

BSc (Hons) Applied Marine Zoology (top up) degree

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What is more exciting or enigmatic than the life in our oceans? We still know so little about this alien world which makes up 98% of the living space on our planet, but with technology developing at such a pace more and more discoveries are being made. It is an exciting time to be involved in any aspect of marine science; a crucial one too, as our impact on the world's oceans has never been greater.

Foundation degree students who wish to progress to an honours degree can apply for third year entry to our top-up programme. You will need to have studied an appropriate foundation degree programme. The BSc has been designed to develop your interest and hone your professional skills to equip you for work in a growing industry.

Situated on the beautiful coast of North Cornwall we are perfectly located for fieldwork and we have a strong practical element running through the programme. You will get hands-on experience in using sampling and survey equipment, as well as planning and undertaking marine surveys: from plankton trawls, to underwater video mapping and offshore marine life surveys.

During your studies you will develop your understanding of marine animals; working from cellular processes up to whole organism and ecosystem levels. In Year 1 you will receive a firm grounding in aquatic ecology, marine and biological science as well as developing practical survey skills before moving on to more specialised modules, such as fish ecology and marine vertebrate biology and conservation in your second year. In your final year, you will choose from options such as GIS and marine environmental management, monitoring marine ecosystems and marine pollution and ecotoxicology as well as undertaking your own research for your honours project.

Cornwall is a fantastic place to study marine biology. Where else will you find such a wide range of aquatic habitats within walking distance of where you study? There's wild and rugged headland, sheltered coves, freshwater streams, saltmarsh and sprawling estuaries. You'll be living with a Marine Conservation Zone in your back yard. Not to mention, the even wider variety of habitats accessible to you just a short drive away.

This unique location has cultivated a vibrant conservation community to match the surroundings, and your passion for



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the sea will be in good company. Students can take their pick of what to get involved in, benefiting from our strong ties with likeminded groups, charities and businesses such as Blue Reef Aquarium, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust, Newquay Marine Group, British Divers Marine Life Rescue and many more. We also have guest lectures and visits incorporated into all modules which keeps our content even more contemporary and relevant.

You can study the final year (level 6) of Applied Marine Zoology to top up your foundation degree to a BSc. The FdSc or equivalent would need to be in a suitable subject – contact us to discuss further. The course is also available as a full three-year degree - Click here for details - <https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/courses/bsc-hons-applied-marine-zoology-degree/>



Scan the QR Code for full course description, assessment and progression options from this course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry Requirements for BSc top-up (entry to year 3)

240 credits with 120 at level 5 from a relevant Foundation Degree, HND, or equivalent in an appropriate subject.

T Level Agriculture, Land Management & Production

T Level Animal Care & Management

T Level Health

T Level Healthcare Science

T Level Science

At Merit = 120 UCAS points

All qualifications and subject grades will be considered on an individual basis. Some qualifications may require additional bridging modules.

LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Newquay University Centre - 16 September 2026



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LEVEL Level 6	DURATION 1 year
ATTENDANCE Full-time	FEES Tuition Fees: £9535.00

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