

BSc (Hons) Environmental Science

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| Awarding institution | Bath Spa University |
| Teaching institution | Bath Spa University |
| School | School of Sciences |
| Department | Biology |
| Main campus | Newton Park |
| Other sites of delivery | Field sites as appropriate |
| Other Schools involved in delivery | None |
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| Name of award(s) | Environmental Science |
| Qualification (final award) | BSc (Hons) |
| Intermediate awards available | CertHE, DipHE |
| Routes available | Single Honours |
| Professional Placement Year | Optional |
| Duration of award | 3 years full-time (4 years with Professional Placement Year) 6 years part time |
| Modes of delivery offered | Campus-based |
| Regulatory Scheme ^[1] | Undergraduate Academic Framework |
| Exemptions from regulations/framework[2] | N/A |

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| Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body accreditation | N/A |
| Date of most recent PSRB approval (month and year) | N/A |
| Renewal of PSRB approval due (month and year) | N/A |
| UCAS code | F900 |
| Route code (SITS) | EVSPJ |
| Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark Statements (including date of publication) | Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies (March 2022) Biosciences (March 2023) |
| Date of most recent approval | June 2020 |
| Date specification last updated | January 2024 |

^[1] This should also be read in conjunction with the University's Qualifications Framework

[2] See section on 'Exemptions'

Exemptions

There are no exemptions

Programme Overview

Pollution, sea level rise, habitat destruction, flooding, loss of biodiversity, climate change ... arguably, there has never been a more pressing need to understand the environment and particularly the way humans affect it.

Building upon a thorough grounding in essential aspects of the subject in the first year, BSc (Hons) Environmental Science provides an excellent combination of the theory and practical application of important and topical aspects of Environmental Science. By appropriate mixing-and-matching of modules at all three years of the programme you can tailor-make a course that suits your own interests or career aspirations. Potential areas of specialisation include – but are not limited to – aquatic environments, ecological assessment, science communication, Earth systems, and environmental management. Such specialisation is accompanied by abundant opportunities to develop the practical aspects of the subject with laboratory and fieldwork on site and residential trips further afield.

During the course you will address real-life issues such as climate change, sustainability, conservation of biodiversity, environmental management, energy use, wastes management, environmental law, and protection and management of natural systems. Importantly, an Environmental Science education not only equips you for careers in the environmental sector, it also provides you with an excellent suite of skills that are highly prized by employers in many other areas of graduate employment.

In summary: The programme gives you the opportunity to acquire knowledge, understanding and practical skills of Environmental Science, together with the specialised skills related to one or more sub-areas of the subject, in ways that enhance your intellectual development and your career options, particularly those with an environmental focus.

Programme Aims

1. deliver a challenging, motivating and broad-based programme whereby you develop an informed understanding and awareness of the environment including knowledge of the relationships between concepts, evidence and practice
2. enable you to understand the major environmental factors that influence distribution in the biological world, govern processes and patterns of landform and physical evolution and interact with aspects of human organisation, society, and practices
3. deliver a programme in which you develop competence in intellectual and practical methodologies of environmental science, including collection, evaluation, analysis and interpretation of biological and geographic data/information along with appropriate verbal and written communication skills, and which enables you to focus on a specialised area of the subject via a required Dissertation
4. enable the acquisition of transferable and specialist skills, knowledge and experience in order to prepare you for employment in a wide range of contexts within environmental science or for postgraduate study
5. instil an enthusiasm for the subject and enhance your capacity to learn and to develop intellectual potential and critical analytical skills that will enable you to engage with life-long learning, be effective, contributing and adaptable members of society, and to appreciate the value of education
6. encourage you to think global and act local as effective, innovative and adaptable members of a global society
7. give you knowledge of contemporary developments in environmental science at local, national and international levels
8. improve your career opportunities by encouraging engagement with external organisations to include volunteer and placement work, both locally and internationally, and to instil professional codes of conduct and ethics

Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

A Subject-Specific Skills and Knowledge

| | Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) On Achieving Level 6 | On Achieving Level 5 | On Achieving Level 4 |
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| A1 | Systematic and conceptual understanding of key aspects of the discipline to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques, some of which are at the forefront of the discipline, and to describe and comment | Critical understanding of fundamental processes in the discipline and the relationship between physical, biological and human aspects of the environment. | Sound knowledge of fundamental processes in the discipline and the relationship between physical, biological and human aspects of the environment. |
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| | upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline. | | |
| A2 | Ability to design and undertake research to answer a clearly-defined question within the discipline, and present and interpret relevant scholarly reviews and primary sources, critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), and appreciate the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. | Critical understanding of research design and analysis, and interpret and present primary and secondary data. | Sound knowledge of need for research design and analysis, and interpretation and presentation of primary and secondary data. |
| A3 | Practise safe and effective research and scholarly enquiry in the discipline, having due regard to risk assessment, relevant health and safety regulations, rights of access, and paying due attention to the impact of investigations on the environment and interested parties. | Understanding of need to practise safe and effective analytical laboratory practice and fieldwork, having regard to risk assessment, relevant health and safety regulations, rights of access, and paying due attention to the impact of investigations on the environment and interested parties. | Sound knowledge of need to practise safe and effective analytical laboratory practice and fieldwork, having regard to risk assessment, relevant health and safety regulations, rights of access, and paying due attention to the impact of investigations on the environment and interested parties. |
| A4 | Apply methods and techniques learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply knowledge and understanding in the discipline. | Understanding of need to observe and record accurately in the laboratory, natural and built environments, including collecting and recording data using appropriate techniques. | Sound knowledge of need to observe and record accurately in the laboratory, natural and built environments, including collecting and recording data using appropriate techniques. |
| A5 | Identify and accurately deploy techniques of analysis to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution – or identify a range of solutions – to a problem in the discipline. | Understanding of fieldwork skills in species identification, sampling and recording techniques, and use a range of field equipment to interpret spatial data, use new technologies. | Sound knowledge of use of fieldwork skills in species identification, sampling and recording techniques, and use of a range of field equipment to interpret spatial data, use new technologies. |

B Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

| | Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) | On Achieving Level 5 | On Achieving Level 4 |
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| | On Achieving Level 6 | | |
| B1 | Ability to assemble, analyse, evaluate and synthesise information from a variety of sources, and critically analyse relevant literature. | Understanding of how to assemble, analyse, evaluate and synthesise information critically from a variety of sources, and critically analyse literature within the discipline. | Sound knowledge of need to assemble, analyse, evaluate and synthesise information from a variety of sources, and analyse literature within the discipline. |
| B2 | | | |

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| | Ability to plan and execute independent research. | Critical understanding of how to plan and execute independent research. | Sound knowledge of requirement to plan and execute independent research. |
| B3 | Ability to solve problems including collecting and integrating several lines of evidence to formulate and test hypotheses and models. | Critical understanding of how to solve problems including collecting and integrating several lines of evidence to formulate and test hypotheses and models. | Sound knowledge of necessity of solving problems including collecting and integrating several lines of evidence to formulate and test hypotheses and models. |
| B4 | Ability to use subject-specific theories, examples, concepts and principles, and apply knowledge and understanding to address familiar and unfamiliar problems, and be aware of ethical issues. | Sound understanding of necessity to recognise and use subject-specific theories, examples, concepts and principles, and apply knowledge and understanding to address familiar and unfamiliar problems, and be aware of ethical issues. | Sound knowledge of necessity to recognise and use subject-specific theories, examples, concepts and principles, and apply knowledge and understanding to address familiar and unfamiliar problems, and be aware of ethical issues. |

C Skills for Life and Work

| | Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) | On Achieving Level 5 | On Achieving Level 4 |
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| | On Achieving Level 6 | | |
| C1 | Autonomous learning[3] (including time management) that shows the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and enables decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts. | Autonomous learning (including time management) as would be necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making such that significant responsibility within organisations could be assumed. | Autonomous learning(including time management) as would be necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility. |
| C2 | Team working skills necessary to flourish in the global workplace with an ability both to work in and lead teams effectively. | Team work as would be necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making for effective work with others such that significant responsibility within organisations could be assumed. | Team work as would be necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility for effective work with others. |
| C3 | Communication skills that ensure information, ideas, problems and solutions are communicated effectively and clearly to both specialist and non-specialist audiences. | Communication skills commensurate with the effective communication of information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences in which key techniques of the discipline are deployed effectively. | Communication skills that demonstrate an ability to communicate outcomes accurately and reliably and with structured and coherent arguments. |
| C4 | IT skills and digital literacy that demonstrate core competences and are commensurate with an ability to work at the interface of creativity and new technologies. | IT skills and digital literacy that demonstrate the development of existing skills and the acquisition of new competences. | IT skills and digital literacy that provide a platform from which further training can be undertaken to enable development of new skills within a structured and managed environment. |

[3] i.e. the ability to review, direct and manage one's own workload

Programme content

This programme comprises the following modules

Key:

Core = C

Required = R

Required* = R*

Optional = O

Not available for this status = N/A

If a particular status is greyed out, it is not offered for this programme.

Subject offered as single and/or combined award

| Environmental Science | | | | Status | |
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| Level | Code | Title | Credits | Single | Joint |
| 4 | BIO4000-20 | Biological Techniques | 20 | C | |
| 4 | BIO4003-20 | Ecology and the Diversity of Life | 20 | C | |
| 4 | GEO4103-20 | Environmental Change | 20 | C | |
| 4 | GEO4000-20 | Environment, People and Place | 20 | C | |
| 4 | BIO4104-20 | Communicating Science | 20 | C | |
| 4 | GEO4101-20 | Sustainability in Life and Work | 20 | C | |
| 5 | BIO5108-20 | Conservation Ecology | 20 | C | |
| 5 | BIO5006-20 | Environmental Management | 20 | C | |
| 5 | BIO5009-20 | Research Skills for Environmental Science | 20 | C | |
| 5 | BIO5102-20 | Biology Work Placement | 20 | O | |
| 5 | BIO5109-20 | Microbiology Applications and Biotech | 20 | O | |
| 5 | GEO5103-20 | Geomorphology and Environmental Hazards | 20 | O | |
| 5 | GEO5104-20 | Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development | 20 | O | |
| 5 | GEO5004-20 | Climate and Society | 20 | O | |
| 5 | GEO5005-20 | Geotechnologies for Society and Environment | 20 | O | |
| 5 | EDU5103-20 | Environment and Education | 20 | O | |

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| 5 | PPY5100-120 | Professional Placement Year | 120 | O | |
| 6 | BIO6000-20 | Dissertation Planning | 20 | R* | |
| 6 | BIO6001-20 | Dissertation Publication | 20 | R* | |
| 6 | GEO6000-40 | Geography Dissertation | 40 | R* | |
| 6 | BIO6103-20 | Animal Behaviour | 20 | O | |
| 6 | BIO6104-20 | Plants and People | 20 | O | |
| 6 | BIO6002-20 | Environmental Practice | 20 | C | |
| 6 | BIO6102-20 | Wildlife Photography | 20 | O | |
| 6 | BIO6111-20 | Marine Biology and Conservation | 20 | O | |
| 6 | BMA6105-20 | Managing Sustainability | 20 | O | |
| 6 | GEO6104-20 | Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, culture and environment | 20 | O | |
| 6 | GEO6101-20 | Disaster Risk Reduction | 20 | O | |
| 6 | GEO6105-20 | Coastal and River Management | 20 | O | |

At Level 6 students must take either Dissertation Planning AND Dissertation Publication, OR Geography Dissertation 1. It is not permissible to mix the two.

Assessment methods

A range of summative assessment tasks will be used to test the Intended Learning Outcomes in each module. These are indicated in the attached assessment map that shows which tasks are used in which modules.

Students will be supported in their development towards summative assessment by appropriate formative exercises.

Please note: if you choose an optional module from outside this programme, you may be required to undertake a summative assessment task that does not appear in the assessment grid here in order to pass that module.

Work experience and placement opportunities

Environmental Science students are not required to undertake formal placements or work experience or placements as part of their course programme. However, we recognise the value of such experience to career development, and increasingly our students are keen to take this option.

The principal opportunity to undertake a placement experience related to your course in the 3-year programme is provided by the Biology Work Placement module in your second year. Staff will be able to help you with this through the industry and community contacts we have. The value of this experience is widely recognised by students and this module is the most popular optional module at Level 5.

At level 6, the optional 20-credit Environmental Practice also allows you to undertake work to a brief developed with an external organisation /industry, e.g. project work with [B&NES](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/) [http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/], [Kier MG](http://www.kier.co.uk/) [http://www.kier.co.uk/], [Bristol Avon Rivers Trust](http://www.bristol-avon-rivers-trust.org.uk/) [http://www.bristol-avon-rivers-trust.org.uk/]

[w.bristolavonrivertrust.org/](http://www.bristolavonrivertrust.org/)], and [Somerset Wildlife Trust \[http://www.somersetwildlife.org/\]](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/)/ [Small Bros Farmers \[http://www.warrenfarmsomerset.com/\]](http://www.warrenfarmsomerset.com/).

At level 6, it is not uncommon for dissertations to be undertaken in collaboration with external organisations (e.g. lemur behaviour research in Madagascar with [OpWall \[http://opwall.com/\]](http://opwall.com/)) and/or practitioners to contribute to student dissertations. All of these opportunities can make great additions to your CV and enable you to network with people and organisations allied to your career ambitions.

This programme can also be taken as a 'Sandwich' degree, which is studied over 4 years and includes a year-long work placement in a sector of your choice. The placement year is completed between years 2 and 3 of your degree and counts for 120 Level 5 credits. During this time you will be able to utilise knowledge gained as part of your studies in a real work environment to gain 'hands on' experience. The University has a dedicated Careers & Employability team to help you find and prepare for a placement. Following your placement year, you will return to University to complete your final year of study.

The establishment of a sandwich year in the Environmental Science programme contributes to the realisation of the University's strategic plan. It strengthens the provision in that a year-long placement will help you to build networks and give you the opportunity to meet and work with potential employers after graduation. In addition it will enable you to put into practice theory learnt from your first two years of study. The organisation of time and work that you will need to invest in a work placement will prepare you for their demands of the final year of the programme. For those taking the 4-year programme, the year out in professional practice provides an unparalleled opportunity to fully engage with a relevant career option as part of the course.

In addition to any work placements, all Environmental Science students have the opportunity to participate in Exchange programmes. These allow you to spend one semester studying abroad in either a European University or in one of our partner institutions further afield.

Students are also regularly invited to help external consultants with such activities as bat surveys and Great Crested Newt monitoring on site at the Newton Park campus. All of these opportunities help to enhance your CV and extend the range of practical activities – and acquisition of skills – beyond the taught curriculum.

Additional Costs Table

| Module Code & Title | Type of Cost | Cost |
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| BIO5108-20 Conservation Ecology | Contribution towards a residential field trip | Approx. £100 |
| GEO5104-20 Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development | Contribution towards a residential international field trip of 8-9 days | Approx. £750-£1100 |
| EDU5103-20 Environment and Education | This module includes the option to enroll onto an additional course: DBS required; transport costs; payment of accredited course fees | Approx. £200 |
| GEO6000-40 Geography Dissertation | Determined by the activity proposed by the student | |
| BIO6111-20 Marine Biology and Conservation | Contribution towards a residential field trip | Approx. £100-£150 |
| GEO6104-20 Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, Culture and Environment | Contribution towards a residential international fieldtrip of 5-7 days | Approx. £450-£800 |

Graduate Attributes

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| | Bath Spa Graduates will be: | In Environmental Science, we enable this by: |
| 1 | employable: equipped with the skills necessary to flourish in the global workplace, able to work in and lead teams | requiring our students to work collaboratively from Level 4 onwards, supporting their development of excellent communication skills, and providing opportunities for them to work in or with relevant partner organisations. The intellectual skills developed through research, analysis and presentation are valued by employers, and are integral to the course |
| 2 | able to understand and manage complexity, diversity and change | introducing our students to topical issues in the subject – e.g. climate change – with its challenges of analysis and interpretation |
| 3 | creative: able to innovate and to solve problems by working across disciplines as professional or artistic practitioners | enabling our students to enjoy Environmental Science as a science, which is therefore an inherently creative discipline, and by providing opportunities for them to explore presentation of material in creative ways, including through working with others |
| 4 | digitally literate: able to work at the interface of creativity and technology | emphasising the appropriate and effective use of digital resources throughout the course and the importance of communicating information via digital or on-line media |
| 5 | internationally networked: either by studying abroad for part of the their programme, or studying alongside students from overseas | encouraging our students to take up opportunities to study abroad E.g. BSU's Global Citizenship Award), and by using our internationally-relevant curriculum to build the confidence to do so |
| 6 | creative thinkers, doers and makers | giving students opportunities to think creatively and imaginatively in their interpretation and presentation of scientific information |
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| 7 | critical thinkers: able to express their ideas in written and oral form, and possessing information literacy | enthusing our students by example to be the best environmental scientists they can, and giving them encouragement to think creatively and imaginatively in their interpretation and presentation of scientific information, orally and in writing |
| 8 | ethically aware: prepared for citizenship in a local, national and global context | reinforcing the view that Environmental Science as a subject with an important ethical dimensions, both in its subject matter and its methodology |

Modifications

Module-level modifications

| Code | Title | Nature of modification | Date(s) of approval and approving bodies | Date modification comes into effect |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SOC60 00-20 | Sociology Dissertation 1 | Change to module status | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| GEO41 01-20 | Sustainability in Life and Work | Change to module status | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| BIO410 4-20 | Communicating Science | Change to module status | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| EDU51 03-20 | Environment and Education | Change to module status | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| BIO610 5-20 | Marine Biology | Module deleted | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| GEO60 06-20 | Environmental Change | Module deleted | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| GEO50 03-20 | River and Coastal Systems | Module deleted | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |

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| GEO60 04-20 | Climatology | Module deleted | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| GEO51 00-20 | Hazards, Vulnerability and Resilience | Module deleted | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2019/20 |
| GEO60 05-20 | River Management | New module | 03 April 2019, CoLA Learning, Teaching Quality Subcommittee | 2020/21 |
| BIO410 4-20 | Communicating Science | Change to module status | Curriculum Committee (fixed Level 4 project) June 2020 | 2021/22 |
| GEO41 04-20 | Sustainability in Life and Work | Change to module status | Curriculum Committee (fixed Level 4 project) June 2020 | 2020/21 |
| BIO510 2-20 | Biology Work Placement | Change to assessment | Approved via Chair's action 01/12/2020 | 2021/22 |
| GEO50 05-20 | Geotechnologies for Society and Environment | Change to module status | Approved via Chair's action 01/12/2020 | 2021/22 |
| BIO500 3-20 | Ecology and Biodiversity | Assessment change | Approved via Chair's action 01/12/2020 | 2021/2022 |
| GEO61 03-20 | Geographical Fieldwork (L6 variant) | New module | Approved via Chair's action 21/12/2020 | 2021/2022 |
| BMA61 05-20 | Managing Sustainability | New module | Approved via Chair's action 06/12/2021 | 2022/2023 |

Programme-level modifications

| Nature of modification | Date(s) of approval and approving bodies | Date modification comes into effect |
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| GEO4001-20 Geographical Skills replaced with GEO4103-20 Environmental Change | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| BIO5003-20 Ecology and Biodiversity replaced with BIO5108-20 Conservation Ecology | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| BO5004-20 Applied Microbiology replaced with BIO5109-20 Microbial Applications and Biotech | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| GEO5101-20 Geographical Fieldwork replaced with GEO5104-20 Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| PSY5110-20 Environmental Psychology and Sustainability deleted | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| BIO6111-20 Marine Biology and Conservation added as an Optional module | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |

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| GEO6100-20 Advanced Geographical Fieldwork replaced with GEO6104-20 Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, culture and environment | | |
| GEO6103-20 Geographical Fieldwork (L6 variant) deleted | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |
| GEO6005-02 River Management replaced with GEO6105-20 Coastal and River Management | Curriculum Approval Panel December 2023 | 2024/25 |

Attached as appendices:

1. Programme structure diagram
2. Map of module outcomes to level/programme outcomes
3. Assessment map
4. Module descriptors

Appendix 1: Programme Structure Diagram - BSc (Hons) Environmental Science

| Single Honours | |
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| Level 4 | |
| Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
| Core Modules | |
| BIO4000-20 Biological Techniques GEO4000-20 Environment, People and Place BIO4104-20 Communicating Science | BIO4003-20 Ecology and the Diversity of Life GEO4103-20 Environmental Change GEO4101-20 Sustainability in Life and Work |
| Rule Notes: N/A | |
| Level 5 | |
| Core Modules | |
| BIO5108-20 Conservation Ecology BIO5009-20 Research Skills for Environmental Science | BIO5006-20 Environmental Management |
| Optional Modules | |
| BIO5102-20 Biology Work Placement | BIO5102-20 Biology Work Placement |

| Single Honours | |
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| BIO5109-20 Microbiology Applications and Biotech GEO5103-20 Geomorphology and Environmental Hazards GEO5005-20 Geotechnologies for Society and Environment | GEO5104-20 Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development GEO5004-20 Climate and Society EDU5103-20 Environment and Education |
| Rule Notes: N/A | |
| Optional Professional Placement Year 120 credits | |
| Level 6 | |
| Required* Modules | |
| BIO6000-20 Dissertation Planning GEO6000-40 Geography Dissertation (year-long) | BIO6001-20 Dissertation Publication GEO6000-40 Geography Dissertation (year-long) |
| Optional Modules | |
| BIO6104-20 Plants and People BIO6002-20 Environmental Practice BIO6102-20 Wildlife Photography GEO6104-20 Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, culture and environment GEO6101-20 Disaster Risk Reduction BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability | BIO6103-20 Animal Behaviour BIO6111-20 Marine Biology and Conservation GEO6105-20 Coastal and River Management |
| Rule Notes: At Level 6 students must take either BOTH Dissertation Planning AND Dissertation Publication, OR Geography Dissertation. | |

Appendix 2: Map of Intended Learning Outcomes

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Status (C,R,R*, O) ^[4] | Intended Learning Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| | | | | Subject-specific Skills and Knowledge | | | | | Cognitive and Intellectual Skills | | | | Skills for Life and Work | | | |
| | | | | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | A5 | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 |
| 4 | BIO4000-20 | Biological Techniques | C | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X |
| 4 | BIO4003-20 | Ecology and the Diversity of Life | C | X | X | x | X | x | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| 4 | GEO4103-20 | Environmental Change | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 4 | | Environment, People and Place | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | X |

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| | GEO4000-20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | BIO4104-20 | Communicating Science | C | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | | | | X | | |
| 4 | GEO4101-20 | Sustainability in Life and Work | C | | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | X |
| 5 | BIO5108-20 | Conservation Ecology | C | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | | | X | X | X |
| 5 | BIO5006-20 | Environmental Management | C | X | | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 5 | BIO5009-20 | Research Skills for Environmental Science | C | | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 5 | BIO5109-20 | Microbiology Applications and Biotech | C | | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | | | | X | |
| 5 | BIO5102-20 | Biology Work Placement | O | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 5 | GEO5103-20 | Geomorphology and Environmental Hazards | O | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X | | | | X | X |
| 5 | GEO5005-20 | Geotechnologies for Society and Environment | O | X | | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 5 | GEO5104-20 | Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development | O | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 5 | GEO5004-20 | Climate and Society | O | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 5 | EDU5103-20 | Environment and Education | O | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | X |
| 5 | PPY5100-120 | Professional Placement Year | O | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6000-20 | Dissertation Planning | R* | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6001-20 | Dissertation Publication | R* | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | GEO6000-40 | Geography Dissertation | R* | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6103-20 | Animal Behaviour | O | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6104-20 | Plants and People | O | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6002-20 | Environmental Practice | C | X | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6102-20 | Wildlife Photography | O | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BIO6111-20 | Marine Biology and Conservation | O | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| 6 | GEO6101-20 | Disaster Risk Reduction | O | X | | X | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | GEO6105-20 | Coastal and River Management | O | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | GEO6104-20 | Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, culture and environment | O | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 6 | BMA6105-20 | Managing Sustainability | O | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X |

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Appendix 3: Map of Summative Assessment Tasks by Module

| Module Title | Assessment method |
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| L Module Code el | | Status (C,R, R*,O) [5] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | Coursework | | | | | Practical | | | | | | | Written Examination | | | |
| | | | Dis ser tati on | E s s ay | Project Report or Briefing paper | (Reflectiv e) Log or Notebook | R e v i e w | P r o j e c t | Practical Report or Scientific Paper | Prod uctio n blog | Oral or Poster Presenta tion | Stand - alone poster | P o s t e r o l i o | Website Photograph ic/ Film piece | Fiel d Re port | Rese arch Propo sal | Writte n Exami nation | In- class test (u nseen) |
| 4 | GE O40 00- 20 | Environment, People & Place | C | 1x | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2x | |
| 4 | GE O41 03- 20 | Environmental Change | C | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | BIO 400 0- 20 | Biological Techniques | C | | | | | 1x | | | | | | | | 1x | | |
| 4 | BIO 400 3- 20 | Ecology and the Diversity of Life | C | | | | | 1x | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | BIO 410 4- 20 | Communicating Science | C | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | GE O41 01- 20 | Sustainability in Life and Work | C | | | | | | | 1x | | | | | | | 2x | |
| 5 | BIO 510 8- 20 | Ecology Conservation | C | | | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | |
| 5 | BIO 500 6- 20 | Environmental Management | C | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | BIO 500 9- 20 | Research Skills for Environmental Science | C | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | BIO 510 9- 20 | Microbial Applications and Biotech | O | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | GE O50 05- 20 | Geotechnologies for Society and Environment | O | | 1x | | | 1x | | | | | | | | | 1x | |
| 5 | BIO 510 2- 20 | Biology Work Placement | O | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | GE O50 04- 20 | Climate and Society | O | | | | | | | 1x | | | | | | 1x | | |
| 5 | GE O51 03- 20 | Geomorphology and Environmental Hazards | O | | | | | | | 1x | | | | | | 1x | | |
| 5 | GE O51 04- 20 | Geographical Fieldwork: Hazards, disasters and sustainable development | O | | | | | | | 1x | | | 1x | | | | | |
| 5 | ED U51 03- 20 | Environment and Education | O | | | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | | | | | |

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| 5 | PP Y51 00- 120 | Professional Placement Year | O | | | | | 1x | | | | 1x | | | | |
| 6 | BIO 600 0- 20 | Dissertation Planning | R* | | | | | 1x | 1x | | | | | | | |
| 6 | BIO 600 1- 20 | Dissertation Publication | R* | | | | | | | | | 1x | | | | |
| 6 | GE O60 00- 40 | Geography Dissertation | R* | 1x | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | BIO 610 3- 20 | Animal Behaviour | O | | | | | 1x | | | | | | | 1x | |
| 6 | BIO 610 4- 20 | Plants and People | O | | | | | 1x | | | | 1x | | | | |
| 6 | BIO 600 2- 20 | Environmental Practice | C | | 1x | | | | | | | 1x | | | | |
| 6 | BIO 610 2- 20 | Wildlife Photography | O | | | | | | | 1x | | | 1x | | | |
| 6 | BIO 611 1- 20 | Marine Biology & Conservation | O | | | | | | | | | 1x | | 1x | | |
| 6 | GE O61 01- 20 | Disaster Risk Reduction | O | | 1x | | | | 1x | | | | | | | |
| 6 | GE O61 05- 20 | Coastal and River Management | O | | 1x | | | | | | | | | | | 1x |
| 6 | GE O61 04- 20 | Advanced Geographical Fieldwork: Society, culture and environment | O | 1x | | | | | | | | 1x | | | | |
| 6 | BM A61 05- 20 | Managing Sustainability | O | | 1x | 1x | | | | | | | | | | |

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