

## Programme Regulations: 2026/27

### Programme Title: MRes Ecology

Codes: 4871F/P

#### Notes:

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Research Degree Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student must take.*
- (iii) *All modules are delivered in linear mode unless stated otherwise as block, eLearning or distance learning.*
- (iv) *As a Research Masters degree, this programme reflects specific research themes and aims incorporating research preparation. The programme comprises at least 180 credits of which at least 80 credits will be dedicated to the research project/dissertation.*

### 1. Programme Structure

- (a) The programme is available for study in full-time and part-time mode.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be 1 year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall be 2 years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) Statement on project supervision/topics: Supervisors across the school will be expected to provide opportunities for students to complete their dissertation in their research laboratory. Each student will (at the latest the start of the degree programme) identify a suitable supervisor for their dissertation project through discussions with the Degree Programme Co-directors and the respective staff members. Students should be aware that it may not always be possible for a student to be given their first-choice project, but a suitable alternate will be sought by the School in consultation with the student and programme staff.
- (e) The taught programme consists of 60 credits. The student will be able to choose their modules from a list of options. These options will be discussed between the student and the degree programme co-directors and project supervisor to ensure the choice allows the student to acquire any missing skills needed to embark on their dissertation project. There are no learning outcomes that potentially could be missed as all learning outcomes are also tested as part of the dissertation project module.
- (f) All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
NES8005	MRes Research Project	120	10	50	60	7	

- (g) All candidates shall choose 60 credits from the following optional modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
NES8010	Quantitative Ecological Research Methods	20	20			7	Block
NES8312	Geographical Information systems and Remote Sensing	20		20		7	Block
NES8313	Sustainability of Human and Natural systems	20	20			7	Block
NES8314	Critical Thinking and Analysis for Evidence-Based Environmental Science	20	20			7	Block
NES8318	Assessing the Status of Biodiversity	20		20		7	Block

SCX8000	Facing up to Climate Change: A Multi-disciplinary Perspective	20	10	10		7	Linear
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With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

## **2. Assessment methods**

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.