2 Economics (ECON) list		20
Level 3	40 credits of modules available from the Level 3 Economics (ECON) list		40

37. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Geography are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc)	GEOG1232	40
Level 2	Scientific Research in Geography	GEOG2462	40
	And at least 20 credits from:		
	Handling Geographic Information	GEOG2591	20
	The modules available from the Level 2 List B in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations		20
Level 3	Modules selected from:		
	Dissertation in Geography B	GEOG3432	40
	The modules available from the Level 3 Lists D and E in the BSc Geography (F800) programme regulations		40

38. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degree in Mathematics and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Linear Algebra I	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I	MATH1061	20
	Analysis I	MATH1051	20
Level 2	Mathematical Methods II	MATH2811	20
	Complex Analysis II	MATH2791	20
	AND (Theoretical Physics 2	PHYS2631	20
	OR Methods of Mathematical Physics II)	MATH2741	20
	AND 20 credits of Level 2 Mathematics modules		20
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Mathematics (MATH) list and		40
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

39. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours Mathematics degrees following the Statistics route* are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Linear Algebra I	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I	MATH1061	20

	Statistics I	MATH1617	10
	Probability I	MATH1597	10
Level 2	Modules available from the Level 2 Mathematics (MATH) list where at most 20 credits may be from the Level 1 Mathematics (MATH) list.		60
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Mathematics (MATH) list and		40
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

* The Statistics route is designed to go with Biology, Computer Science, Economics and Psychology.

40. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Mathematics and one of: Chemistry; Philosophy; are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Linear Algebra I	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I	MATH1061	20
	Analysis I	MATH1051	20
Level 2	Modules available from the Level 2 Mathematics (MATH) list.		60
Level 3	At least 40 credits of modules available from Level 3 (including the Mathematics (MATH) list and		40
	Science Enterprise)	NSCI3001	20

41. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Philosophy are required to take modules from the “Science, Medicine, and Society Pathway” or the “Mind, Language, and Metaphysics Pathway”, namely the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Knowledge and Reality	PHIL1021	20
	Science, Medicine and Society	PHIL1111	20
Level 2	Modules to the value of 60 credits selected from the following list:		
	Philosophy of the Mind	PHIL2011	20
	Language, Logic, and Reality	PHIL2021	20
	Early Modern Philosophy	PHIL2031	20
	Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
	Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods & Values	PHIL2171	20
	Fundamentals of Logic	PHIL2181	20
	History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20
Level 3	Modules to the value of at least 40 credits selected from the following list:		
	Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
	Philosophy Long Dissertation	PHIL3112	40
	Metaphysics	PHIL3171	20
	History and Philosophical Psychiatry	PHIL3181	20
	Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20
	Biomedical Ethics Past and Present	PHIL3211	20

42. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours in Mathematics and Physics are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Foundations of Physics 1	PHYS1122	40
	Discovery Skills in Physics	PHYS1101	20
Level 2	Foundations of Physics 2A	PHYS2581	20
	Foundations of Physics 2B	PHYS2591	20
	AND (Theoretical Physics 2	PHYS2631	20
	OR Methods of Mathematical Physics II)	MATH2741	20
	AND 20 credits of Level 2 Physics modules which may include Theoretical Physics 2		20
Level 3	Foundations of Physics 3A	PHYS3621	20
	EITHER Theoretical Physics 3 (if Theoretical Physics 2 was taken at Level 2)	PHYS3661	20
	OR 20 credit module offered by the Department of Physics (if Theoretical Physics was not taken at Level 2)		20

43. Candidates studying for the BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Physics (with the exception of the BSc Joint Honours degree in Mathematics and Physics) are required to take the following modules:

			Credit value
Level 1	Foundations of Physics 1	PHYS1122	40
	EITHER (Linear Algebra I **AND**	MATH1071	20
	Calculus I) **OR**	MATH1061	20
	(Single Mathematics A **AND**	MATH1561	20
	Single Mathematics B)	MATH1571	20
Level 2	Foundations of Physics 2A	PHYS2581	20
	Mathematical Methods in Physics	PHYS2611	20
	Discovery Skills in Physics	PHYS1101	20
Level 3	Foundations of Physics 3A	PHYS3621	20
	Foundations of Physics 2B	PHYS2591	20
	Laboratory Skills and Electronics 3	PHYS3681	20

44. Candidates studying for BSc Joint Honours degrees involving Psychology are required to take the following modules and will be registered on the Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) programme:

			Credit value
Level 1	Introduction to Psychological Research **AND**	PSYC1062	40
	(**EITHER** Introduction to Psychology I: Cognitive and Biological Psychology **OR**	PSYC1071	20
	Introduction to Psychology II: Developmental, Social and Abnormal Psychology)	PSYC1081	20
Level 2	Cognitive and Biological Psychology	PSYC2241	20
	Advanced Psychological Research for Non-single Honours	PSYC2261	20
	Social and Developmental Psychology	PSYC2271	20
Level 3	Psychology Project and Statistics ~	PSYC3041	20
	Differential and Clinical Psychology	PSYC2251	20
	At least 20 credits from the Level 3 Psychology modules available		20

Assessment, progression and award

45. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

Year Abroad

46. Students admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad programme (CFG1). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad programme (CFG1) will undertake an approved exchange in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host institution.

47. Students registered on the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad programme (CFC1). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad programme (CFC1) will undertake an approved exchange in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host institution.

48. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;

    b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee to be admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences (with Year Abroad) (CFG1) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1) and have their application approved by the Director of Natural Sciences or by their nominee; and

    c. secure an exchange opportunity with an approved international partner institution of the University; and

    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme; and

    e. register for the module Natural Sciences Overseas BSc (NSCI 3986).

49. Students who the Board of Examiners for Natural Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Natural Sciences with Year Abroad (CFG1) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Year Abroad (CFC1) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme.

Placement

50. Students admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement programme (CFG2) will undertake an approved placement chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host partner.

51. Students registered on the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2). Students undertaking the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement programme (CFC2) will undertake an approved placement chosen in consultation with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee and the host partner.

52. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2) must:

    a. Have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and

    b. During Level 2 study the student must discuss their intention to apply with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee in order to be admitted to the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2) and receive approval by the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee; and

    c. Secure a Placement Year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Director of Natural Sciences or their nominee; and

    d. Successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0) programme; and

    e. register for the module Natural Sciences Placement BSc (NSCI 3976).

53. Students who the Board of Examiners for Natural Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the placement will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the placement will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Natural Sciences with Placement (CFG2) programme or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) with Placement (CFC2), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Natural Sciences (CFG0) or the BSc Natural Sciences (Psychology pathway) (CFC0).

Professional accreditation

54. The specified Joint-Honours approved pathway through Geological Sciences within Natural Sciences has been accredited by the Geological Society for six years with effect from March 2016.

55. The specified Joint-Honours approved pathway through Psychology within Natural Sciences have been accredited from the 2012-13 intake on an ongoing basis as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. Candidates entering in and after October 2006 need to achieve a minimum of a second class honours degree to gain eligibility. The Psychology Project module must be passed in order to achieve the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society. BSc Natural Sciences students following a Joint-Honours Psychology pathway will be registered for the degree programme CFC0, CFC1 or CFC2. For all other purposes students will be treated identically to students taking one of the degree programmes CFG0, CFG1 or CFG2.

56. The specified Joint-Honours approved pathways through Physics within Natural Sciences have been recognised by the Institute of Physics as a degree with a physics component until June 2029.