

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

University Foundation in Earth and Environmental Sciences; Marine Sciences; Life Sciences; Healthcare Sciences and Nursing

FHEQ 3

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PATHWAY/s

Pathway Type	Undergraduate					
Pathway Areas						
Pathways/s	Life Sciences/					
	Sciences					
University UNITe Code/s	4388	4120	4454	4121		
	4392	4456	4394	4395		
	4396	4393	4122	4385		
	4386	5415	5416	5417		
College NAVIGATE Code/s						
Three Semester	FDHN					
Two Semester	L1L1	L1L2				
Pathway Provision		College: FHEQ Level/s	3 and 4			
	University: FHEQ Level/s 5 and 6					
Awarding University	University of Plymouth	า				
Awards by Pathway	Degree awards Stream	11		FHEQ Award Level		
Transfer	Allows, on successful completion, transfer to candidacy of the University of Plymouth degree schemes at Level 1:					
	BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour and Welfare					
	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences					
	BSc (Hons) Conservation	BSc (Hons) Conservation Biology				
	BSc (Hons) Biomedical	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences				

BSC (Hons) Nutrition, Exercise and Health BSc (Hons) Human Bioscience BSC (Hons) Marine Biology BSC (Hons) Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology BSC (Hons) Marine Biology and Oceanography BSC (Hons) Ocean Science and Marine Conservation BSC (Hons) Oceanography and Coastal Processes BSC (Hons) Oceanography and Coastal Processes BSC (Hons) Ocean Exploration and Surveying BSC (Hons) Applied Geology BSC (Hons) Environmental Science BSC (Hons) Environmental Management and Sustainability BSC (Hons) Geology BSC (Hons) Physical Geography and Geology BSC (Hons) Avaigation and Maritime Science BSC (Hons) Environmental Geoscience BSC (Hons) Environmental Geoscience BSC (Hons) Psychology BSC (Hons) Psychology BSC (Hons) Psychology with Human Biology BSC (Hons) Psychology with Sociology BSC (Hons) Psychology with Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies BSC (Hons) Adult Nursing* BSC (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health)* BSC (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health)* BSC (Hons) Optometry* BSC (Hons) Optometry* BSC (Hons) Optometry* BSC (Hons) Physiotherapy*
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BSc (Hons) Dietetics*
BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner*
BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography*
BSc (Hons) Clinical Physiology*
BSc (Hons) Midwifery
*Three Semester programmes. Extra conditions apply to these pathways
Subject Benchmark Reference, where appropriate, to the following overall degree Learning Outcomes: Mathematics,
Statistics and Operational Research QAA 5 th Edition 08/30/2023; Biosciences 5 th Edition
08/03/2023; Biomedical Science QAA 5 th Edition 08/03/2023; Agriculture, Horticulture, forestry, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Sciences QAA2447 4 th Edition 10/2019; Earth Sciences,
Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies QAA 5 th Edition 30/03/2022; Chemistry QAA 5 th
Edition 30/03/22; Psychology QAA 5 th Edition 09/23; MSOR QAA 5 th Edition 08/03/2023
College Status Associate College College Location 15 Portland Villas, Drake Circus
University Location Drake Circus, Plymouth, PL4 8AA
University Faculty/s Faculty of Science and Engineering; Faculty of Health
University School/s School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences; School of Biomedical Sciences; School of Health Professions; School of Nursing and Midwifery; School of Psychology; School of Biological and
Marine Sciences
Rationale The partnership between UPIC and University of Plymouth facilitates the acquisition of an

undergraduate degree by international students who, because of their previous educational experience, are not normally able to gain direct access to the University's degree schemes in the Faculty of Science. The programme has been developed to satisfy important pedagogical issues:

- 1. To ensure that international students have a dedicated period of time, in a familial and safe setting, to acquire the basic knowledge and skills to prepare for undergraduate degree studies within a western learning environment. Thus, supporting transfer into the UPIC 1st Year degree (equivalent) integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science and thereon, on successful completion, transfer to the prescribed HE Level 2/Stage 2 studies at Plymouth University.
- 2. To satisfy the University's quality protocols, which, in turn, are directed by the QAA Subject Benchmark requirements, for transfer to undergraduate degree studies in the disciplines of Biological Sciences;

Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science at HE Level 2/Stage 2.

- 3. Facilitate access to the UPIC 1st Year Degree (equivalent) integrated programmes and from there the opportunity to transfer to a prescribed University of Plymouth degree scheme at undergraduate HE Level 2/Stage 2 for those students who, for a number of reasons, do not meet the direct entry tariff to the Faculty of Science and Engineering degree schemes at HE Level 1/Stage 1.
- 4. Protect the Faculty of Science and Engineering entry tariff to its undergraduate degree schemes and ensure that the University does not need to lower its entry tariff in order to increase its international student population.
- 5. Widen access and participation in higher education in line with the University's internationalisation agenda.
- 6. Commit to the provision of best practice customer service and student experience for international students and thus add value to the University's award winning student lifestyle.
- 7. Support the integrity of the University's QAA commitment by adopting and adapting the University's quality regime to form the basis of a robust, quality driven set of academic programmes and administrative systems and processes.
- 8. Facilitate effective and efficient, low risk public/private partnership in line with the University's strategic research mission.
- 9. Enhance the global reach of the University into previously untapped markets and market segments.
- 10. Add resource, human and financial, to the University's marketing process.
- 11. Facilitate access to a global recruitment process.
- 12. Assist in the diversification of the student body.
- 13. Make available the benefits derived from access to Navitas' global reach and corporate marketing arm.

The UPIC University Foundation in All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science offers successful candidates the opportunity to transfer seamlessly to the prescribed UPIC 1st Year degree (equivalent) integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science and, on successful completion, to the prescribed University of Plymouth degree schemes at HE Level 2/Stage 2. The UPIC University Foundation is recognised by Plymouth University, see *Recognition Agreement*, March 2009, Schedules 1 and 2, and thus operates, where possible, in line with the quality framework of Plymouth University, Faculty of Science to which this pathway leads.

In developing this pathway programme, UPIC has recognised the correlation of appropriate analytical, communication and study skills with success at undergraduate degree level studies and has, therefore, designed a programme that develops these essential abilities in context and in conjunction with specific discipline skills, knowledge and understanding.

Graduates from the UPIC University Foundation in All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science will have direct knowledge of study at undergraduate HE Level 1 with demonstrated analytical, interpretive and communication competency along with a grounding and appreciation of the basic aspects of science, biology, chemistry, ICT and the context of scholarship.

Educational Aims

The programme has been devised in accordance with the NVT UK Ltd University Foundation general educational aims along with those formulated for UPIC, see CPR 5 and the nominated outcomes desired by the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

The educational aims of the programme are to:

- Prepare students, who would not normally be considered qualified, to an appropriate standard for entry into the UPIC 1st Year Degree (equivalent) Integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science – equivalent to the prescribed HE Level 1 Faculty of Science and Engineering degree schemes at Plymouth University.
- Develop in students a fundamental knowledge and understanding that can demonstrate basic facts, concepts, theories and principles of the sciences and related technological disciplines, and their underpinning knowledge of science so as to support their transfer into the UPIC 1st Year degree (equivalent) integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science; Environmental Science and Earth Science.
- 3. Ensure students acquire and foster an appreciation of the wider science content and its underlying principles, inclusive of the social, environmental, ethical, design, economic and commercial impacts and effects as well as the potential careers involved so as to support their transfer into the UPIC 1st Year degree (equivalent) integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science; Environmental Science and Earth Science.
- 4. Encourage in students the ability to use analytical and practical processes to All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science and related technological queries so as to support their transfer into the UPIC 1st Year degree (equivalent) integrated programmes in Biological Sciences; Biomedical Sciences; Marine Biology; Ocean Science; Environmental Science and Earth Science.
- 5. Develop in students an appreciation and desire to learn based on competent intellectual and practical skills that build to a set of transferable skills that will support them in all aspects of their onward academic studies/careers and support their decision making in an informed manner.
- 6. Ensure that graduates have attained the prescribed level of inter-disciplinary language competence described as LevelB2 'Independent User' by the Council of Europe, see Common European Framework of Reference for languages: Learning, teaching assessment 2001, Council of Europe, CUP, Cambridge, p. 24, Table 1. Common Reference Levels: global scale.
- 7. Ensure that graduates have attained the prescribed level of inter-disciplinary language competence to a minimum pass mark of 50% in the ACL accredited module Interactive Learning Skills and Communication, and therein a minimum 6.0 IELTS equivalent. Healthcare students will have their own targeted English Language sessions to ensure a IELTS equivalent of 7.0.

PROGRAMME			
Title	University Foundation in	Life Sciences/Sciences	
FHEQ	3		
Credit Points	140		
Duration of Study	Two (2) semesters/ Three	e (3) Semesters	
Weeks of Study	Twenty Six (26) weeks/Th		
Mode of Study	Full-time		
Mode of Delivery	Face to Face		
Notional Hours	1400/2000		
Contact Hours	460/692		
Self-directed Study Hours	940/1172		
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Delivery Model			Entry for Middle Eastern Sponsored Students and
Language of Dalinom	Healthcare Science stude		
Language of Delivery	Delivery	English	
	Assessment	English	and a level D2 to decorate them.
	Council of Europe		rence level B2 Independent User
	ACL Accreditation	Interactive Learning Ski	lls and Communication
Intended Learning	Generic:		(10.) 1
Outcomes			omes (LOs) attached to them; see relevant Definitive
			basic set of core transferable skills that can be
		·	life-long learning. They are delivered using an
			pinned by the relevant Interactive Learning Skills and
			core skills within the context of subject-specific
			the key themes of relationship-management, time-
		nai communication, t	echnological and numerical understanding and
	competency.		January.
	The Generic LOs for the p Key knowledge will be demonst		Key skills will be demonstrated by the ability to:
	Personal organisation and		Meet converging assessment deadlines – based on punctuality
	achieve research goals and		and organisation with reference to class, group and individual
	levels.		sessions within a dynamic and flexible learning environment
	Understanding of the import	tance of attaining in-denth	with variable contact hours and forms of delivery. Communicate clearly using appropriate nomenclature to
	knowledge of terminology as u	= -	enhance meaning in all oral and written assessments with no
	basis to further study.		recourse to collusion or plagiarism.
	Understanding, knowledge an		Present clearly, coherently and logically in a variety of oral and
	and effective methods of con assessment measures.	nmunication to meet formal	written formats using a variety of appropriate qualitative and quantitative tools and evidence bases.
	Understanding and knowledge	as to the development of the	Demonstrate an understanding of the current themes of a
	industry and/or scholarship i	n relation to a given topic	given topic, the academic and practical foundation on which
	under study.		they are based – demonstrated by a lack of plagiarism and
	Understanding of the rules	applying to plagiarism and	need for collusion in both individual and group work. Collate, summarise, reason and debate/argue effectively on a
	collusion.		given topic with appropriate reference to another's work or
			ideas/concepts.
	Ability to work as an individu larger group to effect data	-	Meet and succeed in each of the varied assessments presented.
	presentation of evidence.	a contain, discussion and	presented.
	Ganaria IOs - All madu	los have a set of gener	ic Learning Outcomes (LOs) attached to them, see
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	-		transferable skills that can be employed as a basis to
	further study and life-lo	ong learning. They are o	delivered using an interdisciplinary and progressive
	approach to build these	core skills within the co	ontext of subject-specific learning. Incorporated in
	these core skills are the	key themes of relation	ship management, time management, professional
	communication, technolo	ogical and numerical und	erstanding and competency.
	The generic LOs for the p	rogramme are tabled be	low:
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	To obtain a know	ledge and Teaching/lear	ning methods and Assessment methods and

	understanding:	strategies:	strategies are tested via
1	The basic concepts of All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science and their relevance to a functional environment.	Acquisition of Intended LOs via a Acquisition of intended LOs via a combination of small group lectures, small group-based tutorial	A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4 to A.13 – a combination of summative (closed-book) examinations and summative coursework along with written assignments and in-course assessments, computer-based
2	Enhanced comprehension of the application of scientific principles.	coursework (oral and written presentation), individual coursework	coursework, project reports and presentations.
3	The integration of science across a range of disciplines.	(oral and written presentation) and summative examination. Additional	A.4 – summative examination paper/s under closed-book regulations.
4	The importance of coherent scientific ideas.	support is provided through the provision of small peer-led tutorial group work; UPIC module-specific	
5	How to apply and use basic scientific notation.	subject specialists; guest speakers (industry/topic specific); monitoring	
6	How to construct clear, logical arguments, inter alia, demonstrating the difference between experimental evidence and proof, and between an implication and its converse.	and appraisal by UPIC academic management as well as NVT UK Ltd management. Ensuring all candidates acquire grounding in University of Plymouth	
7		and associated end-user IT platforms for academic study. The opportunity to interface regularly with noted platforms in College, University of	
8	How to manipulate elementary scientific constructs.	Plymouth library and independent environments to develop an understanding of the implications of	
9	The application of numerical techniques to the decision making process with an emphasis on statistical and sampling methods, and the description of theories and models.	the use of different computer and IT systems for research. Acquisition of A.6, A.8, A.9, A.10 and A.11 via topic specific small lab-based group lectures and the additional support and guidance provided via the provision of small peer-led	
	The purpose and processes of basic recording of data in order to carry out performance monitoring within the context of All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science and adherence to regulatory standards.	tutorial group work in differing environments. All lecturers are available via email and the student portal for queries to be met.	
1	The application of ICT as a fundamental tool for extracting, sourcing, describing and presenting data and information in a variety of relevant forms, and distributing data and information via a range of channels and formats.	Students are encouraged throughout the programme to undertake independent study both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught/learnt and to broaden their individual knowledge and understanding of the subject. Feedback is given to all students on all work produced and, where	
1	The techniques and forms of effective and clear communication in a variety of academic and professional settings in accordance with Level B2 'Independent User' as described by the Council of Europe, see p. 3 of this document for reference.	appropriate, confirmed in individual appraisal events associated with modules and more generally NVT UK Ltd academic management, see session 10.3 ILSC1&3. Additional interviews are made with the lecturer and/or the College Director/Principal to evaluate and discuss any emerging learning issues and therein a candidate's options.	

13	The role and importance of the	Academics preferably have a strong	
	The role and importance of the study of the history of scholarship as a basis to determining a full understanding, correct use of accurate nomenclature and an appreciation of fundamental concepts associated with a subject area.	science-related background as well as academic and teaching credentials to ensure that the programme satisfies the generic outcomes required by the QAA Foundation Degree qualification benchmark — application of concepts to the work environment.	
В	Cognitive/Intellectual Skills To obtain intellectual/cognitive skills	Teaching/learning methods and strategies	Assessment methods and strategies via
1	with the ability to: Make full use of library and IT search (catalogue and bibliographic) resources.	Acquisition of intended LOs via a combination of small group lectures, small group-based tutorial coursework (oral and written presentation), individual coursework	B.1 to B.5 – a combination of summative (closed-book) examinations and summative coursework along with written assignments, portfolios and incourse assessments/tests, computer-
2	Apply basic research techniques to sourcing and selecting appropriate academic data and literature.	(oral and written presentation) and summative examination. Additional support is provided through the provision of small peer-led tutorial group work; monitoring and appraisal	based coursework and tests, project reports, presentations and practical's. All students are required to maintain an 85% attendance record.
3	Integrate oral, written, non-verbal and diagrammatic skills for clear communication.	by UPIC academic management as well as NVT UK Ltd management. Ensuring all candidates acquire grounding in University of Plymouth	
4	Ability to analyse data and various modes of information using appropriate techniques.	and associated end-user IT platforms for academic study. The opportunity to interface regularly with noted platforms in College, University of	
5	Ability to begin to evaluate and start to apply, reasoned thinking and supportive evidence collation to conflicting sets of information	Plymouth library and independent environments to develop an understanding of the implications of the use of different computer and IT systems for research.	
	and academic opinion.	Acquisition of B.1 and B.2 via topic specific small lab-based group lectures and the additional support and guidance provided via the provision of small peer-led tutorial group work in differing environments.	
		Candidates are always encouraged to further develop intellectual skills by independent self-directed study as in the setting and monitoring of projects and coursework that require research and compilation skills as well as in-	
		course spot-tests, examinations and participation. Students are encouraged to understand and evaluate with critical awareness the concepts studied at this level.	
С	Practical Skills		
	To obtain practical skills with the ability to:	Teaching/learning methods and strategies	Assessment methods and strategies via

1	Transfer and utilise key skills at a higher level of study.	Additional support is provided through the provision of small peerled tutorial group work and integrated assessment regimes fostering interactivity of skills and knowledge across modules within the programme. Monitoring and appraisal by UPIC academic management as well as NVT UK Ltd management.	Integrated themes used across the continuous assessment framework for the programme to test robust capability skills in a number of environments.
		Ensuring all candidates acquire grounding in University of Plymouth and associated end-user IT platforms for academic study. The opportunity to interface regularly with noted platforms in College, University of Plymouth library and independent environments to develop an understanding of the implications of the use of different computer and IT systems for research.	
2	Employ analytical skills and methodologies as a basis to further study.	Through a combination of small group lectures and small group-based tutorial supported by an assessment framework that requires a high level of self-directed study allows candidates to foster a range of analytical skills to support further study. This is aided by inclusion of the module ILSC1&3 in the programme.	A combination of summative (closed-book) examinations and summative coursework along with written assignments and in-course assessments, computer-based coursework, project reports and presentations that test all analytical skills and require the application of taught methodology to solve queries across a range of subject areas.
		Ensuring all candidates acquire grounding in University of Plymouth and associated end-user IT platforms for academic study. The opportunity to interface regularly with noted platforms in College, University of Plymouth library and independent environments to develop an understanding of the implications of the use of different computer and IT systems for research and skills application.	
3	Ability to begin to engage critically with regard to science.	Application of the central mathematical themes throughout all core modules of the programme via examples and topics for assessment regimes.	Integrated themes used across the continuous assessment framework for the programme to test robust capability skills in a number of environments.
D	Transferable Skills		
	To obtain transferable skills with the ability to:	Teaching/learning methods and strategies	Assessment methods and strategies via
1	Select, read, digest, summarise	Embedded in all aspects of delivery	A combination of summative (closed-

and synthesise information material in a variety of forms, both qualitative and quantitative (text, numerical data and diagrammatic) and in an appropriate manner to identify and determine key facts/themes and relevancy.

- Use and clearly communicate discursive, numerical, statistical and diagrammatic ideas, concepts, results and conclusions using appropriate technical and non-technical language and language style, structure and form.
- Application of basic research and referencing techniques to all aspects of study, information collation, information presentation and formulation of academic opinion.
- Embedding the importance of self-study and reliance. This involves cultivating and developing a responsibility within each student to take cognizance for their own learning, initiative, effective time management and self-discipline within the academic and professional environments.
- 9 Students will also begin to develop a very good conceptual understanding and evaluation of the main aspects of the disciplines of All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science that can serve them well in their future studies and careers.

and assessment structures is the need to disseminate information presented in a variety of forms and modalities.

Using a combination of all delivery and assessment styles (oral and written, group and individual) used within the programme to demonstrate competence in presentation, reports, long and short essays (to enhance summarisation techniques and limit collusion and plagiarism), timed assignments (indicating knowledge, organisation, time management and clear communication ability), of the following: design a persuasive message from the audience's perspective; demonstrate effective presentation delivery skills in a variety of situations; leave effective voice-mail messages; write persuasive e-mails, memos, letters; and write factual essays and reports in plain English.

Benchmarking of skills with regard to IT software packages (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access), internet access, web-content management (CMS, via Drupal).

book) examinations and summative coursework along with written assignments and in-course assessments, computer-based coursework, project reports and presentations.

This indicates an ability to effectively manage a complex and flexible timetable, combining a variety of delivery and assessment modes, some of which are conflicting in submission and style (oral/written and individual/small group, to demonstrate effective organisation, self-reliance and time-management skills.

Assessment Regulations

Summary:

The programme is compliant with both the generic assessment regulations of Navitas UK and those of the College; see CPR QS9.

Each module within the programme/stage of study has an associated Module Outline Guide (MG) that may be broadened into a Definitive Module Document (DMD) either of which will be provided to students at the beginning of their studies. These documents offer generic information on the Aims and Specific LOs of the subject/s under study, basic references and the attendance and notional contact requirements. They also include topics/subject areas of study and outlines of the assessment events.

Each module has an associated textbook, as prescribed by the University's Module Outlines, and a specifically developed Module Content Guide (MG) which includes the types of assessment activities employed, teaching methods, resources, assessment criteria and expectations, contact details of the tutor/s, referencing (if applicable) and submission/completion requirements. Contained is also a detailed lecture-by-lecture schedule of subjects students can be expected to cover over the teaching period. This acts as a useful reference for study and revision purposes. All assessment is designed to reflect and measure both an individual's and a cohort's achievement against the Specific LOs of the module and Intended LOs of the programme.

In-course written, reading, listening and oral assessment is built in to all modules through general

interaction between tutors and students, student peer review and small group tutorials or individual tutorials/appraisals. Modes of assessment include essay/report writing, oral presentation (group or individual, and poster), portfolio, and e-based, in-class or take home exercises/tests.

All written assessments must follow certain criteria in style and submission as noted in the relevant Module Content Guides. This form of assessment is considered fundamental to a student's ability to communicate ideas and evidence with clarity, relevance and logic in a planned and organised manner. Plain writing style, syntax and grammar are core skills that can be enhanced to support the maturing of individual students' composition and thus academic and transferable proficiency.

Oral presentations, whether part of formal or informal assessment practice, are encouraged within all modules as they promote, among others, transferable skills and can identify those students who may be plagiarising material. It is advised, however, that they should not make up more than 60% of the final module mark unless as part of the learning rational. Oral group presentations should ideally contain no more than five (5) students, unless specific reasoning is applied. Each member, irrespective of their role, should be awarded the same mark unless where obvious differentiation arises, for management of this process see CPR QS9. This form of expression should not be allocated more than fifty (50) minutes per group, with less than a 30% weighting. Time limits must be upheld by tutors so as to ensure all students have the same opportunity to perform. Furthermore, tutors ought to notify students as to the materials available to them before preparation takes place.

Final summative examination normally adheres to closed-book, invigilated, timed conditions and takes place during allocated exam periods of a programme. It represents a more Abstract measure of a student's achievement as a consequence of the Specific LOs associated with a module. It is utilised as a key measure of quality in teaching standards and provides a basis to aspects of delivery and environment which takes place at the conclusion of a semester by College academic services, see CPR QS9. Marks indicated in the relevant DMDs cannot be referred. Only in extenuating circumstances, sickness, personal tragedy or in the possibility of a clerical error, will deferral take place, see CPR QS9. Formal assessment modalities (coursework and examination, respectively), combine to produce the following weightings applied to any give module:

Coursework	Examination
100%	0%
80%	20%
70%	30%
60%	40%
50%	50%
40%	60%
30%	70%
20%	80%
0%	100%

Successful completion of a module is based on attaining the required overall pass grade prescribed. All students must achieve a grade D* in the Interactive Learning Skills and Communication (see DMD ILS001). The assessment mode for a given module is based on the desired Specific LOs, their expressions can be found in the relevant DMD. Students must be briefed at the beginning of each module as to which weightings are in use. They should also be clearly advised as to the marking criteria and, hence, the achievement requirements for each grade cluster.

Where a student has a special need or disability, appropriate steps must be taken by the College, academic staff and/or internal/external invigilators to ensure that the need is recognised and a justified outcome identified, see CPR QS9.

Demonstration of achievement:

Students must pass all modules at the prescribed grade in order to progress to the next stage of their educational continuum, see Progression Criteria, below.

Categories of performance and grading levels:

A and A*(High Distinction) – Distinctive level of knowledge, skill and understanding which demonstrates an authoritative grasp of the concepts and principles and ability to communicate them in relation to the assessment event without plagiarism or collusion. Indications of originality in application of ideas, graphical representations, personal insights reflecting depth and confidence of understanding of issues raised in the assessment event.

B and B* (Distinction) – Level of competence demonstrating a coherent grasp of knowledge, skill and understanding of the assessment and ability to communicate them effectively without plagiarism or collusion. Displays originality in interpreting concepts and principles. The work uses graphs and tables to illustrate answers where relevant. Ideas and conclusions are expressed clearly. Many aspects of the student's application and result can be commended.

C and C*(Credit) – Level of competence shows an acceptable knowledge, skill and understanding

sufficient to indicate that the student is able to make further progress. The outcome shows satisfactorily understanding and performance of the requirements of the assessment tasks without plagiarism or collusion. Demonstrates clear expression of ideas, draws recognisable and relevant conclusions. D (Pass) – Evidence of basic competence to meet requirements of the assessment task and event without plagiarism or collusion. Evidence of basic acquaintance with relevant source material. Limited attempt to organise and communicate the response. Some attempt to draw relevant F (Fail) – The student's application and result shows that the level of competence being sought has not yet been achieved. The assessed work shows a less than acceptable grasp of knowledge, skill and understanding of the requirements and communication of the assessment event and associated tasks. Generic marking criteria: Response – the response must address all parts of the question, that is not just a part or parts of the question. A response that is not specifically tailored to the needs of the question will not be accepted. Structure – the student has identified the main issues of the question and attached the appropriate emphasis to them; has stated their agreement accurately and in some detail; and has utilised the supporting data. Context – the student has displayed knowledge of the basic subject matter under assessment; has included only relevant material where required; has provided a written agreement or mathematical/numerical/diagrammatic/modelled statement and, in doing so, has addressed all aspects of it in reaching a conclusion; and has provided a clear understanding of a question in reaching a conclusion. Presentation - due credit, specified as a percentage of the marking criteria, will be given for a succinct and fluent writing style. Illegible material will not be given due credit, specified as a percentage of the marking criteria. Penalty – a student will be penalised if they have not tackled each issue of a question separately, stating their agreement and or rationalised progression, and then applying this to the facts; and will be penalised for not providing evidence of academically based reasoning in an answer. Sources - the student should provide accurate referencing; it is essential that a student does not plagiarise from any source, see CPR QS9. **English and Maths** Students who have joined at Entry Level 1 will attend the weekly English and Maths clubs that are provided by UPIC free of charge. The students will also attend free sessions hosted by Plymouth Support University's English Language Centre. Moderation See CPR QS9 - All examination papers are internally moderated through a peer review process. The College undertakes second marking as per CPR QS09. Model answers are prepared alongside examination papers. Progression Criteria: See Appendix 2 of this document; also see relevant DMDs and MIDs in Associated Documentation Standard (noted below) Programmes Minimum pass mark of 50% achieved in all modules. **Progression Criteria:** Alongside the standard progression criteria detailed above students on the BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing; School of Health BSc (Hons) Nursing (Child Health); BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health) BSc (Hons) Optometry; BSc Practitioners and (Hons) Occupational Therapy; BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy; BSc (Hons) Podiatry; BSc (Hons) Dietetics; School of Nursing and BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practitioner; BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography programmes will have and Midwifery extra progression criteria applied before entry into Stage 1 (University FHEQ Level 4) study will be Programmes allowed. Students will not be admitted into the programme unless they have an IELTS of 5.5 overall (with no less than 5.5 in Listening and Reading); Successful students will be assessed by the English language Centre throughout the course and must finish their studies at UPIC at an IELTS level of 7 across the Board. Students will be interviewed by the relevant School before being offered a place and must produce a Statement of Good Conduct. Students will also need to be CRB (DBS) checked before progression to University, produce a vaccination certificate and complete a healthcare questionnaire. For Paramedic Practitioner candidates a full clean UK driving license is also preferred, but not essential. A Values Based NHS interview will also be performed via the relevant School which the students must pass to progress. Students will only get one chance at this interview.

	Failure of this extra criteria will result in students being offered a place on an alternative pathway, e.g. BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences
Failure to Progress	See CPR QS09 – Summary: a student may not fail any module more than twice; failure of a module once requires that a student may be asked to repeat the entire module at full cost or (in exceptional circumstances) completed a piece of referred work. Failure of a student to successfully complete a module on the repeat of that module will result in referral to the College Progression Board for a student management decision to be made.
Associated Documentation	Definitive Module Documents (DMDs) as follows: DMD UF/ILSC1&3; DMD UF/SCI101SC; DMD UF/SCI102; DMD UF/BUS107; DMD UF/SCI115; DMD UF/SCI120; DMD UF/SCI125 DMD UF/SCI101; DMD UF/SCI103; DMD UF/SCI116; DMD UF/SCI132
	Module Guides (MGs) as follows: MG UF/ILSC1&3; MG UF/SCI101SC; MG UF/SCI102; MG UF/BUS107; MG UF/SCI115; MG UF/SCI120; MG UF/SCI125; MG UF/SCI101; MG UF/SCI103; MG UF/SCI116; MG UF/SCI132
	Associated teaching aids for a module as required Associated Student Handbook College Policies and Regulations (CPRs)
Human Resource	Sessional academics (tutors) – with appropriate qualifications, experience and abilities. Guest speakers – relevant industries as requested by the College.
Built Environment	All lectures/classes/labs and small group tutorials are held in the designated UPIC classrooms, seminar rooms and dedicated IT laboratories; students are encouraged to use Plymouth University's library and e-learning facilities for self-directed study; students are encouraged to use their private IT facilities where possible; field-trips will be taken as required.
COVID-19 Response	Currently, due to the COVID-19 crisis all classes are offered online with the potential for a blended face to face approach where appropriatte or available. The ability to provide face to face blended learning depends on UK Government advice.
E-learning	College Portal; University Moodle; Library
Library	Charles Seale-Hayne library

Programme Framework

University Foundation in Science/Life Science/Health	care –
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Core Modules			%	%
Module Code	Module Name	Credit Points	Examination (closed-book and timed conditions)	Coursework (oral and written communication – small group and individual)
ILSC1&3	Interactive Learning Skills and	20	30	70
	Communication 1&3			
BUS107	Principles of ICT	10	50	50
ELC1	English Language Preparation	-	-	-
SCI115	Physics 1	20	90	10
SCI101SC	Numerical Techniques 1	20	100	-
SCI120	Biology	20	50	50
ELC2	English Language Preparation	-	-	-
SCI134	Healthcare Preparation	-	100	-
SCI30	Research and Referencing	10	-	100
SCI125	Chemistry	20	50	50
SCI102	Numerical Techniques 2	20	100	-
ELC3	English Language Preparation	_	_	_

^{*} Healthcare Sciences only. English language Tuition throughout to ensure IELTS of 6.5/7 on progression (depending on pathway)

University Four	University Foundation – Life Sciences/Sciences Modules Standard 2 Semester				
Core Modules			%	%	
Module Code	Module Name	Credit Points	Examination (closed-book and timed conditions)	Coursework (oral and written communication – small group and individual)	
ILSC1&3	Interactive Learning Skills and	20	30	70	
	Communication 1&3				
BUS107	Principles of ICT	10	50	50	
SCI115	Physics 1	20	90	10	
SCI101SC	Numerical Techniques 1	20	100	-	
SCI120	Biology	20	50	50	
SCI30	Research and Referencing	10	-	100	
SCI125	Chemistry	20	50	50	
SCI102	Numerical Techniques 2	20	100	-	
		140 Credit Poin	ts		

Monitoring and	Formal review of the University Foundation in Life Sciences/Sciences/Healthcare Sciences takes place
Review	as an annual review by UPIC with representation from the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the
	Faculty of Health. Strategic, logistical and operational issues are developed within the remit of the
	Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) held on a trimester basis and chaired by Plymouth University.
	Progression is determined via the UPIC Board of Examiners. For a details of this review and quality
	management of this and all UPIC programmes, see, CPR QS9.
	Informal Review takes place on a regular basis via interface between students, academic services and
	the teaching staff using both student surveys (inclusive of i-graduate) and teaching observation.
Entry Requirements	Standard and approved requirements for academic international benchmark qualifications; see CPR
	QS3.
	English language for Entry Point 1 is at CEFR level B1; English language for Entry Point 2 is at CEFR
	level B2 in line with UKBA requirements for FHEQ6.
Appendix 1	Intended Learning Outcomes in the constituent modules – table inserted indicating direct mapping of
	LOs per module.
Appendix 2	Delivery schedule incorporating notional, contact and self-directed hours of study applied to each
	module and therein the programme.
	Appendix 2= Two Semester
Appendix 3	-
Appendix 4	-
Appendix 5	- See DMDs.

Appendix 1

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Development of Programme Learning Outcomes in the Constituent Modules

The table below maps where the LOs of a programme are assessed in the core/constituent modules. It provides an aid to (i) academic staff in understanding how individual modules contribute to the programme aims, (ii) a checklist for quality control purposes, and (iii) a means to help students monitor their own learning, and personal and professional development as the programme progresses.

Key:

Learning Outcomes which are assessed as part of a given module ✓✓

Learning outcomes which are not explicitly assessed as part of a given module ✓

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Pathway Stage 1	Pathway Stage 1		Programme Intended LOs												
		Knowled	ge and Under	standing											
Core Modules	Module Code	A.1	A.2	A.3	A.4	A.5	A.6	A.7	A.8	A.9	A.10	A.11	A.12	A.13	
Interactive Learning Skills and	ILSC1&3	√	✓	V V	√ √		√ √					√	V V	4	
Communication 3															
Principles of ICT	BUS107			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	√ √	√ √	√ √	
Physics 1	SCI115	√√	√√	√√	✓	√√	√√		√√	✓	✓	✓	√√	√√	
Numerical techniques 1	SCI101SC/SCI101	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√√	✓	√ √	✓	✓	√√	√ √	
Numerical Techniques 2	SCI102	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√ √	✓	√ √	✓	✓	√√	√√	
Numerical Techniques 3	SCI103			✓		√			√	√ √			✓	✓	
Physics 2	SCI116		✓	✓		√ √		√ √	√ √	✓			✓	√	
Biology 1	SCI120	√√	√√	√√	√ √	√ √	√ √	✓	√ √	√ √	√ √	✓	√√	√ √	
Chemistry	SCI125	√√	√√	√√	√ √	√√	√√	✓	√ √	√√	√ √	✓	√√	√√	
Practical Methods in Science and Engineering	SCI130	√ √	V V	*	*	*	*	~	*	*	*	V	V V	*	
Materials and Mechanics	SCI132	√	√	/ /	√ √	√	√	/ /	√	/ /	√ √	//	√	√	

Knowledge and Understanding

- A.1 The basic concepts of All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science and their relevance to a functional environment.
- A.2 Enhanced comprehension of the application of scientific principles.
- **A.3** The integration of science across a range of disciplines.
- **A.4** The importance of coherent scientific ideas.
- **A.5** How to apply and use basic scientific notation.

- A.6 How to construct clear, logical arguments, inter alia, demonstrating the difference between experimental evidence and proof, and between an implication and its converse.
- **A.7** Modelling and its importance to scientific thinking.
- **A.8** How to manipulate elementary scientific constructs.
- **A.9** The application of numerical techniques to the decision making process with an emphasis on statistical and sampling methods and the description of theories and models.
- **A.10** The purpose and processes of basic recording of data in order to carry out performance monitoring within the context of science and adherence to regulatory standards.
- **A.11** The application of ICT as a fundamental tool for extracting, sourcing, describing and presenting data and information in a variety of relevant forms, and distributing data and information via a range of channels and formats.
- **A.12** The techniques and forms of effective and clear communication in a variety of academic and professional settings in accordance with Level B2 'Independent User' as described by the Council of Europe, see p. 3 of this document for reference.
- **A.13** The role and importance of the study of the history of scholarship as a basis to determining a full understanding, correct use of accurate nomenclature and an appreciation of fundamental concepts associated with a subject area.

Pathway Stage 1		Programme Intended LOs														
		Intellectu	ual Skills				Practical	Skills		Transfer	Transferable Skills					
Core Modules	Module Code	B.1	B.2	B.3	B.4	B.5	C.1	C.2	C.3	D.1	D.2	D.3	D.4	D.5		
Interactive Learning Skills and Communication 3	ILSC1&3	√ √	*	*		√ √	√ √	√ √	√	√ √	V V	√ √	√	√ √		
Principles of ICT	BUS107	✓✓	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	✓	√√		
Physics 1	SCI115	✓	√	√√	//	√ √	√ √	//	√√	√√	√√	√ √	✓	√ √		
Physics 2	SCI116	✓	✓	√ √	//	//	V	√√	√	V V	√ √	√ √	√	√ √		
Numerical techniques 1	SCI101SC/ SCI101	✓	√	√ √	V V	√ √	/ /	//	√	//	√√	√ √	✓	√ √		
Numerical Techniques 2	SCI102	√	✓	*	V V	~	V V	V V	√	V V	V V	*	✓	√ √		
Numerical Techniques 3	SCI103	√	√	//	√ √	√ √	V V	/ /		//	//	//	√	√ √		
Biology 1	SCI120	√ √	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√√	√ √	√ √	√√	✓	√ √		
Chemistry	SCI125	V V	V V	√ √	//	V V	/ /	√ √	√ √	V V	√ √	√ √	✓	√ √		
Practical Methods in Science and Engineering	SCI130	√ √	*	*	√√	√√	√ √	11	11	/ /	1	√ √	✓	*		
Materials and Mechanics	SCI132	√	√	√ √	√	√ √	√ √	√ √	√	√ √						

Skills and Attributes

Intellectual/Cognitive Skills

- **B.1** Make full use of library and IT search (catalogue and bibliographic) resources.
- **B.2** Apply basic research techniques to sourcing and selecting appropriate academic data and literature.
- **B.3** Integrate oral, written, non-verbal and diagrammatic skills to effect clear communication.
- **B.4** Ability to analyse data and various modes of information using appropriate techniques.
- **B.5** Ability to begin to evaluate and start to apply, reasoned thinking and supportive evidence collation to conflicting sets of information and academic opinion.

Practical skills

- C.1 Transfer and utilise key skills at a higher level of study.
- **C.2** Employ analytical skills and methodologies as a basis to further study.
- C.3 Ability to begin to engage critically with regard to the underlying challenges facing sciences.

Transferable skills

- **D.1** Select, read, digest, summarise and synthesise information material in a variety of forms, both qualitative and quantitative (text, numerical data and diagrammatic) and in an appropriate manner to identify and determine key facts/themes and relevancy.
- **D.2** Use and clearly communicate discursive, numerical, statistical and diagrammatic ideas, concepts, results and conclusions using appropriate technical and non-technical language and language style, structure and form.
- **D.3** Application of basic research and referencing techniques to all aspects of study, information collation, information presentation and formulation of academic opinion.
- **D.4** Embedding the importance of self-study and reliance. This involves cultivating and developing a responsibility within each student to take cognizance for their own learning, initiative, effective time management and self-discipline within the academic and professional environments.
- **D.5** Students will also begin to develop a very good conceptual understanding and evaluation of the main aspects of a functioning All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science that can serve them well in their future studies and careers.

Appendix 2
University Foundation – All Science, Life Science and Healthcare Science
Delivery Schedule: hours of study applied to the programme

Semester 1 Healthcare Sciences Foundation Only

Week	Total Hours								
	ILSC1&3		BUS107		ELC				
	Interactive Learr Communication 3	ning Skills and	ICT Skills		English Language				
	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours/week	Self-directed study hours/week	
1	5	10	3	5	8	8	16	23	
2	5	10	3	5	8	8	16	23	
3	5	10	3	5	8	8	16	23	
4	5	10	3	5	8	8	16	23	
5	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
6	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
7	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
8	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
9	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
10	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
11	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
12	5	11	3	5	8	8	16	24	
13 (Exam)	2	10	2	2	-	-	4	12	
Total hours / module	62	138	38	62	96	96	196	296	
Notional hours / module	200		100		19	92	492		
Credit Points	20	0	10)		-	30		

Semester 2 Healthcare Sciences Foundation Only

Week			Total Hours									
	SCI101SC		SCI115		SCI120		ELC		SCI134			
	Numerical Techn	iques 1	Physics 1		Biology 1		English Language		Healthcare Preparation			
	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Contact hours	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours/week	Self-directed study hours/week
1	5	10	5	10	5	10	4	4	3	3	22	37
2	5	10	5	10	5	10	4	4	3	3	22	37
3	5	10	5	10	5	10	4	4	3	3	22	37
4	5	10	5	10	5	10	4	4	3	3	22	37
5	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
6	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
7	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
8	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
9	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
10	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
11	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
12	5	11	5	11	5	11	4	4	3	3	22	40
13 (Exam)	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	2	-	-	8	32
Total hours / module	62	138	62	138	62	138	50	50	36	36	272	500
Notional hours / module	20	00	200		20	200		100		72		772
Credit Points	20					0		20		-	60	

Semester 3 Healthcare Sciences Foundation Only

Week											
	SCI130		SCI125		SCI102		ELC				
	Research and Refer	encing	Chemistry		Numerical Techniqu	ues 2	English Language				
	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours	Contact hours	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours/week	Self-directed study hours/week	
1	4	4	5	10	5	10	4	4	18	28	
2	4	4	5	10	5	10	4	4	18	28	
3	4	4	5	10	5	10	4	4	18	28	
4	4	4	5	10	5	10	4	4	18	28	
5	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
6	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
7	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
8	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
9	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
10	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
11	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
12	4	4	5	11	5	11	4	4	18	30	
13 (Exam)	2	2	2	10	2	10	2	2	8	24	
Total hours / module	50	50	62	138	62	138	50	50	224	376	
Notional hours / module	100		20	200		200		100		600	
Credit Points	10			0	20		-			50	

Semester 1 Standard Entry

Week	Total Hours										
	ILSC1&3		BUS107		SCI101SC		SCI115		Contact	Self-directed	
	Interactive Lear Communication 3	rning Skills and 3	ICT Skills		Numerical Techni	ques 1	Physics 1		hours/week	study hours/week	
	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir study			
1	5	10	3	5	5	10	5	10	18	35	
2	5	10	3	5	5	10	5	10	18	35	
3	5	10	3	5	5	10	5	10	18	35	
4	5	10	3	5	5	10	5	10	18	35	
5	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
6	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
7	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
8	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
9	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
10	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
11	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
12	5	11	3	5	5	11	5	11	18	38	
13 (Exam)	2	10	2	2	2	10	2	10	8	32	
Total hours / module	62	138	38	62	62	138	62	138	224	476	
Notional hours / module	200		100		200		200		700		
Credit Points	20		10		2	20		20		70	

Semester Two: Standard Entry

Week	Total Hours										
	SCI120		SCI130		SCI125		SCI102				
	Biology 1		Practical Methods in Science and Engineering		Chemistry		Numerical Technique	es 2			
	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours	Self-dir Study	Contact hours	Self-dir study	Contact hours/week	Self-directed study hours/week	
1	5	10	4	4	5	10	5	10	19	34	
2	5	10	4	4	5	10	5	10	19	34	
3	5	10	4	4	5	10	5	10	19	34	
4	5	10	4	4	5	10	5	10	19	34	
5	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
6	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
7	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
8	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
9	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
10	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
11	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
12	5	11	4	4	5	11	5	11	19	37	
13 (Exam)	2	10	2	2	2	10	2	10	8	32	
Total hours / module	62	138	50	50	62	138	62	138	236	476	
Notional hours / module	20	00	100		200		20	0	700		
Credit Points	2	0	1	0	2	0	20	20		70	