

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
FACULTY OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

ADMISSIONS POLICY
2011 application for 2012 entry

This document outlines the Faculty of Biological Sciences' Admissions Policy for 2012 entry. It supports the admissions principles and policies of the University of Leeds, as outlined in the 2012 [University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy](#) and should be considered alongside this document. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Faculty of Biological Sciences' Admissions Policy applies to the following programmes:

Applied Biology (C110)

Biochemistry (C700)

Biological Sciences BSc (C701)

Biology BSc (C100)

Ecology and Environmental Biology BSc (C180)

Genetics BSc (C400)

Human Physiology BSc (B120)

Medical Biochemistry BSc (C741)

Medical Microbiology BSc (C521)

Medical Sciences BSc (B100)

Microbiology BSc (C500)

Microbiology with Immunology BSc (C5C9)

Microbiology with Virology BSc (C540)

Neuroscience BSc (B140)

Pharmacology BSc (B210)

Sports and Exercise Science BSc (C601)

Sports Science and Physiology BSc (BC16)

Zoology BSc (C300)

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Application process

1. UCAS process

All full time undergraduate applications must be made through the online Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (www.ucas.com) by 15 January 2012. As required by UCAS, applicants must provide a personal statement, list all qualifications taken and pending, including AS level results, and an appropriate referee's statement. In addition, applicants must declare if they wish to defer entry and candidates must declare any prior criminal conviction.

It is very important to the admissions and selections process that all sections of the UCAS form are fully and correctly completed. Failure to do so could lead to delays in your application being processed and may also mean that you are not identified as being eligible for special admissions schemes, scholarships etc.

If you are considering applying after the UCAS deadline, you should contact the Faculty of Biological Sciences in the first instance to check whether we are accepting applications after the initial UCAS closing date.

2. Pre-entry guidance

The University offers a confidential and impartial pre-entry guidance service to assist individuals in making choices about higher education courses and qualifications best suited to their future career aspirations and educational background. Information on this service for **prospective full time students** and **prospective part time and adult students** can be found on our website.

3. Access to Leeds scheme

The Faculty of Biological Sciences is committed to identifying all applicants who have the potential to succeed at the University of Leeds. Applicants who have experienced educational or social disadvantage will be flagged to admissions tutors using a combination of school performance, geographic factors and personal circumstances. For this reason, it is important that applicants fully complete all sections of the UCAS application form, including all elements of section two.

Admissions tutors will assess applicant's potential for the Access to Leeds scheme using the contextual evidence, and students that receive an offer will receive an alternative offer alongside their standard offer. The alternative offer will be the equivalent of two A Level grades below their standard offer, and is conditional upon successfully completing the Access to Leeds module. Access to Leeds students will be eligible for an Access to Leeds offer if they meet the University's GCSE matriculation standard and, for courses which require particular subject skills, have gained at least a grade C (or equivalent) in the requested subject area. For more information please visit the **Access to Leeds** website.

4. Deferred applications/ Gap-Year

The Faculty of Biological Sciences will accept applications for deferred entry and we welcome applications from applicants who are intending to undertake a gap year. We encourage such applicants to make use of the personal statement section of the UCAS application form to explain their reasons for deferral. You can apply for deferred entry during your A2 year or apply during your year out. We also consider requests to defer a place at any point in the year; applicants wishing to defer a current application should contact the Faculty Admissions Office at the contact address at the top of the offer letter. An unconditional offer may be made if you have already received your results, whereas if you are still awaiting your results any offer made will be conditional.

Applicants considering deferring entry to 2013 should ensure that they are fully informed regarding **government changes** to the university loans scheme.

5. Re-sits/ Re-applications

The Faculty of Biological Sciences will accept applications from applicants who have re-taken applications and/or re-sat examinations. Applicants who are re-sitting exams to improve on prior performance will be expected to obtain grades at the higher end of our offer range.

6. Cashed in AS levels

The University of Leeds is committed to ensuring that applications are considered holistically. We take a broad view of the full information available in the UCAS application form and use all the information provided as part of our decision making process. We therefore strongly encourage all applicants to declare their cashed in AS results.

7. Internal transfers

The Faculty of Biological Sciences may accept applications from applicants who wish to transfer internally from other programmes at the University of Leeds to level one of our courses, providing applicants meet the entry requirements for level one entry and places are available.

Applicants should contact the relevant admissions officer in the first instance (contact details available **on** page 15) with details of their current module titles and performance and previous level three qualifications and grades (i.e. A levels or equivalent).

Applicants will normally be expected to have obtained the entry requirements for entry on to the first year of the programme they wish to apply for.

8. Transfer directly into second year

Transfer into second year is at the discretion of the programme leader and is only granted if:

- 1) an applicant has satisfied the first year entry criteria for the degree programme in the Faculty of Biological Sciences,
- 2) an applicant has completed a first year with similar content to the Faculty of Biological Sciences degree programme to a pre-determined standard and
- 3) providing there are places available.

Applicants should contact the relevant admissions officer in the first instance (contact details available **on** page 15) with details of their current module titles and performance and previous level three qualifications and grades (i.e. A levels or equivalent).

We do not accept students into the third year of any of our programmes.

9. Joint Honours applications

The University of Leeds offers the most varied selection of two-subject degrees in the country. For the current range of Joint Honours programmes offered within the Faculty of Biological Sciences please refer to [our website](#) for further information and entry requirements. The Faculty of Biological Sciences offers the following Joint Honours programmes for 2012 entry.

Programme title	UCAS course code	Parent department	Contact details
Natural Sciences MNatSci	BCF0	School of Chemistry	admissions@chem.leeds.ac.uk
Biology – History and Philosophy of Science	CV15	School of Humanities	jointhonoursarts@leeds.ac.uk
Biology – Maths	CG11	School of Mathematics	admiss@maths.leeds.ac.uk

Typical entry requirements for each programme are listed on page 194 of the Undergraduate Prospectus, together with the phone number of the appropriate admissions officer. Admissions to these Joint Honours programmes are dealt with by the parent department. However, the applicant may receive communications from both schools delivering the degree programme during the year.

10. Applications for Intercalated degrees

The Faculty of Biological Sciences offers nine intercalated degrees for students currently studying Medicine at the University of Leeds or another University.

Applications from current University of Leeds medical students are made through the internal transfer process, using the application form available [online](#). Please contact the intercalated programmes coordinator for information (see details in section 30).

Applications from external medical students are made through direct entry, using the University of Leeds [Direct Entry Application form, \(PDF\)](#). External applicants must provide a transcript of their medical course marks to date before the deadline. Offers of a place on the degree programmes and the allocation of scholarships will be made on the basis of these marks. Five scholarships, worth a total of £1000 each, are available for exceptional students from other universities who take up a place on an intercalating medical degree programme in the Faculty of Biological Sciences at the University of Leeds.

Applications from both routes are considered at the same time with places being awarded on the criteria of merit, with previous academic success forming part of this process. We normally have around 100 applicants for the 65 places available in total across the nine programmes. The deadline for application is 5th March 2012.

Intercalating Degrees

Anatomy in relation to Medicine
Biochemistry in relation to Medicine
Genetics in relation to Medicine
Microbiology in relation to Medicine
Neuroscience in relation to Medicine
Pharmacology in relation to Medicine
Human Physiology in relation to Medicine
Zoology in relation to Medicine and Veterinary Science
Sports Science in relation to Medicine

Further information on the intercalated degree programmes can be found on our [website](#).

11. Applications from minors and vulnerable persons

The University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy details our policy on dealing with applications from minors and vulnerable persons. Age and vulnerability itself is not generally a bar to admission. However, The University recognises that in some cases careful consideration may need to be given to someone's age or position as a vulnerable adult when applying for certain programmes.

12. International / Overseas students

Applications from international and overseas students should be made through UCAS and therefore the guidance given in section one should be read before making a UCAS application. The Faculty has a wide experience of school-leaving qualifications from other countries. All applications from international students are considered in line with our standard entrance requirements (expressed as A-level qualifications) and we would expect predicted grades to be of an equivalent level.

If you have qualifications which are not listed in the table in section 18, you can contact the Faculty's International Admissions Tutor to check that they are acceptable for entry. Enquires from International students which are specific to the Faculty of Biological Sciences should be directed to Dr Strauss, d.n.strauss@leeds.ac.uk

Proof of English Language proficiency will be required and minimum levels and approved tests for the Faculty of Biological Sciences are detailed in the [University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy](#). Further information for prospective international applicants can be found on our [website](#).

An international foundation year course is available for full-fee-paying international students whose existing qualifications do not satisfy course entry requirements. Students completing this course with 3 B grades are guaranteed entry on to degree programmes within the Faculty. Visit the [International Foundation Year website](#).

Mature students

The Faculty of Biological Sciences welcomes applications from mature applicants and support is available through the Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC). This support includes pre-entry advice and guidance for adults, matriculation tests, alternative entry schemes, preparatory programmes for adults, developing academic skills before entry, and information on a range of issues relevant to such applicants. Mohammed Hussain is the Guidance Officer in the Lifelong Learning Centre. For further details, email part-time@leeds.ac.uk, phone 0113 343 3212 or see the [Lifelong Learning Centre website](#).

All the programmes in the Faculty guarantee a place for students completing the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year at the University of Leeds to a pre-determined standard. We also consider applications from students taking relevant foundation year courses at other institutions. [Visit the website](#) for more information about the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year, or contact Debbie Howard, Admissions Officer, Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Programme on 0113 343 2690 or email, d.howard@leeds.ac.uk.

13. Part time applicants

The following programmes are available for part time undergraduate study:

BSc (Hons) Applied Biology

BSc (Hons) Biology

BSc (Hons) Ecology and Environmental Biology

BSc (Hons) Zoology

Applications for part-time undergraduate study should be made directly to the Lifelong Learning Centre rather than through UCAS. Fees, payment of fees, and financial support as well as a number of other arrangements are different for part-time UG study.

Support is available through the Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) for those wishing to study part-time on undergraduate programmes. This support includes pre-entry advice and guidance for adults, matriculation tests, alternative entry schemes, preparatory programmes for adults, developing academic skills before entry, and information on a range of issues relevant to such applicants. For further details, contact Mohammed Hussain, guidance officer by email part-time@leeds.ac.uk, phone 0113 343 3212 or see visit the [Lifelong Learning Centre website](#).

14. Disabled applicants

The Faculty of Biological Sciences welcomes applications from disabled people¹. The University will make reasonable adjustments, to help ensure that disabled applicants have full and equal access to our admissions procedures and courses. The judgment about an individual applicant's academic suitability will be kept separate from any consideration of the applicant's disability-related support requirements.

Applicants are invited to indicate their disability status on their application form and we strongly encourage applicants to disclose any disability. Where candidates choose not to disclose their disability this may make it more difficult, or in some cases impossible, for the University to make adjustments. Disabled applicants are also advised to contact the University's Disability Team (part of the University's Equality Service) once an application has been submitted through UCAS, to discuss any support requirements they may have in relation to the programme for which they have applied.

If any applicant feels that their disability has meant that they faced exceptional circumstances which should be taken into account by the University when considering their application, they should refer to section 4.12 of the [University's Undergraduate admissions policy](#).

The admissions process is covered by the University's [Policy on Equality and Diversity](#).

As well as responding to individual requests for such adjustments from applicants or students, the Faculty will strive to be proactive in ensuring that our admissions process and events (for example, Faculty open days) are as accessible as possible to applicants and their guests.

Disabled candidates are advised to contact the University's disability coordinator, within the University's [Equality Service](#) to discuss any support requirements they may have in relation to the programme for which they have applied. The disability coordinator can be contacted on 0113 343 3927

¹ The University is committed to the social model of disability and in line with the definition under the Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone with a physical or mental impairment which is long-term (lasting 12 months or more) and which has a substantial impact of that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. The definition of disability includes long-term medical conditions such as cancer (from the point of diagnosis), epilepsy, diabetes, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME and HIV/AIDS amongst others.

or by email, disability@leeds.ac.uk. Once applicants have accepted an offer of a place, they can arrange to meet with the disability coordinator on campus.

Prospective applicants are welcome to contact the Faculty directly to discuss any support or adjustments they may require. Disability enquiries specific to the Faculty of Biological Sciences should be directed to Dr Neil Messenger on 0113 343 5084 or email: n.messenger@leeds.ac.uk

This policy should also be read in conjunction with the [University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy](#), which states the University's broader commitments to delivering a fair and equal admissions process for disabled applicants.

15. Applicants with a health-related issue

The University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy details our policy concerning applicants with a health-related issue. The Faculty sees health-related issues² as being distinct from disability-related issues, although we recognise that a disabled applicant may also have a health-related issue.

Applicants with ill-health, or a health-related issue should contact the Faculty Undergraduate Admissions Office as soon as possible if their health is likely to impact on their ability to engage with the admissions process and the Faculty will aim to be flexible and take such issues into account.

16. Applicants with mitigating circumstance

If a candidate feels that their personal circumstances (for example, ill-health, bereavement or other difficult home or family circumstances) may have affected their previous education, or may have affected the grades they received in past examinations, then they are welcome to contact the Faculty Undergraduate Admissions Office to discuss this further. If you wish to advise us of circumstances which you wish to be taken into account at the application stage, we suggest that you use a few sentences of your personal statement to outline this.

All formal requests for mitigating circumstances to be taken into account in the admissions process should be supported by a full declaration about the nature of the circumstances and whether or not these were declared to the exam board of the qualifications concerned. This declaration should be made either by a verified statement in the initial UCAS application or by sending verified documentation from the referee directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Admissions intake

17. Admissions intake

The intake for degree programmes within the Faculty of Biological Sciences through UCAS is typically 625 students from the UK and the European Union. Intercalating students and international fee-paying students are considered in addition to this figure.

18. Competition for places

Our degree programmes are very popular and we receive over 4500 applications for the 625 places available. Our applicants have an excellent academic record, typically achieving ABB at A level including two sciences and combined with good GCSE grades in English, mathematics and science.

² In contrast with disability issues, health issues are generally shorter-term (lasting less than 12 months) and have a less significant impact on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Selection process

19. Selection process

All applications for full time study must be made online through the [Universities and Colleges Admissions Service](#). We may contact applicants by telephone or email to request additional information once a UCAS application has been received, however this is less likely if applicants have fully completed all sections of the UCAS application form.

Academic grades normally form only one part of the final decision; these are detailed in section 20. Section 21 gives examples of how applicants may demonstrate in their personal statement that they have the skills, knowledge and attributes that we believe will enable them to become a successful student in the Faculty of Biological Sciences.

The selection criteria must treat all students fairly and not discriminate unlawfully on grounds of marital status, gender, gender re-assignment or transsexual status, race (including colour, nationality, national origin or ethnic origin) disability, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, political or other opinion, social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.

20. Academic entrance requirements

The qualifications listed in this section are those most typically studied in the UK or at international schools following a UK based curriculum. Further information for prospective international applicants can be found on our [website](#). International students should ensure that they have the required English language qualifications stipulated in the [University admissions policy](#).

The Faculty of Biological Sciences welcomes applications from applicants studying a range of Level 3 qualifications where students have the potential to succeed on their chosen degree course. Please visit our website for the [programme list](#) of entry requirements and accepted qualifications.

Academic entry requirements for UK based qualifications are available in the table below. If the qualifications you are studying do not appear, please contact the relevant admissions officer for further information. Contact details are available on page 15 of this document.

We consider the Critical Thinking A-Level as a non-science A-Level subject. General Studies A-Level is not considered for entry to our degree programmes.

We require a minimum of English at GCSE, grade C or above and mathematics at GCSE grade C or above, or equivalent, for entry onto all our degree programmes.

Access to HE Diploma:

We accept the Access to HE Diploma for entry to all our undergraduate programmes; however we advise all prospective applicants to contact the relevant admissions officer before making an application. Typically, Access to HE students have studied 60 credits with 45 credits at level 3, the majority of which should be science or science related modules gained at Distinction level.

The Advanced Diploma

The Advanced Diploma will be considered for entry where the ASL is an A-level (or equivalent) and normally where the Diploma is in a subject discipline relevant to the degree programme. *Currently only C100 Biology, C180 Ecology & Environmental Biology, and C300 Zoology accept the Environmental & Land based studies Advanced Diploma. Students must obtain grade B in the overall Diploma and grade B in Biology at A2 level.*

BTEC Qualifications

We only accept BTEC qualifications in the subjects listed in the table below. If you are unsure whether your BTEC qualification is suitable for entry, please contact us **before** making your application.

Welsh Baccalaureate

The Welsh Baccalaureate is only acceptable in addition to the qualifications listed in the table below.

Attaining the typical academic entry requirement does not guarantee an offer of a place on our courses. Entrance requirements will be reviewed and amended at the end of an admissions cycle based on the performance of the previous year's cohort.

2012 Entry requirements by programme area

Degree programme	A Level or Advanced Higher	International Baccalaureate	Irish Leaving Certificate	Scottish Higher	Cambridge Pre-U	BTEC National Diploma
Biology BSc (C100)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced higher including Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include Biology and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Biology and another science or science-related subject at higher level.	AAAAB-AABBB to include Biology and another science.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science or Forensic Science
Ecology and Environmental Biology BSc (C180)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced higher including Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include Biology and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Biology and another science or science-related subject at higher level.	AAAAB-AABBB to include Biology and another science.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Genetics BSc (C400)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include Biology and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Biology and another science at higher level.	AAAAB-AABBB to include Biology and another science.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Zoology BSc (C300)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced higher including Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include Biology and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Biology and another science or science-related subject at higher level.	AAAAB-AABBB to include Biology and another science.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science or Animal Management (must include Distinctions in Animal Biology/ nutrition /Anatomy & physiology/ Breeding & genetics and Biochemistry & microbiology)

Biochemistry BSc (C700)	AAA-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher, including Chemistry and another science subject. General studies excluded.	38-32 (with 18-15 at HL) including Chemistry and another science at HL.	AAAAAB – AABBBB, including Chemistry and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/D3- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Medical Biochemistry BSc (C741)	AAA-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher, including Chemistry and another science subject. General studies excluded.	38-32 (with 18-15 at HL) including Chemistry and another science at HL.	AAAAAB – AABBBB, including Chemistry and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/D3 – M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Biological Sciences BSc (C701)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher including Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL) including Biology and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB including Biology and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Medical Microbiology BSc (C521)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher including Chemistry or Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include HL chemistry or biology and preferably another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Chemistry or Biology and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Microbiology BSc (C500)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher including Chemistry or Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include HL chemistry or biology and preferably another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Chemistry or Biology and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Microbiology with Virology BSc (C540)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher including Chemistry or Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include HL chemistry or biology and preferably another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Chemistry or Biology and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Microbiology with Immunology BSc (C5C9)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2 (or 2 A2 and 2 AS)/Advanced Higher including Chemistry or Biology and preferably another science or science-related subject. General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL), to include HL chemistry or biology and preferably another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include Chemistry or Biology and another science at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science

Human Physiology BSc (B120)	AAA-ABB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry plus another science or science related subject. General studies excluded.	38-34 (with 18-16 at HL) including Biology or chemistry and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAAAB – AAABBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science at higher level.	AAAAA – AAABB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science.	D3/D3/D3-D3/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology or chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Medical Sciences BSc (B100)	AAA-ABB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry plus another science or science related subject. General studies excluded.	38-34 (with 18-16 at HL) including Biology or chemistry and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAAAB – AAABBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science at higher level.	AAAAA – AAABB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science.	D3/D3/D3-D3/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology or chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Neuroscience BSc (B140)	AAA-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry plus another science or science related subject. General studies excluded.	38-32 (with 18-15 at HL) including Biology or chemistry and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAAAB – AABBBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science at higher level.	AAAAA – AABBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science.	D3/D3/D3- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology or chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Pharmacology BSc (B210)	AAA-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry plus another science or science related subject. General studies excluded.	38-32 (with 18-15 at HL) including Biology or chemistry and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAAAB – AABBBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science at higher level.	AAAAA – AABBB to include Biology or Chemistry and another science.	D3/D3/D3- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology or chemistry plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science
Sports and Exercise Science BSc (C601)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including a science subject OR <i>both Psychology and Sports Science/PE</i> . General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL) including a science and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include a science and another science or science related subject at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science or Sport and Exercise Science
Sports Science and Physiology BSc (BC16)	AAB-BBB from 3 A2/Advanced Higher including a science subject OR <i>both Psychology and Sports Science/PE</i> . General studies excluded.	36 to 32 (with 17-15 at HL) including a science and another science or science related subject at HL.	AAAABB – AABBBB to include a science and another science or science related subject at higher level.	Scottish Highers not accepted on their own.	D3/D3/M2- M2/M2/M2 including Pre-U Biology plus one other Science or science related subject	DDD in Applied Science or Sport and Exercise Science

The UCAS forms of applicants who are unsuccessful in gaining a place on their chosen programme because of insufficient science study may be passed to the admission tutor for the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year. A change of course offer may then be made to offer applicants a place on this course, rather than the course originally applied for. All the programmes in the Faculty guarantee a place for students completing the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year at the University of Leeds to a pre-determined standard. [Go online](#) for more information about the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year, or see the contact details on page 15.

21. Personal statement advice

The personal statement of the UCAS form helps us to assess the nature of the applicant's interest in the academic subject and is an important part of the selection process. It is essential that applicants take this opportunity to demonstrate their enthusiasm and aptitude for the academic subject. We wish to hear about why the course interests you; evidence of interest in the subject that is external to school or college such as attendance at summer school or reading books or journals; work experience and, if known, any career aspirations. Additional information relating to hobbies and extracurricular activities can be used when it serves to illustrate applicants' transferable skills, achievements outside of study, or is relevant to the course the student is applying for. Accurate spelling and grammar on the UCAS application form are of paramount importance.

22. Interviews

Interviews do not form part of our standard admissions process. However, we may invite applicants to an interview if additional information is required that will assist in the decision making process. Typically we invite students applying with Access to HE qualifications, Foundation degrees and other non-standard qualifications to meet with us at a UCAS visit day.

Any interview is an informal, two-way process enabling both the interviewer and applicant to ascertain if the programme applied for is appropriate in content and level. Our programmes in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Biological Sciences offer a one-to-one discussion at a visit day.

23. Offers

Offers are made on the basis of merit and the ability of each applicant to meet the academic and non-academic criteria for admission to the relevant programme of study. Offers are made based on the information supplied on the UCAS form and the information obtained from any informal interview. For this reason, it is important that applicants are careful to complete all sections of the UCAS application form. The University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy gives further detail on the type of offers that are made. We may contact applicants by telephone or email to request additional information in order to decide whether to make an offer.

Unsuccessful applicants

24. Reasons for unsuccessful applications

Due to the volume of applications received we may have to reject students who have achieved or are predicted to achieve lower than the minimum academic entry requirement. The vast majority of unsuccessful applicants do not meet the typical entry requirement in terms of grade or subject profile. The UCAS forms of applicants who are unsuccessful in gaining a place on their chosen programme because of insufficient science study may be passed to the admission tutor for the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year. A change of course offer may then be made to offer applicants a place on this course, rather than the course originally applied for. Further details of the Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year can be found [online](#).

25. Feedback

Unsuccessful applicants may request feedback on the reason for the outcome of their application. All requests for feedback must be made in writing to Clare Leach, Undergraduate Admissions Manager, Admissions Office, LC Miall Building, Faculty of Biological Sciences, Leeds LS2 9JT and signed by the applicant. The University's policy on providing feedback to applicants can be found in the University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy.

26. Complaints

The Faculty of Biological Sciences will consider all applications fairly in line with the procedures outlined in this document and the University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy.

Applicants who wish to challenge a decision to reject their application after they have received feedback on the reason for the rejection should write to Clare Leach, Undergraduate Admissions Manager, Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, detailing the nature of their complaint. Full details of the complaints procedure can be found in the University of Leeds Undergraduate Admissions Policy.

Opportunities to visit

27. University open days

The University of Leeds Undergraduate Open Days are held in June and October. These are designed for prospective applicants rather than those who have already been made an offer.

28. Faculty of Biological Sciences Post-applicant visit days

All applicants living in the UK to whom we have made offers are invited to attend a Faculty of Biological Sciences post-application visit day. Attendance is not compulsory and is not part of the selection process. The visit day allows applicants to familiarise themselves with the Faculty and the programme of study and make an informed decision regarding acceptance of their offer.

Students normally reside outside the UK can request an independent visit if they visit the UK during the application year and this will be accommodated whenever possible.

Occasionally we combine an interview (see section 22) with a visit day before deciding if an offer is appropriate. This will be made clear to applicants in their invitation to visit letter.

Scholarships & funding

29. Financial support

The University of Leeds is committed to encouraging students from all backgrounds, and we therefore have a comprehensive package of financial support which is available to students who meet certain eligibility criteria. We expect that one-in-three students will be eligible for financial help from the University. [Go online](#) for further information on Financial Support.

In addition, the Faculty of Biological Sciences offers an academic achievement scholarship worth a total amount of £1000. [Go online](#) for details and qualifying criteria.

Contact details

30. General pre-application enquiries

For general enquiries and information relating to courses and admission to the University of Leeds, applicants should contact the Course Enquiries Office

Course Enquiries,
University of Leeds,
Leeds,
LS2 9JT
Telephone +44 (0) 113 343 2336
Email study@leeds.ac.uk
Web www.leeds.ac.uk/students.
[University of Leeds Admissions Policy](#)

31. Post-application enquiries

Admissions enquiries specific to the Faculty of Biological Sciences should be directed to:

Admissions Contact	Degree Programmes	Contact details
Admissions Officer: Carolyn Wilson Admissions Tutor: Dr Henry Greathead	Biology C100 Ecology and Environmental Biology C180 Genetics C400 Zoology C300	Email: biology.admissions@leeds.ac.uk Tel: (0113) 343 2829
Admissions Officer: Joan Gillson Admissions Tutor: Dr Stephanie McBurney	Biochemistry C700 Medical Biochemistry C741 Biological Sciences C701 Medical Microbiology C521 Microbiology C500 Microbiology with Virology C540 Microbiology with Immunology C5C9	Email: bmb.admissions@leeds.ac.uk Tel: (0113) 343 3021

Admissions Officer: Maureen Cummings Admissions Tutor: Dr Charlotte Haigh / Dr Al Pickles	Human Physiology B120 Medical Sciences B100 Neuroscience B140 Pharmacology B210	Email: biomed.admissions@leeds.ac.uk Tel: (0113) 343 4226
Admissions Officer: Clare Leach Admissions Tutor: Dr Neil Messenger	Sports and Exercise Science C601 Sports Science and Physiology BC16	Email: ses.admissions@leeds.ac.uk Tel (0113) 343 7282
Admissions Officer: Carolyn Wilson Admissions Tutor: Dr Daniella Strauss	For students with international qualifications applying for any degree programme	Email: fbadmissions@leeds.ac.uk tel (00 44) 113 343 2829
Intercalated Programmes Coordinator: Mandy Thompson	Internal applications for Intercalating degree programmes from students currently studying medicine at the University of Leeds	Email: intercalate@leeds.ac.uk Tel (0113) 343 4364
External Intercalated Programmes admissions officer: Maureen Cummings	External applications for Intercalating degree programmes from students currently studying medicine at another university	Email: biomed.admissions@leeds.ac.uk Tel (0113) 343 4226
Admissions Officer: Debbie Howard	Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Year CFG0	Email: d.howard@leeds.ac.uk Tel (0113) 343 2690