

BS354-15 Laboratories and Assessments for Biological Sciences

22/23

Department

Life Sciences

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

30 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

Subject specific laboratory classes and a small group tutorial programme.

Module aims

To complete the development of students' research and transferrable skills through a program of laboratory and tutorial activities (continuation of programs in Years 1 and 2).

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Students will complete the third year of a laboratory and tutorial-based skills program. The key aims of the year 3 program are to embed final year level literature and practical research skills. This will be achieved through a combination of tutorial set tasks, some of which are formative, some summatively assessed, and laboratory classes.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Students should be able to critically analyse data produced in the laboratory or during field work
- Students should be able to critically analyse the primary research literature
- Students should be able to design experiments
- Students should be able to navigate ethical approval

Subject specific skills

- a. Demonstrate clear understanding of the scientific topic
- b. Contain evidence of extended reading and lateral integration of material not covered in the lectures
- c. Demonstrate independent thought and deep understanding
- d. Specifically answer the set question using information from multiple lectures and sources
- e. Be structured and formatted in a way that demonstrates understanding and logical flow
- f. Use multiple sources to construct complex scientific arguments and integrating these to build and develop the student's own scientific conclusions.

Transferable skills

1. Critical appraisal of source material
 2. Self directed learning
 3. Adult learning
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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Tutorials	12 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Practical classes	50 sessions of 1 hour (33%)
Private study	88 hours (59%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Labs - data analysis and report writing.

Tutorials - preparation of material for each contact session, and assessment reports.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Environmental lab report	40%		Yes (extension)
Submission of lab report			
Dynamics lab report 1	10%		Yes (extension)
Submission of lab report			
Dynamics lab report 2	10%		Yes (extension)
Submission of lab report			
Dynamics lab report 3	20%		Yes (extension)
Submission of lab report			
Experimental design 1	10%		Yes (extension)
Ethical approval tutorial	10%		Yes (extension)

Assessment group R1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
No reassessment	100%		No

Feedback on assessment

Written individual feedback

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of UBSA-3 Undergraduate Biological Sciences
- Year 3 of ULFA-C1A1 Undergraduate Biological Sciences (MBio)
- Year 4 of ULFA-C113 Undergraduate Biological Sciences (with Placement Year)
- Year 3 of ULFA-C1A5 Undergraduate Biological Sciences with Industrial Placement (MBio)