Hello and welcome to the Live Chat. We'll be hosting a Q&A session and chatting with you today are Adam and Abi. Please feel free to ask your questions, and they will try and answer for you. Please remember that this is a public chat, so please do not share personal or confidential information. If you have anything that is confidential that you wish to ask, please contact us by email at ug.lifesciences@warwick.ac.uk

Hi! My name is Adam and I am a second year Biochemistry student. Feel free to ask any questions about the courses Life Sciences offer, learning at university or anything at all!

Hello - in choosing between courses related to medicine, what are the main differences between Biomedicine and Health and Medical Science?

Hi Stephen! The Health and Medical Science (HMS) is offered from the Medical School. At Life Sciences we offer the Biomedical Sciences Course. Don’t know much about the HMS course, but can offer some insight into the Biomed course

I can give some insight on the Health & Medical Science course. It is aimed at people who want to work as administrators in the NHS. It does not contain any labs. Which course you choose should depend on what you want to do after your degree.

The Biomed course at Warwick is one of the 4 degree streams Life Sciences offer (the others being: Biochemistry, Biological Sciences and Neuroscience). The Biomed course focuses on anatomy and physiology as a theme throughout. So most modules will be about how the Physiology links to health and disease etc. Year 1 tends to be a common year between the degree streams at Life Sciences so is somewhat inflexible, but in Y2 and Y3 the modules deviate more to the course itself. So I have friends who are currently studying Infection, Immunology, Anatomy, Histology etc.

The document I have just shared will help you decide between the two courses.

Given what Charlotte has said, the Biomed course on the other hand has practical aspects so you have a range of labs that aid in understanding lecture material.

I am applying to biomedical science
Sorry didn’t mean to send that

No worries at all! Do you have any questions I could help with?

Thank you. How much flexibility is there to take modules in other subjects, like business or medicine (if I took Biomed)?

During Year 1 there is not much flexibility with other modules. In Year 2 typically you choose one module, however they cannot be outside the department (i.e. the electives that are offered you have to take one of those). Year 3 becomes more flexible so you can elect for some business modules (see the Prospectus guide for what is typically offered). That’s not to say you cannot choose a Bus or Lang etc module during Year 1 or Year 2 but that would have to be an additional module on top of the Biomed ones. Don’t know if that helps or not?

That does, thank you :)

We’re heading in to our last 5 minutes but there is still time for some more questions.

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Sorry... I’m asking questions right at the end!

It’s what we are here for :)

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Yes it would, though I believe there is an option to take a module outside the required modules but for it not to be formally assessed, i.e. it will not appear on your transcript (Charlotte might have more info on this). I can’t really relate to this as I don’t take additional modules, but it really is a personal situation as to whether or not an individual can manage the extra workload. I have some friends who do some Comp Sci modules however it is only a few extra credits, so there are multiple factors to consider!

Thanks Adam. Nice to know that your friends are managing it!

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I am not sure of student numbers taking additional modules or how they get on although I do know that it is not uncommon. I suggest you email us and we can give you some more information - ug.lifesciences@warwick.ac.uk

Thank you Adam and Charlotte. Appreciate the help you’ve given me today.
No worries! Glad I was of some help! Any other questions do email ug.lifesciences@warwick.ac.uk!