

FdSc Zoology with Ecology and Conservation with Science Gateway

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With our focus on building practical skills; you'll gain confidence and competence in both the laboratory and fieldwork. Alongside this, the development of your academic study skills will help to boost your research competencies and overall employability.

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Following on from the Science Gateway year you may then progress onto FdSc Zoology with Ecology and Conservation. More than ever before, the natural world needs our help. We need to set our sights on understanding the big issues that stand in the way of a sustainable future. Issues like deforestation, habitat fragmentation and the unprecedented decline of wildlife populations across the globe. These are problems that won't solve themselves, and it's the talent and passion of graduates that will drive the necessary science to get our natural world back on track. We've designed our FdSc Zoology with Ecology and Conservation programme with this



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in mind. Emphasising practical skills underpinned by a strong academic and scientific core, and placing employability and real-world relevance squarely at the heart of what the course is all about. The modules themselves provide a solid grounding in the basics of ecological theory, survey techniques, statistics and scientific report writing.

You'll look at how organisms have adapted to their environments, and in some cases, how they've changed the ecology around them. The fundamentals of zoology will also be covered - looking at the diversity of life and how evolution has led to the organisms we see today. You'll be building your practical skillset throughout; collecting data, surveying and monitoring wildlife in their natural habitat. You'll gain experience using GIS, operating machinery such as chainsaws or brush cutters and working towards licences to work with species such as bats or dormice. Exactly the type of hands-on field experience that employers are looking for. The second year of study gives you the space to specialise, and you can choose to focus on global conservation or in conservation closer to home. This can mean rewilding or habitat restoration or protected species survey or reintroduction programmes. As well as an ongoing 20-year partnership with Newquay Zoo, the college has strong ties with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Newquay Marine Group, Cornwall Birds and many more. This allows industry-focused, ground-roots conservation work experience to be embedded directly into your programme of study.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Functional Skills

GCSE (or equivalent)

L2 Literacy and L2 Numeracy

Minimum of Grade C/grade 4 in Maths, English Language and Science

AS/A Levels

64 UCAS tariff points to include A2 level in appropriate subjects

BTEC National Diploma/Extended Diploma



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BTEC L3 Diploma

BTEC 90 Credit Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma

64 UCAS tariff points – MPP grades in an appropriate subject

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72 UCAS tariff points – in an appropriate subject and considered only for mature students or exceptional circumstances

City & Guilds (land based) L3 Diploma

City & Guilds (land based) Extended Diploma

City & Guilds (land based) Advanced Technical Extended Diploma

City & Guilds (land based) 90 Credit Diploma

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Access to HE Diploma

Year 0

Successful completion of Access to HE Diploma with at least 64 credits at level 3 in an appropriate subject plus English and maths at Level 2

Students will ideally have GCSEs (or equivalent) in both English and maths. Students may be accepted with just one of these, but would need to commit to completing the other alongside the Science Gateway. This can be discussed at interview.



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LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Newquay University Centre - 18 September 2025



LEVEL Level 5	DURATION 3 years
ATTENDANCE Full-time	FEES Tuition Fees: £9535.00

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