



Swansea University
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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

YEAR 3 (FHEQ LEVEL 6)

BSC MARINE BIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMMES

**SUBJECT SPECIFIC
PART TWO OF TWO
MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE
2025-26**

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IMPORTANT

Term Dates

The 25-26 academic year begins on 29 September 2025

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

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.

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/>

Key Programme Staff

Biosciences Programme Director	Biosciences Year 3 Coordinator
Dr Ed Pope	Dr Penny Neyland

Year 3 (FHEQ Level 6) 2025/26
Marine Biology
 BSc Marine Biology[C160]
 BSc Marine Biology with a Year Abroad[C107]
 BSc Marine Biology with a Year in Industry[C424]
 BSc Marine Biology with a Year in Applied Research [C16R]

BIO350 Biosciences Research Project 30 Credits Dr PJ Neyland
Total 120 Credits

Optional Modules

Choose a minimum of 20 credits

You can select a minimum of ONE module, and a maximum of TWO.

If you choose TWO modules, you must ensure that you only select ONE PER SEMESTER

You must only select ONE overseas course.

<u>BIO327</u>	Tropical marine ecology field course	Dr CM Bertelli/Dr CE Davies/Dr N Esteban/..	TB2	20
<u>BIO340</u>	Professional Laboratory Skills	Dr EC Sonnenschein/Dr MPS Gwilliam/Dr TM Uren Webster/..	TB1	20
<u>BIO346</u>	Professional Skills in Marine Biology	Dr N Esteban/Dr CM Bertelli	TB1	20

And

Choose a minimum of 30 credits

Marine Biology Recommended

Choose a minimum of 30 credits

No more than 70 credits can be selected from any one semester.

<u>BIO318</u>	Ecology of Marine Megafauna	Prof RP Wilson	TB2	10
<u>BIO329</u>	Climate Change Biology	Dr JN Griffin	TB2	10
<u>BIO330</u>	Tropical marine ecology and conservation	Dr CM Bertelli/Dr N Esteban/Dr M Lurgi Rivera/..	TB1	10
<u>BIO335</u>	Fisheries and aquaculture	Dr CE Davies	TB2	10

And

Choose a maximum of 40 credits

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No more than 70 credits can be selected from any one semester.

****Important Notice:** Module Clash ¿ BIO327 and BGP300 The field trip for BIO327 (Tropical Marine Ecology) overlaps with the assessment date for BGP300. You can still take both modules, but you must submit the BGP300 assessment early, before the BIO327 trip. If you choose both modules, you will need to complete a consent form.. Please contact quality-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk**

BGP300	Science Communication with Placement	Dr WE Harris/Dr RH Meara/Dr SG Roberts/..	TB2	20
BIO308	Movement ecology	Prof ELC Shepard/Prof L Borger	TB2	10
BIO334	Advanced Data Analysis	Prof JC Bull	TB1	10
BIO342	Sensory Ecology	Dr WL Allen	TB2	10
BIO343	Natural Products Biotechnology	Dr C Greco/Dr EC Sonnenschein	TB2	10
BIO345	Macroevolution and Phylogenies	Dr K Arbuckle	TB1	10
BIO355	Animal behaviour - from individuals to groups	Dr AJ King/Dr I Fuerbauer	TB2	10