

Biomedical Sciences BSc (Hons)

COURSE DETAILS

- A level requirements: [ABB](#)
- UCAS code: C130
- Study mode: Full-time
- Length: 3 years

KEY DATES

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

Course overview

This programme provides a broad-based education in biosciences related to medicine and medical research, and offers great flexibility of module choice so that you can tailor elements of your degree to your own particular interests.

INTRODUCTION

This degree will allow you to study from a broad range of modules from medically-relevant disciplines including Cellular and Systems Physiology, Cellular Basis of Health & Disease, and Genetics & Immunology. In addition, you can then tailor your Biomedical Sciences degree with a choice of modules from the Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Cancer biology, and Microbiology & Infection disciplines. You will also have the opportunity to specialise and carry out your own research project.

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 Biomedical Sciences.

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 the core biomedical sciences disciplines covering elements of both health and disease.
- Develop a range of practical laboratory and research skills commonly used in the Biomedical Sciences.
- Enhance your understanding of contemporary issues, ethical challenges, and professionalism in the sphere of the Biomedical Sciences.

- Become literate in finding, interpreting, evaluating and managing information
 - Communicate ideas effectively to a variety of audiences
 - Work independently and collaboratively
 - Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
 - Use lab equipment correctly and safely
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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 will commence your transition from learner to student. You'll start by gaining 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, and you will discover how to utilise quantitative skills and study techniques. This year allows you to start to see how the biosciences fit together, and importantly where the Biomedical Sciences fits in this awesome jigsaw.

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

Any optional modules listed above are illustrative only and may vary from year to year. Modules may be subject to minimum student numbers being achieved and staff availability. This means that the availability of specific optional modules cannot be guaranteed.

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 biomedical sciences. You will study in the disciplines of Physiology, Biochemistry, Immunology, and Genetics. In addition, you will start to tailor your degree with optional modules enabling you to follow your interest in Biochemistry, Cancer Biology, Microbiology & Infection, or Pharmacology.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Genetics, Microbiology & Infection BIOS201
- Intermediary Practical Research Skills for Life Sciences BIOS203
- The Cellular Basis of Health & Disease BIOS209
- Chemistry for Life Sciences BIOS215
- Cellular and Systems Physiology BIOS214
- Academic & professional skills tutorials BIOS205

OPTIONAL MODULES (CHOOSE ONE)

- Biomolecular / Biochemistry / Pharmacology Practical BIOS204

- Microbiology, Infection & Disease BIOS206

OPTIONAL MODULES (CHOOSE ONE)

- Metabolism BIOS212
- Drug Discovery & Development BIOS216
- Molecular Microbiology & Therapeutics BIOS218

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YEAR THREE

Year three will provide an unparalleled opportunity for you to learn at the cutting edge of biomedical sciences research and be taught by world-leading academics in the subjects of biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, physiology, and pharmacology. You will also have the opportunity to take a physical or virtual placement. Central to this year is the capstone 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 Biomedical Sciences BIOS310
- How do cells make decisions? BIOS331

OPTIONAL MODULES (CHOOSE TWO)

- Molecular, Clinical & Translational Cancer BIOS307
- Molecular Systems Biology BIOS309
- Translational Pharmacology BIOS313
- Genomics and Evolution of Microbes BIOS317

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HOW YOU'LL LEARN

You'll learn through a balanced mix of lectures, workshops, field work, seminars and tutorials as well as hands-on, practical laboratory sessions, 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 biosciences graduate from the University of Liverpool, you will have an excellent set of career options ahead of you. For those committed to a career as a professional scientist, higher degrees (M BiolSci, MSc, MRes, MPhil or PhD) at the University of Liverpool or elsewhere provide a flexible set of options for further study.

In the public sector, biosciences graduates are in demand in research institutes, government departments, the National Health Service, forensic science and the Environment Agency. Commercial sectors that actively recruit graduates from the biosciences include the pharmaceutical, food, biotechnology, water and agriculture industries.

There is also an increasing demand for life scientists to contribute to the public understanding of science as journalists and information/liaison officers, in view of the ethical and environmental issues that arise, for example, by developments in molecular biology and biotechnology.

A number of routes are available for graduates to enter the teaching profession one of which is taking a postgraduate qualification (PGCE). There are significant financial inducements provided to meet the current demand for science teachers. In addition to all of the opportunities for graduates in general, including careers outside of biology (such as management, accountancy and human resources), where the skills you have obtained in our degree programmes will be of considerable benefit. Our degree programmes are also popular

routes to postgraduate Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.

- Recent employers:
 - AstraZeneca
 - BBC
 - Blue Planet Aquarium
 - Chester Zoo
 - Crown Prosecution Service
 - Eli-Lilly
 - Glaxo SmithKline
 - Home Affairs, Security and International Development
 - United Utilities
 - RSPCA
 - NHS
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Unilever
 - Vodafone
 - Public Health England
 - Red X Pharma
 - Royal Society of Biology
 - The Environment Agency.

4 IN 5 BIOSCIENCES 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	£9,535
Year abroad fee	£1,385

International fees	
Full-time place, per year	£29,100
Year abroad fee	£14,550

The UK full-time tuition fee, international course fee and fee for the year abroad for international students shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. We are currently awaiting confirmation of whether the year abroad fee for UK students will change, so the fee shown is for 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 fees and funding](#).

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 that could help pay your tuition and living expenses.

We've set the country or region your qualifications are from as United Kingdom. [Change it here](#)

- **UNDERGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[If you're a high-achieving international student starting an undergraduate degree with us from September 2024, you could be eligible to receive a fee discount of up to £5,000. You'll need to achieve grades equivalent to AAA in A levels. Most of our undergraduate degrees are eligible, with the exception of clinical programmes in Medicine and Dental Surgery.](#)

- **THE LIVERPOOL BURSARY**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student joining an undergraduate degree and have a household income below £35,000, you could be eligible for a Liverpool Bursary worth up to £2,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

- **ASYLUM SEEKERS SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[Apply for an Asylum Seekers Scholarship and you could have your tuition fees paid in full and receive help with study costs. You'll need to have applied for asylum in the UK, or be the dependant of an asylum seeker, and be joining an eligible undergraduate degree.](#)

- **CARE LEAVERS' OPPORTUNITY BURSARY**

- [Home students](#)

[If you've spent 13 or more weeks in Local Authority care since age 14, you could be eligible for a bursary of £3,000 per year of study. You'll need to be a UK student joining an eligible undergraduate degree and be aged 28 or above on 1 September in the year you start.](#)

- **COWRIE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[Are you a UK student with a Black African or Caribbean heritage and a household income of £25,000 or less? You could be eligible to apply for a Cowrie Foundation Scholarship worth up to £8,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

- **ESTRANGED STUDENTS BURSARY**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student identified as estranged by Student Finance England \(or the equivalent UK funding body\), you could be eligible for a bursary of £1,000 for each year of undergraduate study.](#)

- **GENESYS LIFE SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP**

- Home students

Joining a School of Biosciences degree and have a household income of less than £25,000? If you're a UK student, you could apply to receive £4,500 per year for three years of your undergraduate course.

- **GRADUATE ASSOCIATION HONG KONG & TUNG UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- International students

- Hong Kong

If you're an undergraduate student from Hong Kong who can demonstrate academic excellence, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship worth £10,000 in partnership with the Tung Foundation.

- **KAPLAN DIGITAL PATHWAYS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- International students

Completed a Kaplan Digital Pathways Foundation Certificate? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of undergraduate study for a maximum of two high achieving students joining one of our non-clinical degrees from an online Kaplan Foundation Certificate.

- **NOLAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Home students

Do you live in the Liverpool City Region with a household income of £25,000 or less? Did neither of your parents attend University? You could be eligible to apply for a Nolan Scholarship worth £5,000 per year for three years of undergraduate study.

- **RIGBY ENTERPRISE AWARD**

- Home students

Are you a UK student with a household income of £25,000 or less? If you've participated in an eligible outreach programme, you could be eligible to apply for a Rigby Enterprise Award worth £5,000 per year for three years of your undergraduate degree.

- **ROLABOTIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- Home students

Are you a UK student with a household income of £25,000 or less? Did neither of your parents attend University? You could be eligible to apply for a ROLABOTIC Scholarship worth £4,500 for each year of your undergraduate degree.

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SPORT LIVERPOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

- [Home and international students](#)

[Apply to receive tailored training support to enhance your sporting performance. Our athlete support package includes a range of benefits, from bespoke strength and conditioning training to physiotherapy sessions and one-to-one nutritional advice.](#)

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TECHNETIX BROADHURST ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

- [Home students](#)

[Joining a degree in the School of Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Science? If you're a UK student with household income below £25,000, you could be eligible to apply for £5,000 a year for three years of study. Two awards will be available per academic year.](#)

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UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Foundation Certificate at University of Liverpool International College \(UoLIC\)? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of undergraduate study to some of the highest achieving students joining one of our non-clinical degrees from UoLIC.](#)

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UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE FIRST CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

- [International students](#)

[We're offering a £1,000 fee discount for years 2 and 3 of undergraduate study to eligible students progressing from University of Liverpool International College. You'll need to be studying a non-clinical subject and get an average of 70% or above in year 1 of your degree.](#)

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UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IMPACT PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS

- [International students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool International College student awarded a Kaplan Impact Scholarship, we'll also consider you for an Impact Progression Scholarship. If selected, you'll receive a £3,000 fee discount off the first year of your undergraduate degree.](#)

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YOUNG ADULT CARER'S (YAC) BURSARY

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a young adult and a registered carer in the UK, you might be eligible for a £1,000 bursary for each year of study. You'll need to be aged 18-25 on 1 September in the year you start your undergraduate degree.](#)

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>ABB</p> <p>Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is BBB 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 Chemistry at A level.</p> <p>For applicants from England: Where a science has been taken at A level (Chemistry, Biology or Physics), a pass in the Science practical of each subject will be required.</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 Distinction.</p>

Your qualification	Requirements About our typical entry requirements
	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	33 points including 6 in Higher Level Biology and 5 in Higher Level Chemistry.
Irish Leaving Certificate	H1, H2, H2, H2, H3, H3
Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher	Not accepted without Advanced Highers at grades ABB
Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced	Accepted at grade B as equivalent to a third non-science A level at grade B.
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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