Search out what inspires you
WE OFFER YOU A WARM WELCOME AT THE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

WARWICK IS RANKED 8TH IN THE UK

The Guardian 2021 league tables
We pride ourselves on excellent teaching, delivered by inspiring teachers and world leading academic researchers.

We are proud that all our courses are accredited by the Royal Society of Biology, the leading professional body for Biological Sciences in the United Kingdom.

Through our teaching and your learning you will be introduced to key academic principles and techniques that enable the fantastic diversity of life on our planet to be understood. Our modules range from subcellular to the population, from experimental chemistry to theoretical modelling, physiology, disease and the environment. You will learn in a variety of settings; tutorials, lectures, workshops, practicals and private study. Our degrees are flexible and enable you to tailor your choices to your interests.

We develop your future potential from the start of your degree through your academic development and through development of key personal skills that provide the basis for employment in a wide range of sectors. Personal and senior tutors will support you throughout your time with us.

Warwick provides excellent facilities to enable you to make the most of your time here. Our Students’ Union offers over 250 student societies and our campus sports facilities cater for both team and individual activities.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Days soon.

Lorenzo Frigerio
Head of School

“I’ve found all the lecturers are really open to having discussions about their research and things I’m interested in. The lectures are really interactive and engaging.”

James Lythall, Biomedical Science
HOW DO WE ENSURE YOUR SUCCESS?

Explore new ground, satisfy your curiosity and develop career goals in an inclusive and stimulating learning environment.

Senior Tutors
Our Director of Wellbeing and Senior Tutors work in a team with Personal Tutors to ensure your welfare while you study with us. We work in collaboration with central support services to ensure a high level of welfare support.

BioCafe
Run by students for students, BioCafe offers weekly peer-support sessions covering writing lab reports to revision techniques.

Science 101
Science 101 is a skills-based module for Year 1 students to help you transition from school to university study. It provides you with the key skills required to enable you to develop as an independent learner.

Quantitative Biology Centre (QuBiC)
All Life Sciences degrees require good quantitative skills. To develop the necessary mathematical and statistical skills, the School runs QuBiC, a daily drop-in service to support you with the quantitative content of your degree.

Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC)
The Student Staff Liaison Committee is made up of student representatives from all undergraduate courses and members of staff. The committee provides a space for students to discuss anything related to teaching, learning and student support. The SSLC is one of the ways in which students can get involved in the running of the School.

“The SSLC have done a great job in making sure that our views are being heard”
Lindo Nyathi, Biomedical Science

BioSoc – the University’s Biology Society
A student run society open to all years helping everyone to make the most of their time as a Life Sciences student. Attending BioSoc social events is a great way to meet new people on your course.

BioMed Grid
To support your study, you have full access to the BioMed Grid based on Gibbet Hill Campus. This is a learning environment for biologists, with text books, careers information, video editing, SMART boards, plasma screens and presentation rooms.

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“The BioMed Grid is a great space for working alone and collaborating with other students. Having a ‘mini library’ close to where I study is great.”
Oliver Holman, Biological Sciences
Placements Year in Industry
We offer support and guidance to help you gain valuable work experience across a range of jobs.

“The placement year was by far and away the most valuable experience. It provided a framework to allow me to have a year’s work in a field I would have found very challenging to get into otherwise.”

Tara Harding, Biochemistry with Placement Year

Study Abroad
Expand your options by applying to study abroad in partner institutions across the world.

Support for Further Study and Medical School Application
We offer a successful support programme for applications to further study and graduate entry medicine.
WHAT ARE MY CAREER PROSPECTS?

Search out what inspires and excites you, explore your capabilities and as a graduate you will be highly employable.

Our Royal Society of Biology accredited degrees with their high academic content have a strong reputation with employers. We work with students from the outset to develop the skills demanded by today’s employers and develop skills for life.

The Careers Team within Student Opportunity offers a number of programmes and sessions to assist your personal development. In addition, the School’s dedicated senior careers consultant and placements officer, provide one-to-one appointments, run career-focused workshops and network events with past students and relevant employers to support your employability journey.

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What can I do with a Degree in Life Sciences?

Our graduates have careers in a wide range of sectors including:

**Biology related**
- Academic research
- Industrial research
- Medicine
- Scientific Publishing
- Public Health
- Teaching
- Wildlife Conservation.

**Non-biology related**
- Business and Marketing
- Accountancy and Finance
- Law
- Computing
- Media
- Civil Service.

Many of our students go on to postgraduate study, gaining a Masters or PhD or entry into graduate medical school.

**Employer destinations include:**

**Biology related**
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Springer Nature
- NHS
- AstraZeneca
- RAGT Seeds
- Severn Trent Water.

**Non-biology related**
- Brainlabs Digital Advertising Agency
- KPMG
- Lloyds Bank
- Mantlepiece PR
- HMRC.

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83%

OF MBIO STUDENTS GRADUATED WITH A FIRST CLASS DEGREE IN 2019

3rd

MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY THE UK’S TOP 100 GRADUATE EMPLOYERS

The Graduate Market in 2020, High Fliers Research Ltd.
“The careers support I received at Warwick was invaluable. The team helped me to secure a placement year working within an NHS IVF unit. In doing this, I knew my ultimate goal was to obtain a place on the highly competitive NHS scientist training program. Thanks to the department, I am now on my way to becoming a fully qualified embryologist and helping people across the UK to start their families.”

Eleanor Gay, Biomedical Science with Placement Year

86% OF ALL LIFE SCIENCES GRADUATES WERE IN GRADUATE LEVEL WORK OR STUDY SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DHLE) Survey 2016/17
HOW WILL I LEARN?

Benefit from a high number of contact hours with the School’s research active academic staff and close supervision throughout your course in an environment that will support and challenge you.

You will learn through a combination of tutorials, lectures, laboratory work, and independent and group research.

**Tutorials**
You will have weekly (Year 1) or biweekly (Years 2 and 3) taught tutorials primarily with your personal tutor. These sessions, in groups of around six students, ensure that you are able to develop, engage and receive regular feedback on your work. In tutorials, you will complete a range of assignments including problem sets, essays, question and answer sessions and formal presentations. This regular contact with your personal tutor throughout your course provides one-to-one support for your academic work and career development.

**Laboratories & Learning Suite**
You will have a significant quantity of laboratory time, providing you with the opportunity to develop your laboratory skills. Labs follow on from the lectures to further improve your understanding of the application of scientific theory into practice.

Learning in our interactive suite of 120 iMac computers gives you the opportunity to develop a high standard of bioinformatics and computational skills, essential for modern biology.

**Assessment**
You will be assessed in a variety of ways. Students submit course work in the form of multiple choice tests, essays and poster presentations. Each lab ends with the writing up of an assessed laboratory report, or in-lab assessment.

“*The best part of my course is definitely the labs. Helpful and friendly staff and really interesting topics keep me going.*”

Sanjna Gupta, Biomedical Science
I have gained experience with a variety of laboratory techniques during my degree, especially during my MBio year where I completed an extensive research project. My MBio degree has definitely helped me to gain employment.”

Bethany Bowers, MBio Biochemistry

Our degree courses are designed to provide choice and flexibility.

We recognise that your interest in particular aspects of biology will develop as you learn. A core syllabus is offered in the first year for all degree courses providing the essential foundations in biology and biochemistry. The same content means that it is often possible to transfer between the different degrees at the end of the first year.

Our second year has just been extensively re-developed as part of an ongoing curriculum review which is now focused on enhancing our third year programme.

All our degrees offer a placement year option of either a year’s work experience or a year’s study abroad and our in-house Placement Officer offers support throughout the process.

Our degrees are all accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) and our MBio degrees hold advanced accreditation. RSB accredited degrees undergo rigorous, independent assessment to ensure a solid academic foundation in biological knowledge and key skills that prepare graduates to address the needs of employers.

We also contribute to Global Sustainable Development (C1L8), a degree unique to the University of Warwick, and Integrated Science (CF10).
Biological Sciences

BSc (C100), BSc with Placement Year (C101):
MBio (C1A1), MBio with Industrial Placement (C1A5)

The course spans the entire scale of biological systems – from molecules to ecosystems. The exceptionally wide range of options within years 2 and 3 of the Biological Sciences degree allows you to choose the modules that are best suited to your interests and career ambitions.

It offers broad exposure to cutting-edge research in molecular, cellular and whole organism biology, while covering applications of science to major global challenges such as environmental management, food security, biotechnology and human health.

Year 1 Modules:
- Molecules, Cells and Organisms
- Animal and Plant Biology
- Agents of Infectious Disease
- Physiology and Metabolism
- Environmental Biology
- Quantitative Skills for Biology.

(Chemistry for Biologists is compulsory for entrants without A2 level Chemistry)

Year 2 Modules:
- Molecular Cell Biology
- Plant Molecular Development
- Genetics and Genomics
- Ecology Principles & Processes
- Biological Oceanography
- Evolution.

Year 3 Modules:
- Research Project
- Dynamics of Biological Systems.

Plus options such as:
- Advanced Immunology
- Protein Targeting
- Oncology
- Biological Clocks
- Integrative Neuroscience
- Exploiting Innovation in Biology
- Environmental Science and Management
- Principles of Development
- Bioenergy and Biorefining
- Extreme Environment Biology
- Synthetic Biology
- One World Health and Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Bacteria: Genes to Behaviour
- Science Communication
- Introduction to Secondary Teaching in Biology
- Interdisciplinary and Business modules.

Year 4 Modules (for MBio students):
Extended Research Project and Research Skills (training in advanced laboratory techniques, data handling and statistical analyses, critical analysis of the literature and designing research proposals).

“This is a very broad course that offers the chance to explore multiple aspects of Life Sciences; to find the area you like best and introduce you to things you’d not thought to explore.”

Adam Pickles, Biological Sciences
Biochemistry

BSc (C700), BSc with Placement Year (C701): 
MBio (C1A2), MBio with Industrial Placement (C1A6)

Following an in-depth foundation in biochemistry, the course broadens out to allow you to focus on more specialist fields. These include biophysical chemistry, which covers biological macromolecules at the atomic level, and understanding the genome and gene regulation. By the third year, optional modules provide you with the opportunity to pursue areas that you find particularly interesting.

You will graduate with a solid background in the biochemical and structural basis of molecular, cellular and developmental processes in a variety of organisms ranging from bacteria to animals.

**Year 1 Modules :**
- Molecules, Cells and Organisms
- Agents of Infectious Disease
- Physiology and Metabolism
- Physical Chemistry
- Quantitative Skills for Biology
- Organic Chemistry.

**Year 2 Modules :**
- Molecular Cell Biology
- Enzymology
- Tools for Biochemical Discovery
- Protein Structure & Function
- Neuropharmacology
- Molecular Endocrinology.

**Plus options such as :**
- Neurobiology
- Immunology
- Evolution
- Ecology and its Applications
- Genetics and Genomics
- Microbial Pathogens.

**Year 3 Modules :**
- Research Project
- Protein Targeting
- Structural Molecular Biology
- Dynamics of Biological Systems.

**Plus options such as :**
- Advanced Immunology
- Oncology
- Principles of Development
- Integrative Neuroscience
- Biological Clocks
- Bioenergy and Biorefining
- Extreme Environment Biology
- Synthetic Biology
- Science Communication
- Introduction to Secondary Teaching in Biology
- Interdisciplinary and Business Modules.

**Year 4 Modules (for MBio students) :**
Extended Research Project and Research Skills (training in advanced laboratory techniques, data handling and statistical analyses, critical analysis of the literature and designing research proposals).

“I chose Biochemistry because I felt like it allowed me to explore biology from a more analytical and specific perspective which would lead to critical skills that I know employers look for after graduation.”

Christiana Liu, Biochemistry with Placement Year

FOR OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION IN THE NSS
National Student Survey 2020

THE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES RECEIVED A SCORE OF 91% FOR OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION IN THE NSS

Undergraduate Programmes 2021
Biomedical Science

**BSc (B900), BSc with Placement Year (CB19):**

**MBio (C1A3), MBio with Industrial Placement (C1A7)**

The application of new biological concepts in medicine is an ever-growing and exciting process. Developments in molecular, genetic and cellular biology research continue to drive progress in areas ranging from vaccine development to neurodegenerative disease. Drawing on a spectrum of modules, you will come to understand the nature and extent of human and animal disease, both locally and globally.

**Year 1 Modules:**
- Molecules, Cells and Organisms
- Agents of Infectious Disease
- Physiology and Metabolism
- Quantitative Skills for Biology.

Plus at least one module typically from:
- Animal Anatomy and Histology
- Health and Community
- Environmental Biology.

(Chemistry for Biologists is compulsory for entrants without A2 level Chemistry)

**Year 2 Modules:**
- Blood & Circulation
- Molecular Cell Biology
- Epidemiology & Public Health
- Virology
- Immunology
- Microbial Pathogens.

**Year 3 Modules:**
- Research Project
- Modern Approaches to Human Disease
- One World Health and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**Plus options such as:**
- Advanced Immunology
- Protein Targeting
- Oncology
- Integrative Neuroscience
- Biological Clocks
- Dynamics of Biological Systems
- Synthetic Biology
- Principles of Development
- Extreme Environment Biology

**Year 4 Modules (for MBio students):**
- Extended Research Project and Research Skills (training in advanced laboratory techniques, data handling and statistical analyses, critical analysis of the literature and designing research proposals).

"I enjoyed my third year as I had so many options to choose from in terms of modules. I felt like I was free to express my interests and I liked how the department put on “chill time” sessions during exam season.”

Lindo Nyathi, Biomedical Science
Neuroscience encompasses the study of the brain and nervous system in health and disease. It is an enormous field spanning genomic, molecular, cellular, network and behavioural levels. Neuroscience is a truly multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional endeavour.

Modules span human brain health and wellbeing, including recent advances in psychiatric conditions, and a neuroscience focused laboratory programme is offered.

### Year 1 Modules:
- Molecules, Cells and Organisms
- Agents of Infectious Disease
- Physiology and Metabolism
- Quantitative Skills for Biology.

Plus at least one module typically from:
- Animal Anatomy and Histology
- Health and Community
- Environmental Biology.

(Chemistry for Biologists is compulsory for entrants without A2 level Chemistry)

### Year 2 Modules:
- Molecular Cell Biology
- Neurobiology
- Neuropharmacology
- Neurobiology of Disease
- Molecular Endocrinology
- Blood & Circulation for Neuroscience.

Plus at least one module typically from:
- Clinical Microbiology
- Epidemiology & Public Health
- Protein Structure & Function
- Evolution
- Genetics and Genomics
- Immunology

### Year 3 Modules:
- Research Project
- Modern Approaches to Human Disease
- Integrative Neuroscience.

Plus options such as:
- Advanced Immunology
- Protein Targeting
- Oncology
- Biological Clocks
- Dynamics of Biological Systems
- Synthetic Biology
- Principles of Development
- Extreme Environment Biology
- Medical Virology
- Science Communication
- Introduction to Secondary Teaching in Biology
- Interdisciplinary and Business modules.

### Year 4 Modules (for MBio students):
Extended Research Project and Research Skills (training in advanced laboratory techniques, data handling and statistical analyses, critical analysis of the literature and designing research proposals).
HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL’S RESEARCH?

Become part of our thriving research community making connections with specialists and broadening your horizons.

In our state-of-the-art laboratories and facilities we conduct a broad spectrum of interdisciplinary research based round four themes - Biomedical Science, Biotechnology, Environmental Bioscience and Plant and Crop Science.

These themes extend from molecular, to cells and organisms, to populations and span bacteria, viruses, fungi, humans, animals and plants and their environments. Our research has applications for many important areas to society worldwide, and is of high relevance to successful employment for our Life Sciences graduates.

Final Year Project
You will complete a six-week laboratory or data-analysis project in your final year, providing the opportunity to demonstrate independent research work. You will be closely supported by a member of staff and will carry out your research within their group.

You can choose from over 300 general projects and over 100 laboratory-based projects offered by academic staff in a range of diverse research areas. Topics have included; ‘A cut above the rest: The feasibility and desirability of head transplants’ and ‘Synthetic viruses as a cure for superbugs’. Laboratory-based projects have included; ‘Inhibition of glyoxalase 1 as a means of developing anticancer therapeutics’ and ‘Investigating the role of phosphorylation of the protein Tau in Alzheimer’s disease’.

“If I didn’t take part in the URSS, I definitely would not be where I am now. I was undecided as to whether I wanted to continue into a research-based career, before starting my URSS project. However, after 6-weeks in the lab, I decided to do a PhD. I would definitely recommend URSS to anyone interested in what biological research involves.”

Beth Richmond, Biological Sciences
Integrated Masters Degree (MBio)
As part of our MBio degrees you spend a major part of your fourth year undertaking a substantial laboratory research project. This can be within one of the School’s research laboratories or alternatively you can work on a project in industry. Recent examples of industrial placements include GlaxoSmithKline, the Health Protection Agency, AstraZeneca and Unilever.

The Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS)
This scheme offers opportunities for undergraduates to gain an insight into research work and to develop valuable transferable skills by gaining experience in a research laboratory over the summer. Bursaries are available through the scheme, and in 2019 93% of Life Sciences students applying for a bursary were successful.

Reinvention
Reinvention: an International Journal of Undergraduate Research is an online, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the publication of high-quality undergraduate student research. The journal is edited jointly by students from Warwick and Monash University in Australia.

The International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR)
Led by the University of Warwick and Monash University, ICUR is an exclusively undergraduate forum designed to showcase the very best in undergraduate research from across the globe and provides participants with the opportunity to present their work to an international and interdisciplinary audience.
HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are made through UCAS. The UCAS code for Warwick is WARWK W20
For more information visit ucas.com

We strongly encourage you to visit the University to see campus for yourself and find out what it means to belong to Warwick. If you can’t make the trip to Warwick then visit our Online Open Day
4thwallmedia.co.uk/warwick-lifesciences

You can find University Open Day details online warwick.ac.uk/opendays

Once you have applied and have an offer you will be invited to an Offer Holder Open Day when you will be given the opportunity to talk to academic staff and current students and have a look around the School of Life Sciences and the University. You will also take part in a sample tutorial in order to get a taste of what studying here is like.

Successful applicants will be made an offer as soon as possible after their application is received. The offer will be conditional on already having or obtaining the required entry qualifications. If you accept this offer and achieve the required grades in your examinations then your place at the University of Warwick will be confirmed and we will look forward to seeing you at the start of your undergraduate life.
warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

Overseas Applicants
The University of Warwick is a community represented by more than 150 nations and here within the School of Life Sciences we warmly welcome overseas applications. We are a diverse department with students and staff from all over the world studying and working together. We have a very safe campus and an extensive support structure to encourage your success.

Local advice about the application procedure is available from all British Council Offices and Warwick representatives.
warwick.ac.uk/study/international

“I like the fact that we stay with the same tutor and tutorial group throughout our degree. It’s a great way to build a personal relationship with an academic.”
Banke Adeleke, Biomedical Science
WHAT ELSE MIGHT I NEED TO KNOW?

Student Fees and Funding
The University wants to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families.

Helping you find the right Career
You will have access to specialist Life Sciences careers advice and opportunities to speak with graduate recruiters through Student Opportunity: Careers.

Accommodation
Warwick Accommodation has over 6,400 rooms across a range of residences. All rooms are self-catering. Each of the campus residences is fully managed and has an excellent network of support staff in the Residential Life Team.

Warwick Students’ Union
One of the largest and most active students’ unions in the country, Warwick SU is the focal point of campus life here at Warwick.
Wellbeing Support

The University has a comprehensive welfare structure in place to ensure that you can easily access advice and guidance throughout your time here.

warwick.ac.uk/supportservices