

Anatomy and Human Biology BSc (Hons)

COURSE DETAILS

- A level requirements: [AAB](#)
- UCAS code: B110
- Study mode: Full-time
- Length: 3 years

KEY DATES

- Apply by: [29 January 2025](#)
- Starts: 22 September 2025

Course overview

This is a practical, hands-on degree in anatomy that allows you to combine cadaveric dissection with a thorough exploration of human biology at all levels of organisation, from the DNA right up to organ systems.

INTRODUCTION

This degree will allow you to gain a detailed understanding of the structure and function of the human body and its relationships to health and disease. You will study a broad range of modules that focus on anatomical topics covering the 6 main systems (MSK, cardiovascular, urogenital, respiratory, nervous, digestive) and the 6 main regions (thorax, abdomen, pelvis, head & neck, & limbs) of the body. This is complemented with wider topics such as physiology, disease biology, genetics, development, and comparative biology, and culminates in an individual dissection project. You will also have the opportunity to specialise and carry out your own research project. Each year you will be allocated time within the Human Anatomy Resource Centre, our dedicated anatomy facility.

We also offer support for making career choices right from the beginning and you will have the opportunity to consider potential career pathways within and outside the field of Anatomy & Human Biology.

You'll learn and develop those important transferable skills in communication, team working, project management and computing with practical sessions and group work.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Develop practical and theoretical knowledge of structural and functional anatomy in health & disease

- Develop practical skills by combining cadaveric dissection with a thorough exploration of human biology within the dedicated Human Anatomy Resource Centre
- Enhance your understanding of topical issues, ethical principles, professionalism & respect in Anatomy
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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

YEAR ONE

In this first year, you'll gain an understanding of core concepts of biology as well as the fundamental principles of immunity, infection, and therapy. You will also study how organisms develop and function and learn about ecology and the global environment. You will develop practical skills where you will discover how to utilise quantitative skills and study techniques. You will also be introduced to the University's excellent Human Anatomy Resource Centre.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Biology core concepts, principles, and fundamentals BIOS101
- Development, function, immunity, infection, and therapeutics BIOS102
- Introductory Practical Skills for Life Sciences BIOS103
- From Individuals to Ecosystem BIOS104
- Study and Communication Skills Tutorials BIOS105
- Applied Practical Research Skills for Life Sciences BIOS106

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

YEAR TWO

In your second year you'll expand your range of knowledge building those essential research skills, experimental design and analysis together with professional skills preparing you for a career within or outside the area of Anatomy and Human Biology. You will begin to develop skills in cadaveric prosection and dissection through modules in systems anatomy, functional musculoskeletal anatomy and anatomy of the thorax. In addition, you will have optional modules enabling you to follow your interest in cellular biology, therapeutics, physiology, infection biology or comparative/animal biology.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Genetics, Microbiology & Infection BIOS201
- Human Anatomy of the Thorax BIOS202
- Intermediary Practical Research Skills for Life Sciences BIOS203
- Academic & professional skills tutorials BIOS205
- The Cellular Basis of Health & Disease BIOS209
- Functional Anatomy of the Human Musculoskeletal System BIOS210
- Human Systems Anatomy BIOS213

OPTIONAL MODULES (CHOOSE ONE)

- Metabolism BIOS212

- Cellular & Systems Physiology BIOS214
- Drug Discovery & Development BIOS216
- Animal Anatomy, Physiology & Husbandry BIOS220
- Animal Ecophysiology BIOS222

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YEAR THREE

Year three will provide an unparalleled opportunity for you to learn at the cutting edge of anatomical research and be taught by world-leading academics in the subjects of anatomy of the abdomen & pelvis, head, neck and neurological anatomy, alongside a choice of modules covering application of your knowledge to wider life sciences disciplines. You will also be able to showcase your dissection and prosection skills through an individual dissection module and will have the opportunity to take a physical or virtual placement. Central to this year is the research project where you will plan and execute your own research, analyse and critically evaluate data and communicate your research findings in your chosen specialisation.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Research Project BIOS301
- Introduction to the World of Work BIOS302
- Research Methods BIOS303
- Applied Anatomy and Dissection BIOS304
- Human Anatomy of the Abdomen, Pelvis and Perineum BIOS305
- Human Anatomy of the Head & Neck BIOS329

OPTIONAL MODULES (CHOOSE ONE)

- Molecular, Clinical & Translational Cancer BIOS307
- Molecular Systems Biology BIOS309
- Translational Pharmacology BIOS313

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HOW YOU'LL LEARN

You'll learn through a balanced mix of lectures, workshops, seminars and tutorials as well as hands-on, practical sessions and workshops in our excellent teaching research laboratories and specialist Human Anatomy Resource Centre, working individually and in small groups.

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

Assessed work includes essays, presentations, group work, digital communications, qualitative and experimental reports and formal examinations with results from years two and three contributing to your final degree classification.

LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

Careers and employability

As a Life Sciences graduate from the University of Liverpool, you will have an excellent set of career options ahead of you.

Typical types of roles/routes our graduates have gone on include:

- Postgraduate study: (MBiolSci, MSc, MRes, MPhil or PhD)
- Public sector – research institutes, government departments, the National Health Service, forensic science and the Environment Agency.
- Commercial sectors – pharmaceutical, food, biotechnology, water and agriculture industries.
- Journalists and information/liaison officers – by developments in molecular biology and biotechnology.
- Teaching profession by taking a postgraduate qualification (PGCE).
- Routes to postgraduate Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.

Recent employers and sectors:

- Pharmaceutical sector: Eli-Lilly, AstraZeneca, Glaxo SmithKline, NHS, Red X Pharma;
- Tourism/Conservation sector: Blue Planet Aquarium, Chester Zoo, RSPCA;
- Government/Legal sector: Crown Prosecution Service, The Environment Agency, Public Health England, Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Security and International Development;
- Media/Entertainment Sector: BBC;
- Corporate and Utilities sector: United Utilities, Vodafone, Unilever.

4 IN 5 LIFE SCIENCES STUDENTS FIND THEIR MAIN ACTIVITY AFTER GRADUATION MEANINGFUL.

Graduate Outcomes, 2018-19.

Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

TUITION FEES

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)	
Full-time place, per year	£9,250
Year in industry fee	£1,850
Year abroad fee	£1,385

International fees	
Full-time place, per year	£27,200
Year abroad fee	£13,600

Fees shown are for the academic year 2024/25. Please note that the Year Abroad fee also applies to the Year in China.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

ADDITIONAL COSTS

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This includes the costs associated with placements or internships, and the optional field course in Uganda.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to provide tuition fee discounts and help with living expenses while at university.

Check out our [Liverpool Bursary](#), worth up to £2,000 per year for eligible UK students. Or for international students, our [Undergraduate Global Advancement Scholarship](#) offers a tuition fee discount of up to £5,000 for eligible international students starting an undergraduate degree from September 2024.

[Discover our full range of undergraduate scholarships and bursaries](#)

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Your qualification	Requirements About our typical entry requirements
A levels	<p>AAB including A level Biology at grade A.</p> <p>Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is ABB with A in the EPQ.</p> <p>You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme.</p> <p>If you don't meet the entry requirements, you may be able to complete a foundation year which would allow you to progress to this course.</p> <p>Available foundation years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological Sciences (with a Foundation Year) leading to BSc (Hons)
GCSE	4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics
Subject requirements	<p>Biology and a second science, preferably Chemistry, at A level</p> <p>Also accepted as a second science: Environmental Science, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Psychology, Geology and Applied Science.</p> <p>For applicants from England, where A levels in Biology, Chemistry or Physics have been taken, we will also require a pass in the Practical Endorsement</p>
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	<p>D*DD in Applied Science with a selection of preferred units in Biology and Chemistry, to include Distinction in Units 1 and 5 (Principles and Applications of Science I and II).</p> <p>For previous BTEC (QCF) qualification:</p> <p>D*DD in Applied Science with a selection of preferred units in Biology and Chemistry, with at least 120 Level 3 credits at</p>

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	Distinction. Please note alternative BTEC subjects are not acceptable for this programme.
BTEC Applied Science unit requirements	View the BTEC Applied Science unit requirements.
International Baccalaureate	34 including 6 in Higher Level Biology, and 5 in other HL subjects
Irish Leaving Certificate	H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H3 - including grades H1 and H2 in Higher Level Biology and Higher Level (second science) (any order).
Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher	Not accepted without Advanced Highers at grades AAB.
Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced	Accepted at grade B alongside A levels in Biology and one other science at AA
Access	45 Level 3 credits in graded units in a relevant Diploma, including 30 at Distinction and a further 15 with at least Merit. 15 Distinctions are required in each of Biology and Chemistry. GCSE Mathematics and English grade C/4 also required.
International qualifications	Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the University of Liverpool International College , means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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