



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

MBiol

Anatomy and Human Biology

UCAS code B113

Entry requirements

A level: AAB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

4 years

Apply by: **14 January 2026**

Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

This is a practical, hands-on degree in anatomy that allows you to combine cadaveric dissection with a thorough exploration of human biology at all levels of organisation, from the DNA right up to organ systems.

Introduction

The Master of Anatomy & Human Biology (MBiol) is a four-year programme, in which students first follow the three-year BSc in Anatomy & Human Biology and then continue into a fourth year, subject to performance.

In the first three years, you will study a broad range of modules that focus on anatomical topics covering the 6 main systems (MSK, cardiovascular, urogenital, respiratory, nervous, digestive) and the 6 main regions (thorax, abdomen, pelvis, head & neck, & limbs) of the body. This is complemented with wider topics such as physiology, disease biology, genetics, development, and comparative biology, and culminates in an individual dissection project. You will also have the opportunity to specialise and carry out your own research project. Each year you will be allocated time within the Human Anatomy Resource Centre, our dedicated anatomy facility.

The fourth (Master's) year aims at developing enhanced research and personal skills for students seeking a high-level career in research (e. g. studying for a PhD or working in industry) or those seeking to enhance their qualification. Students will join a research team to undertake a significant research project. Students can also apply

for a six-week summer research internship in the UK or overseas or apply to spend time working in industry or in other enterprises in the final year.

What you'll learn

- Develop practical and theoretical knowledge of structural and functional anatomy in health & disease
- Develop practical skills by combining cadaveric dissection with a thorough exploration of human biology within the dedicated Human Anatomy Resource Centre
- Enhance your understanding of topical issues, ethical principles, professionalism & respect in Anatomy
- Become literate in finding, interpreting, evaluating and managing information
- Communicate ideas effectively to a variety of audiences
- Work independently and collaboratively
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Use lab equipment correctly and safely
- Plan, initiate, and carry out projects

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

In this first year, you'll gain an understanding of core concepts of biology as well as the fundamental principles of immunity, infection, and therapy. You will also study how organisms develop and function and learn about ecology and the global environment. You will develop practical skills where you will discover how to utilise quantitative skills and study techniques. You will also be introduced to the university's excellent Human Anatomy Resource Centre.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>BIOLOGY CORE CONCEPTS (BIOS101)</u>	30
<u>INTRODUCTORY PRACTICAL SKILLS IN BIOSCIENCES I (BIOS103)</u>	15
<u>FROM INDIVIDUALS TO ECOSYSTEM (BIOS104)</u>	15
<u>STUDY AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS TUTORIALS (BIOS105)</u>	15
<u>INTRODUCTORY PRACTICAL SKILLS IN BIOSCIENCES 2 (BIOS106)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

In your second year you'll expand your range of knowledge building those essential research skills, experimental design and analysis together with

professional skills preparing you for a career within or outside the area of Anatomy and Human Biology. You will begin to develop skills in cadaveric prosection and dissection through modules in systems anatomy, functional musculoskeletal anatomy and anatomy of the thorax. In addition, you will choose one optional modules enabling you to follow your interest in cellular biology, therapeutics, physiology, infection biology or comparative/animal biology.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>GENETICS & IMMUNOLOGY FOR BIOSCIENCES (BIOS201)</u>	15
<u>HUMAN ANATOMY OF THE THORAX (BIOS202)</u>	15
<u>INTERMEDIARY PRACTICAL SKILLS IN BIOSCIENCES (BIOS203)</u>	15
<u>ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TUTORIALS (BIOS205)</u>	15
<u>CELLULAR BASIS OF HEALTH AND DISEASE (BIOS209)</u>	15
<u>FUNCTIONAL ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM (BIOS210)</u>	15
<u>HUMAN SYSTEMS ANATOMY (BIOS213)</u>	15
Optional modules	Credits
<u>METABOLISM (BIOS212)</u>	15
<u>CELLULAR AND SYSTEMS PHYSIOLOGY (BIOS214)</u>	15
<u>DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT (BIOS216)</u>	15
<u>ANIMAL ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND HUSBANDRY (BIOS220)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>ANIMAL ECOPHYSIOLOGY (BIOS222)</u>	15

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Year three

Year three will provide an unparalleled opportunity for you to learn at the cutting edge of anatomical research and be taught by world-leading academics in the subjects of anatomy of the abdomen and pelvis, head, neck and neurological anatomy, alongside a choice of modules covering application of your knowledge to wider life sciences disciplines. You will also be able to showcase your dissection and prosection skills through an individual dissection module and will have the opportunity to take a physical or virtual placement. Central to this year is the research project where you will plan and execute your own research, analyse and critically evaluate data and communicate your research findings in your chosen specialisation. You will choose one optional module.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>RESEARCH PROJECT (BIOS301)</u>	30
<u>INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF WORK (BIOS302)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH METHODS (BIOS303)</u>	15
<u>APPLIED ANATOMY AND DISSECTION (BIOS304)</u>	15
<u>HUMAN ANATOMY OF THE ABDOMEN, PELVIS AND PERINEUM (BIOS305)</u>	15
<u>HUMAN ANATOMY OF THE HEAD & NECK (BIOS329)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR (BIOS207)</u>	15
<u>MOLECULAR SYSTEMS BIOLOGY (BIOS309)</u>	15
<u>TRANSLATIONAL PHARMACOLOGY (BIOS313)</u>	15

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Year four

The fourth year of study offers great flexibility – students may spend it entirely on campus at Liverpool, but more commonly they take up opportunities to broaden their experiences, for example a six-week research internship in the UK (in hospitals, industry or research institutes) or abroad (in our partner universities in Thailand or China). Others may elect to spend the entire fourth year on placement, in similar host institutions. Students will take core modules in research methods and statistics or informatics, together with a 60-credit research project. Students may replace the optional internship with other optional modules that cover advanced topics of global importance.

Optional module selection in Year 4 must include one of the following combinations:

- LIFE707 Biological Data Skills and LIFE607 Biological Data Skills (Off-Campus)
- LIFE721 Informatics for Life Sciences and LIFE621 Informatics for Life Sciences (Off-Campus).

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES (BIOS776)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH PROJECT (LIFE700)</u>	60

Optional modules	Credits
<u>BIOLOGICAL DATA SKILLS (LIFE707)</u>	15
<u>BIOLOGICAL DATA SKILLS (OFF-CAMPUS) (LIFE607)</u>	15
<u>INFORMATICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES (LIFE721)</u>	15
<u>INFORMATICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES (OFF-CAMPUS) (LIFE621)</u>	15
<u>RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (LIFE701)</u>	30
<u>CODING FOR LIFE SCIENCES (LIFE733)</u>	15
<u>CELLULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL IMAGING (LIFE749)</u>	15
<u>FRONTIERS IN CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT (LIFE724)</u>	15
<u>CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS (LIFE726)</u>	15
<u>IMMUNOLOGY (LIFE728)</u>	15
<u>DIAGNOSTICS, THERAPEUTICS AND VACCINES (LIFE732)</u>	15
<u>COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY (LIFE752)</u>	15
<u>PROTEOMICS METABOLOMICS AND DATA ANALYSIS (LIFE754)</u>	15
<u>SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (LIFE756)</u>	15
<u>UNDERSTANDING MODELS AND DATA (IVES724)</u>	15
<u>EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (LIFE764)</u>	15
<u>PHARMACEUTICAL TOXICOLOGY (LIFE765)</u>	15

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will experience a range of learning environments during your studies at Liverpool. These will include student-centred activities as well as lectures, tutorials, laboratory practicals, dissection classes, fieldwork, data handling sessions and computer workshops. Some of these activities will be performed individually, such as personal research projects, and others in small tutorial or project groups, in addition to formal lectures and workshops. You will have research staff as well as your own academic adviser for individual tuition on our acclaimed tutorial programme.

How you're assessed

As well as factual knowledge and understanding, biologists need practical and organisational skills, and an ability to work both alone and with other people. We record development of these abilities through continuous assessment during each semester and by final examination.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

As a Biosciences graduate from the University of Liverpool, you will have an excellent set of career options ahead of you.

Typical types of roles/routes our graduates have gone on include:

- Postgraduate study: (MBiolSci, MSc, MRes, MPhil or PhD)
- Public sector – research institutes, government departments, the National Health Service, forensic science and the Environment Agency.
- Commercial sectors – pharmaceutical, food, biotechnology, water and agriculture industries.
- Journalists and information/liaison officers – by developments in molecular biology and biotechnology.
- Teaching profession by taking a postgraduate qualification (PGCE).
- Routes to postgraduate Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.

Recent employers and sectors:

- Pharmaceutical sector: Eli-Lilly, AstraZeneca, Glaxo SmithKline, NHS, Red X Pharma;
- Tourism/Conservation sector: Blue Planet Aquarium, Chester Zoo, RSPCA;
- Government/Legal sector: Crown Prosecution Service, The Environment Agency, Public Health England, Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Security and International Development;
- Media/Entertainment Sector: BBC;
- Corporate and Utilities sector: United Utilities, Vodafone, Unilever.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £9,790

Year abroad fee – £1,385 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £32,000

Year abroad fee – £16,000 (applies to year in China)

The UK and international full-time fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27 (UK fees are subject to Parliamentary approval). UK year abroad and year in industry fees and international year in industry fees shown are for entry 2025, as 2026/27 fees have yet to be confirmed. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This includes the costs associated with placements or internships, and the optional field course in Uganda.

Students should expect to cover the following costs.

Costs associated with placements/internships

Students in Biosciences who have chosen international placements/internships will need to pay for their visa (if applicable), travel, accommodation, and meals.

There may also be costs associated with travel to interviews for placements/internships. These will vary, and some other extra costs may also be incurred. If students are spending a full year in industry, their employers may pay transport costs. School and University bursaries may be available to help with the cost of these opportunities.

Students might choose to pay for additional optional vaccinations in addition to the compulsory ones that the School pays for.

Tropical ecology field course

Students who elect to take the optional tropical ecology field course in Uganda are required to make a financial contribution that covers their own costs (travel, meals, visa, accommodation, and entry to national parks). In 2020-21, the student contribution was £1,500. A limited number of funded places are available.

Students might choose to pay for additional optional vaccinations in addition to the compulsory ones that the School pays for.

[Find out more about additional study costs.](#)

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

AAB

including A level Biology at grade A and a second science, preferably Chemistry.

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **ABB** with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

Health and Science (Science pathway) is accepted with an overall grade of Distinction to include B in the core.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

For applicants studying A levels with English exam boards: Where a science has been taken at A level (Chemistry, Biology, Geology or Physics), a pass in the Science practical of each subject will be required.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

D*DD in Applied Science with a selection of preferred units in Biology and Chemistry, to include Distinction in Units 1 and 5 (Principles and Applications of Science I and II).

For previous BTEC (QCF) qualification:

D*DD in Applied Science with a selection of preferred units in Biology and Chemistry, with at least 120 Level 3 credits at Distinction.

Please note alternative BTEC subjects are not acceptable for this programme.

International Baccalaureate

34 points overall with no score less than 4 including 5 in Higher Level Biology and 5 in another Higher Level science subject or pass the IB Diploma plus 6,6,5 in 3 HL subjects including 5 in Higher Level Biology and 5 in another Higher Level science subject.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H1, H2, H2, H2, H3 – including grades H1 and H2 in Higher Level Biology and Higher Level (second science) (any order).

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

Not accepted without Advanced Highers at grades AAB.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus grades AA at A level to include Biology grade A and another Science grade A.

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 36 at Distinction and 9 at Merit. 15 Distinctions are required in each of Biology and Chemistry. GCSE Mathematics and English grade C/4 also required.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on

campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no component below 4.5	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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