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95% of our research is of ‘international quality’*

The degree enabled me to understand biochemistry in great depth and apply this knowledge to develop an understanding of clinical agents and a more diverse understanding of disease.
Megan Cox, BSc Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine

A member of the prestigious Russell Group and founding member of the global Universitas 21 network

Gain substantial laboratory experience from year one

Flexibility to transfer between different biochemistry degrees

Gain a breadth of knowledge from a variety of different fields

Join a global community of over 46,000 students, from more than 150 countries

Improve employability by developing skills in data interpretation, research methods and problem-solving

A large percentage of your learning is based in the Medical School and taught by biochemistry specialists

*According to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.
Where could biochemistry take you?

The advancements in biochemistry over the last century have been astonishing. It is the branch of science that combines biology and chemistry to explore life at the molecular level.

Biochemists ask questions and solve problems to develop a greater understanding of how life works, both in health and disease. Could you be one of the next generation of biochemists working to answer some of these molecular biological problems?

In all our degrees, our aim is to stimulate your interest and understanding, and to help you develop the research skills that will allow you to continue learning throughout your career. Our staff are actively engaged in research, so they can guide and advise you on the latest developments and technology. In the latest Research Excellence Framework results, 95% of the school’s research was deemed to be of international quality.*

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

In addition to knowledge and understanding of molecular and cellular biology, these degree courses will also ensure that you develop the necessary skills in data interpretation, research methods and problem-solving.

We hope that you will consider Nottingham for your degree, and that you will visit us to see University Park Campus and the Medical School for yourself.

Dr Ian Kerr
Course Director

Our courses

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For all of the above we require GCSE English language and maths at grade 4 (C).

Foundation courses

Applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to undergraduate study may be able to apply for a foundation course. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/foundationcourses

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation

If you require additional support to take your language skills to the required level, you may be able to attend a preessional course at the Centre for English Language Education, which is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Students who successfully complete the preessional course to the required level can progress onto their chosen degree course without retaking IELTS or equivalent. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

What’s an MSci?

MSci degrees are undergraduate-level courses which last for four years and have an integrated masters qualification. They are the equivalent to a bachelors degree plus a masters level qualification.

These courses usually provide additional industry and/or research experience to enhance your future prospects. An MSci is excellent preparation for further study such as a PhD.

nottingham.ac.uk/life-sciences

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/biochem
BSc | MSci Biochemistry

These degrees will provide you with a thorough understanding of modern biochemistry, including molecular cell biology, molecular genetics, biotechnology and metabolism.

**Year one**
The course begins with an introduction to the fundamental aspects of cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and cellular control, as well as core skills in biochemistry and genetics. You will also cover essential chemistry, exploring molecular structure, bonding and reactivity of organic molecules. Theoretical learning is supported by practical studies in cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and physiology.

Alongside core modules, you will have 40 credits of optional modules.Twenty of these credits are to be from the School of Life Sciences, while the other 20 can be from other schools in the University, such as languages or business.

**Year two**
In the second year, you will cover topics in greater depth. You will study proteins and enzymes, from their structure to their mechanisms. Basic properties of DNA are explored, with practical sessions for you to practise manipulating DNA and express recombinant proteins. You will also cover cell signalling and metabolic regulation.

A dissertation is undertaken along with studies developing transferable skills of presentation, interpretation and criticism of scientific data.

**Year three**
A major feature of the final year is an individual project which may be laboratory, bioinformatics or literature-based. The aim is to provide you with the ability to analyse a relevant biological problem in depth, in a modern research environment.

Other modules will help you understand biochemical diseases, genetic engineering and protein folding. Optional modules are available to enhance your learning. You could discover more about cancer, proteins, cells or infection.

**Year four (MSci only)**
The focus of this year is a masters-level research project. You will choose an area of biochemistry you find interesting, then plan, research and present your findings. The learning style will be strongly student-centred with one-to-one supervision from a research academic.

Optional modules will also be available. This gives you the opportunity to concentrate on a topic that complements your previous study, or to try something new.

**Typical modules**

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nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/lifesciences
BSc | MSci Biochemistry and Biological Chemistry

Accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry, these courses equip you with the fundamental aspects of biochemistry and chemistry.

Teaching is split between the School of Life Sciences and the School of Chemistry, providing you with expertise from both subjects.

Year one
During this introductory year, you will study cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and cellular control together with essential chemistry. These modules are supported by practical studies in cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and chemistry. Students without A level maths will be required to take modules providing the necessary maths skills for chemists.

Year two
In the second year, you will expand your chemical knowledge, both theoretically and practically. Proteins and enzymes are explored, from their structure to their mechanisms. Other advanced modules are available, from looking at disease to a detailed understanding of proteins.

Year three
Advanced laboratory work in biochemistry and chemistry is a major feature of the third year. In biochemistry, you will perform a number of fundamental and advanced molecular biology techniques. Individual results and data from the class will be analysed as part of an overall project to investigate relevant scientific questions. In chemistry, you will further your experience in the principles upon which modern experimental methodology is based, chemical synthesis, obtaining and interpreting physical data, and report writing.

Year four (MSci only)
A substantial feature of the fourth year is an extended individual project in biochemistry or chemistry, which may be either lab or bioinformatics based. All subjects will require a review of published work and the planning of a research project under the guidance of two supervisors. You will be assessed by a dissertation and oral presentation.

Additional modules are available which may cover disease, business, immunology or nucleic acids.

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nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/lifesciences
BSc | MSci Biochemistry and Genetics

These courses will provide you with a thorough training in both biochemistry and genetics, emphasising common areas such as molecular biology, genetic engineering and biotechnology.

Year one
The course will begin with an introduction to the fundamental aspects of cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, cellular control and core skills in biochemistry and genetics. You will also cover essential chemistry, exploring molecular structure, bonding and reactivity of organic molecules. Theoretical learning is supported by practical studies in cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and physiology.

Alongside compulsory modules, you will have the choice of optional modules.

Year two
The second year covers subjects in greater detail. You will look at the structure and function of the genes, genomes and chromosomes of eukaryotic cells. The Human Genome Project is explained, and you will explore genes responsible for some of the most common disorders and the development of strategies for treatment. You will also learn about the brain – how it works, develops and makes connections.

Year three
The main component of the third year is a research project. You will work with a supervisor to find a topic you find interesting. You will then plan, research and present your findings effectively. The project could be an individual or group laboratory experiment, or an in-depth literature review.

Advanced modules will also be available, covering topics from cancer to data analysis.

Year four (MSci only)
In the fourth year, you will have more independence in your learning. You will undertake a year-long masters-level research project supported by a research academic. You will write a research grant proposal, which is particularly good experience for those wishing to pursue a research career. You will then carry out your project and present your findings effectively.

A choice of optional modules will be available to add variety to your learning.

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BSc | MSci Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine

These courses allow you to specialise in the medically related aspects of biochemistry while still gaining a good foundation in biochemistry.

Biochemistry is important in nearly all aspects of medicine, from basic life processes to understanding changes occurring in disease and the development of new therapies.

**Year one**
The course will begin with an introduction to the fundamental aspects of cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, cellular control and core skills in biochemistry and genetics. You will also cover essential chemistry, exploring molecular structure, bonding and reactivity of organic molecules. Theoretical learning is supported by practical studies in cell biology, biochemistry, genetics and physiology.

Alongside core modules, you will have 20 credits of optional modules. You could choose these from the School of Life Sciences or from other schools in the University.

**Year two**
In the second year, you will study topics in greater depth. You will cover proteins and enzymes, from their structure to their mechanisms. Basic properties of DNA are explored, with practical sessions for you to practise manipulating DNA and express recombinant proteins.

**Year three**
A major feature of the third year is a research project that may be laboratory, bioinformatics or literature-based. You will choose a topic related to your interests and plan, carry out and present your findings. Throughout the project, you will be supported by a research academic.

**Year four (MSci only)**
In the final year, you will undertake a masters-level research project which will involve a literature review, a grant proposal, collection of data and appropriate analysis. The findings will be presented as a research paper. You will be supervised by a research academic and will benefit from professional research facilities.

In addition, you will have optional modules. You could choose to learn about how science and society influence each other, or explore new technologies and the implications on the scientific community.

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Engaging study, incredible results

Teaching and learning
You will learn through a variety of methods depending on the module. These may include:
- lectures
- seminars
- laboratory classes
- workshops
- tutorials

Much of the teaching is supported by a virtual learning environment. This allows teaching materials, self-tests and electronic feedback to be delivered directly to you and is accessible whenever and wherever you wish to study.

Assessment
Assessment varies on the module being studied, but is typically a combination of:
- exams
- essays
- dissertations
- laboratory reports
- presentations

Exams happen twice a year at the end of each semester.

Student support
When you start the course, you will be assigned a personal tutor. Personal tutors are members of academic staff in the school and they will:
- monitor your academic progress and check on your wellbeing
- provide exam marks and help you reflect on feedback
- act as a first point of contact for any guidance on academic or personal matters

At Nottingham, we offer small group tutorials. This ensures you have enough time to build a relationship with your tutor and benefit from their support. Your fellow tutees also provide peer support.

Additionally, the school has a dedicated Welfare Officer and a Student Liaison Officer who are available to help you adapt to university life and provide advice on more complex issues.

Key Information Sets
Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: unistats.co.uk

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

nottingham.ac.uk/life-sciences
Outstanding careers support

As a graduate, you will have obtained a broad range of skills valued by employers in areas such as scientific research, biotechnology, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, epidemiology and more. Many graduates choose to pursue further study including masters, PhDs or graduate entry medicine.

96.5% of undergraduates from the School of Life Sciences secured work or further study within six months of graduation.*

£20,000 was the average starting salary of our graduates in 2017.*

Recent graduate destinations:
- Cambridge Bioscience: technical sales (medical research)
- EY: audit trainee
- Essex and Suffolk Water: water quality scientist
- Inpharmation: business development consultant (pharmaceuticals)
- NHS: biomedical scientist
- Retroscreen Virology Ltd: project administrator (medical research)
- Succinct: assistant editor (media and communications)
- Vectura: scientist (pharmaceutical industry)
- Roche Diagnostics: scientist (pharmaceutical industry)

Amplify your potential

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage

The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

nottingham.ac.uk/careers
How to apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate study at the University of Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2020/21, the University will provide generous bursaries to support lower-income students. For details, including eligibility, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

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