



**Swansea University**  
**Prifysgol Abertawe**

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
HANDBOOK**

**YEAR 2 (FHEQ LEVEL 5)**

**BSC BIOLOGY**  
**DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**SUBJECT SPECIFIC**  
**PART TWO OF TWO**  
**MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE**

**2024-25**

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## The 24-25 academic year begins on 23 September 2024

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

### **DATES OF 24-25 TERMS**

23 September 2024 – 13 December 2024

06 January 2025 – 11 April 2025

06 May 2025 – 06 June 2025

### **SEMESTER 1**

23 September 2024 – 27 January 2025

### **SEMESTER 2**

27 January 2025 – 06 June 2025

### **SUMMER**

09 June 2025 – 19 September 2025

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Swansea University and the Faculty of Science of Engineering takes any form of **academic misconduct** very seriously. In order to maintain academic integrity and ensure that the quality of an Award from Swansea University is not diminished, it is important to ensure that all students are judged on their ability. No student should have an unfair advantage over another as a result of academic misconduct - whether this is in the form of **Plagiarism, Collusion** or **Commissioning**.

It is important that you are aware of the **guidelines** governing Academic Misconduct within the University/Faculty of Science and Engineering and the possible implications. The Faculty of Science and Engineering will not take intent into consideration and in relation to an allegation of academic misconduct - there can be no defence that the offence was committed unintentionally or accidentally.

Please ensure that you read the University webpages covering the topic – procedural guidance [here](#) and further information [here](#). You should also read the Faculty Part One handbook fully, in particular the pages that concern Academic Misconduct/Academic Integrity.

## **Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering!**

Whether you are a new or a returning student, we could not be happier to be on this journey with you.

At Swansea University and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, we believe in working in partnership with students. We work hard to break down barriers and value the contribution of everyone.

Our goal is an inclusive community where everyone is respected, and everyone's contributions are valued. Always feel free to talk to academic, technical and administrative staff, administrators - I'm sure you will find many friendly helping hands ready to assist you. And make the most of living and working alongside your fellow students.

During your time with us, please learn, create, collaborate, and most of all – enjoy yourself!

**Professor David Smith**  
**Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean**  
**Faculty of Science and Engineering**



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## STUDENT SUPPORT

The **Student Experience and Information Team** are here to support you through your studies and to provide non-judgemental advice and guidance. If you have any questions relating to your academic or personal life you can contact the Team and chat through your support options.

The Team is available for in-person support meetings and can also be contacted via email ([studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk)) or phone (**+44 (0) 1792 295514**). You can access their full contact details [here](#).

To visit the Team you can attend either of the following Receptions:

- Reception in the Foyer of Engineering Central, [Bay Campus](#)
- Reception on the first-floor landing of the Wallace Building, [Singleton Park Campus](#)

Standard Reception opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm however, this may vary outside of term time.

The current [FSE Student webpages](#) also contain useful information and links to additional resources:



## READING LISTS

Reading lists for each module are available on the course Canvas page and are also accessible via <http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/>.

We do not expect you to purchase textbooks, unless it is a specified key text for the course.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPULSORY AND CORE MODULES

**Compulsory modules** must be **pursued** by a student.

**Core modules** must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link - <https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/>

## Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2024/25

### Biology

BSc Biology[C101]  
BSc Biology[C104]  
BSc Biology with a Year Abroad[C106]

Compulsory Modules	Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
	<a href="#">BIO249</a> Introduction to field ecology 15 Credits Dr GR Thomas/Dr AP Devine/Prof CA Froyd/Dr PJ Neyland	<a href="#">BIO232</a> Plant Ecology 15 Credits Dr PJ Neyland/Dr AP Devine/Prof CA Froyd
	<a href="#">BIO252</a> Ecological Data Analysis 15 Credits Dr KAR Rose	<a href="#">BIO239</a> Ecological Microbiology and the Cycles of Life 15 Credits Prof DC Eastwood
<b>Total 120 Credits</b>		

#### Optional Modules

Choose Welsh or English module

<a href="#">BIO231</a>	Year 2 Biological Sciences Literature Review	Dr GR Thomas	TB2	15
<a href="#">BIO231C</a>	Adolygiad Llenyddiaeth BI 2	Dr GR Thomas	TB2	15

#### And

Choose exactly 15 credits from TB1

<a href="#">BIO228</a>	Parasitology	Dr GR Thomas	TB1	15
<a href="#">BIO234</a>	Animal Conservation and Welfare	Dr HJ Nichols/Dr K Arbuckle/Dr I Fuertbauer/..	TB1	15
<a href="#">BIO235</a>	Molecular Ecology	Dr MPS Gwilliam	TB1	15
<a href="#">BIO258</a>	Animal Physiology	Dr TM Uren Webster	TB1	15

#### And

Choose exactly 15 credits from TB2. Choose exactly 15 credits from TB2. You must take BIO229 if you plan to take Mammalian Carnivore Ecology and Conservation BIO316 in Year 3

<a href="#">BIO229</a>	Tetrapod Evolution	Dr WL Allen/Dr K Arbuckle/Dr C Pimiento/..	TB2	15
<a href="#">BIO230</a>	Entomology	Dr WE Harris	TB2	15
<a href="#">BIO261</a>	Population and Community Ecology	Dr M Lurgi Rivera/Prof MS Fowler	TB2	15

#### And

Choose exactly 15 credits from either Teaching Block.

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<a href="#"><u>BI-200</u></a>	Professional Development and Careers Planning	Mrs S Gill	TB1	0
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<a href="#"><u>BIO229</u></a>	Tetrapod Evolution	Dr WL Allen/Dr K Arbuckle/Dr C Pimiento/..	TB2	15
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## Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2024/25

### Biology

BSc Biology with a Year in Applied Research[C14R]

BSc Biology with a Year in Industry[C152]

#### Compulsory Modules

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
<a href="#">BI-200</a> <b>Professional Development and Careers Planning</b> 0 Credits Mrs S Gill	<a href="#">BIO232</a> <b>Plant Ecology</b> 15 Credits Dr PJ Neyland/Dr AP Devine/Prof CA Froyd
<a href="#">BIO249</a> <b>Introduction to field ecology</b> 15 Credits Dr GR Thomas/Dr AP Devine/Prof CA Froyd/Dr PJ Neyland	<a href="#">BIO239</a> <b>Ecological Microbiology and the Cycles of Life</b> 15 Credits Prof DC Eastwood
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