

Programme changes for 2021/2

This document summarises changes in programme structures (the modules that will be taught) and assessment.

Department / School	Biology
Programme(s)	<p> BSc (Hons) Biology BSc (Hons) Biotechnology and Microbiology BSc (Hons) Ecology BSc (Hons) Genetics BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences BSc (Hons) Biochemistry BSc (Hons) Molecular Cell Biology MBiol (Hons) Biology MBiol Biotechnology and Microbiology MBiol (Hons) Ecology MBiol (Hons) Genetics MBiol (Hons) Molecular Cell Biology MBiol (Hons) Biomedical Sciences MBiol (Hons) Biochemistry BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences specialising in Biology BSc (Hons) Biophysical Science BSc (Hons) Mathematical Bioscience BSc (Hons) Neuroscience MSci (Hons) Natural Sciences specialising in Biology MSci (Hons) Mathematical Bioscience MSci (Hons) Biophysical Science MSci (Hons) Neuroscience </p> <p>This document also covers any Year Away options (Year in Industry, Year in Europe and Placement Year) for the above programmes.</p>

Summary of Changes

We are planning to deliver a full complement of practicals. However, if social distancing restrictions reduce our teaching laboratory capacity, we will need to timetable more practical sessions than usual, which might restrict the range of practicals we can offer. If this is the case we will continue to train students in core practical skills necessary for the next stage of their degree and schedule the more specialist subject module practicals

where possible. For practicals that cannot be conducted in laboratories, we will offer online versions of practicals, supported by instructional videos, and model datasets for analysis.

For modules that run throughout the year from the Autumn to the Summer term (the majority of our modules in the first year), we are committing to replace closed module exams with 24 hour online openbook exams. Modules that start in the Spring term might be assessed by a closed exam in the Summer and all assessment plans will be available at the start of the module.