



## Intercalation opportunities available at the University of Exeter

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All programmes are open to Medical Students from the University of Exeter and other UK medical schools. Most programmes are also available to Veterinary and Dental students. Veterinary and Dental students, please contact the academic lead for intercalated degrees Dr Kate Ellacott via [ICD@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:ICD@exeter.ac.uk) to check the availability of the course before applying.



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## 1. Bachelor's Degree programmes

### 1.1. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Biosciences

**Description:** In this broad programme you will be able to explore diverse aspects of the fundamental molecular and cellular biology that underpins many of our recent advances in the treatment of disease. You will have the opportunity to consider how drugs are discovered and subsequently modified to achieve a better therapeutic outcome, how the immune system protects itself against pathogens and how they in turn pathogens (bacterial and fungal) adapt and defend themselves in response to host defences and drug therapy. You will be able to examine how science is conducted through practical investigation and look at how science is communicated to both specialist and lay audiences. The programme provides access to our specialist modules delivered to students in the second or final year of our three year undergraduate programmes. Many of these are seminar modules which provide valuable new perspectives to topics you may already have completed as part of your main programme of study, allowing you to explore complementary areas in greater detail.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO2066 Forensic Science
- BIO3041 Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry
- BIO3077 Frontiers in Molecular Cell Biology
- BIO3078 Cellular Basis of Immunity
- BIO3082 Science Communication
- BIO3091 Animal Developmental Biology

### 1.2. BSc (hons) Intercalated Conservation Biology & Ecology [Cornwall Campus]

**Description:** The BSc (Hons) Intercalated Conservation Biology and Ecology offers more direct field experience than any other Ecology course in the UK, in locations from Cornwall to South Africa. This hands-on experience will provide skills that are essential for working conservationists and ecologists, including wildlife identification and data handling. It is delivered by internationally-recognised, research active staff in the Centre for Ecology and Conservation on the Penryn Campus. The Centre hosts a large and thriving group of scientists who work at the cutting edge of research on conservation and ecology and run field research projects across the globe, from Cyprus to Australia. The programme utilises expertise in the Centre to provide you with the skills, concepts and experience to understand all aspects of conservation and ecology. The programme encourages an interdisciplinary approach and you will be exposed to a wide range of theoretical and practical techniques used to study animal biology, conservation and ecology.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO2426 Analysis of Biological Data
- BIO3122 Africa Field Course\*
- BIO3414 Costa Rica Field Course\*
- BIO3130 Mating Systems Biology
- BIO3131 Trends in Ecology and Evolution
- BIO3412 Ecology and Evolution of Disease
- BIO3416 Marine Spatial Ecology

*\*Overseas field courses may be subject to additional cost*



### 1.3. BSc (hons) Intercalated Evolutionary Biology [Cornwall Campus]

**Description:** The BSc (Hons) Intercalated Evolutionary Biology draws from fields that include genetics, animal behaviour and evolutionary ecology, and examines evolution from many perspectives – from the smallest building blocks of life to entire ecosystems. As a fast growing area of study, it is led by some of the UK’s foremost internationally-recognised, research active staff in the Centre for Ecology and Conservation on the Penryn Campus. The Centre hosts a large and thriving group of scientists who work at the cutting edge of research on evolutionarily informed organismal biology and run research projects across the globe, from Uganda to Australia. The programme utilises expertise in the Centre to provide you with the skills, concepts and experience to understand all aspects of modern evolutionary biology. The programme encourages an interdisciplinary approach and you will be exposed to a wide range of theoretical and practical techniques used to study evolutionary biology.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO3403 Bahamas Field Course\*
- BIO3401 Coevolutionary Interactions
- BIO3413 Animal Life Histories
- BIO3131 Trends in Ecology and Evolution
- BIO3402 Nature Via Nurture
- BIO3411 Science in Society

*\*Overseas field courses may be subject to additional cost*

### 1.4. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Exercise & Sports Science

**Description:** The programme is designed to give you a balanced understanding of both sport and exercise sciences across the range of sub-disciplines. This is delivered through learning about the psychology, physiology and biomechanics of sport and exercise, with a focus on research. Optional modules reflect the application of this scientific knowledge in a variety of populations from athletes, to children and the general public. Alongside the subject specific knowledge, there is also a commitment to enhancing your learning and personal development skills.

#### Sample Modules:

- ESS3703 Paediatric Exercise Physiology
- ESS3705 Sport, Physical Activity and Health
- ESS3706 Integrated Physiology and Adaptation to Physical (in)activity
- ESS3707 Physiological Determinants of Exercise Performance
- ESS3804 Clinical Exercise Prescription
- ESS3805 Biomechanical Analysis of Human Movement

### 1.5. BA or BSc (Hons) Intercalated Flexible Combined Honours (FCH)

**Description:** Intercalated Flexible Combined Honours (iFCH) gives you the freedom to explore two (or more) subjects during your Intercalated year. You can study them in a very flexible manner and customise your degree programme to match your personal interests, making it distinctive and different. The degree offers you the widest possible access to modules from range of subject disciplines. Uniquely, you can also create your own subject by combining related modules from across departments; to produce what is called a ‘themed pathway’. Examples that may be of particular interest to medical students include “Medical Humanities”, “Ancient Medicine” or “Bioarchaeology”. Your final degree title will reflect the combination of modules you take.

You will receive the best quality teaching experience, and have support from dedicated academic advisers (the FCH Director and the FCH subject co-ordinators) to oversee your academic progress and help you develop your academic potential during your studies.



**Modules:** Due to the highly flexible nature of the FCH programme it is not possible to list all of the available options. Details of the details of the programme can be found at: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/the-degree.php>

If you are interested in this programme please contact the FCH team directly to discuss your interests.

### 1.6. BA (Hons) Intercalated Medical Humanities (via Flexible Combined Honours)

**Description:** From Hippocrates and Galen, to Nightingale and Lister, our current medical practices have been shaped by our ancient and more recent past. In this flexible programme you will have the opportunity to explore the origins and evolution of human life, science, culture and medicine from different academic perspectives combined with the opportunity to investigate how humanities influence medical practice today. You will have the freedom to choose a combination of modules to satisfy your individual interests. The final combination of modules taken will determine which degree title is awarded.

#### Sample Modules:

- ARC2514 Forensic anthropology
- BIO3082 Science Communication
- CLA3112 Medicine in Antiquity
- CLA3264 Ancient Science and Society
- THE3152 Evolution, God and Gaia
- THE3179 'Deviant Bodies': Disability Studies and the New Testament

### 1.7. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Human Biosciences

**Description:** The programme is taught jointly by Biosciences and Sport and Health Sciences. The programme represents an innovative, collaborative teaching response to a broadening demand for graduates with skills in fields of study relating to biological and sport science. It allows you to study scientific aspects of health, physical activity and biotechnology and recognises the importance that exercise can play in the prevention and treatment of disease. You will receive a thorough grounding in the study of human and molecular biology together with the various sub-disciplines of exercise and sport sciences, including biomechanics, kinesiology, human and applied physiology, molecular biology, genetics and microbiology.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO3077 Frontiers in Molecular Cell Biology
- BIO3078 Cellular Basis of Immunity
- BIO3080 Microbial Effectors of Disease
- ESS2506 Sports Nutrition
- ESS3805 Biomechanical Analysis of Human Movement
- ESS3707 Physiological Determinants of Exercise Performance

### 1.8. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Infectious Disease

**Description:** Understanding of the molecular basis of infection and the interaction between microorganisms and their hosts is critical if we are to conquer the threat they pose to public health and food security. In this programme you will explore the diverse repertoire of cellular strategies that microbes use to defend themselves against host immune systems and gain better insight into the therapeutic agents we currently employ to control infections. In parallel, you will explore how the immune system defends the host against pathogen invasion and consider the fundamental cellular processes that contribute to the expression of disease. To give a broad overview, the topics will be explored in the context of both bacterial and fungal pathogens. The programme provides access to our specialist modules delivered to students in the final year of our three year undergraduate programme, and module availability closely reflects the research strengths of Bioscience academics. Many modules are seminar-based, and these provide valuable new perspectives to topics you may already have



completed as part of your main programme of study, allowing you to explore complementary areas in greater detail. The overall programme offers an innovative-approach to learning that includes supportive small-group learning and tutorials as well as the chance to engage with research at a practical level in our laboratories.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO3077 Frontiers in Molecular Cell Biology
- BIO3078 Cellular Basis of Immunity
- BIO3079 Molecular Basis of Infection
- BIO3080 Microbial Effectors of Disease
- BIO3086 Cell Biology of Disease
- BIO3093 Energy Metabolism

### 1.9. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Medical Sciences

**Description:** At present, many scientific discoveries never leave the laboratories in which they are made. At the same time the needs of frontline clinicians – and their patients – often go unheard by those doing research. Our BSc Intercalated Medical Sciences programme prepares you to be able to fill these gaps, and thereby enhance the lives of patients. Our intercalated Medical Sciences programme aims to provide a firm foundation in the core biomedical and biomolecular sciences. You will develop an integrated, scientific knowledge that you can put into practice in a clinical setting, plus creative and inquisitive communication, leadership, critical appraisal and problem-solving skills. Students will also have the option of completing a research project and writing up a dissertation. These key skills will prepare you for a career helping to progress scientific discovery into clinical and medical practice, ultimately to improve human health.

You will have the choice of whether to pursue the general medical sciences programme or one of the specialist subject pathways (**Environment & Human Health [Cornwall campus], Neuroscience, Human Genomics, and Pharmacology & Therapeutics**) to study a particular area in more depth, with your chosen specialism named as part of your degree title, for example, BSc Intercalated Medical Sciences (Human Genomics).

#### Sample Modules (options for all pathways except EHH):

- CSC4004 Managing Clinical Trials: Putting Science into Practice
- CSC4018 Health Economics
- PAM2901 Medical Imaging-Principles & Applications
- CSC4003 Psychology applied to health
- CSC2008 Immunopathology

#### Environment & Human Health Specialist Modules

- CSC4011 Living With Environmental Change
- CSC4013 Frontiers in Global Health
- GEO3444 Nature versus Nurture
- GEO3437B Climate Change & Society
- HPDM027 Contemporary Environment & Human Health

#### Human Genomics Specialist Modules:

- CSC4005 Pharmacogenomics
- CSC4007 Medical Genomics

#### Neuroscience Specialist Modules:

- CSC4009 Neuropharmacology
- CSC4008 Frontiers in Neuroscience

#### Pharmacology & Therapeutics Specialist Modules:

- CSC4006 Rational Drug Design
- CSC4009 Neuropharmacology
- CSC4005 Pharmacogenomics



### 1.10. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Molecular & Cellular Science

**Description:** Molecular and cellular biology is one of the most fast-moving and important areas of biomedical research. Major human diseases such as cancer, inflammation, and pathogen infections are all fundamentally diseases of cells, and without a thorough understanding of the molecular mechanisms that underlie each disorder, directed therapeutic intervention is impossible. In this one year intercalated Molecular and Cellular Science programme, you will develop a molecular understanding of cell function and behaviour that complements your BMBS studies and allows you to gain an appreciation for the core biological science that underpins clinical practice. The programme provides access to our specialist modules delivered to students in the second or final year of our three year undergraduate programmes, and module availability closely reflects the research strengths of Biosciences academics. Many modules are seminar-based, and these provide valuable new perspectives to topics you may already have completed as part of your main programme of study, allowing you to explore complementary areas in greater detail. The overall programme offers an innovative-approach to learning that includes supportive small-group learning; lectures, and interactive seminars alongside a tutorial programme designed to give you the skills you need to succeed in your degree.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO3077 Frontiers in Molecular Cell Biology
- BIO3085 Horizons of Biochemical Research
- BIO3086 Cell Biology of Disease
- BIO3091 Animal Developmental Biology
- BIO3093 Energy Metabolism
- PAM2901 Medical Imaging: Principals and Applications

### 1.11. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Psychological Studies

**Description:** Psychologists are interested in why we do things, how we do them and how we relate to others as well as to the world at large. As a result, Psychology plays an important role in drawing together techniques, theories, findings and professional practice from several areas of expertise to address complex and socially and economically important questions about behaviour. Psychologists study people at all stages in their lives from birth to old-age, assessing how people perceive the physical and social world around them, how they think and use ideas, how they vary in intelligence and personality and how they are influenced by particular environments such as work, school and family. Psychology is the systematic and scientific study of behaviour and experience. As such it has a wide range of applications, such as in industry and commerce, in education and in health and social services.

#### Sample Modules:

- PSY3403 Contemporary issues in psychology
- PSY3402 Method and Statistics in Psychology III
- PSY3411 Psychology and Law
- PSY3418 Processes of Human Memory
- PSY3426 Parental Psychological Disorders and Children's Development
- PSY3430 Women's Mental Health

### 1.12. BSc (Hons) Intercalated Zoology

**Description:** The BSc (Hons) Intercalated Zoology focuses on an understanding of the biology of animals, with an emphasis on whole animal biology, biodiversity, ecology and behaviour, along with the evolution of the whole spectrum of animal life histories. It is delivered by internationally-recognised, research active staff in the Centre for Ecology and Conservation on the Penryn Campus. The Centre hosts a large and thriving group of



scientists who work at the cutting edge of research on whole-organism biology and run research projects across the globe, from Uganda to Australia. The programme utilises expertise in the Centre to provide you with the skills, concepts and experience to understand all aspects of modern zoology. The programme encourages an interdisciplinary approach and you will be exposed to a wide range of theoretical and practical techniques used to study the biology of animals of all types.

#### Sample Modules:

- BIO3404 Borneo Field Course\*
- BIO3130 Mating Systems Biology
- BIO3400 Living in Groups
- BIO3132 Reproductive Biology
- BIO3413 Animal Life Histories
- BIO3416 Marine Spatial Ecology

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## 2. Taught Master's Degree Programmes – 12 months full-time

### 2.1. MSc Applied Health Services Research

**Description:** The global burden of disease and challenges of safe and accessible health services means that more than ever practitioners and researchers need skills for developing, testing, evaluating and implementing evidence-based health care in highly complex situations. This programme provides you with the skills and knowledge to tackle these challenges.

You will be taught by a multi-disciplinary team of expert tutors and guest lecturers from a diverse range of clinical and research backgrounds, with a blend of tutorials, work-based training and research exchange visits. Topics such as patient and public involvement, collaborative working, evidence-based practice, complex interventions, health economics, clinical trials and medical statistics will provide a common thread that runs throughout the programme.

Teaching for the programme takes place over two full days (Tuesday and Wednesday) for the full-time route. Teaching will take place between 9am and 5pm, however specific times may vary from module-to-module. Each module runs over 1 academic term, with 11 contact days per module timetabled with teaching staff.

#### Sample Modules:

- Core concepts & paradigms
- Implementation Sciences
- Fundamentals of Health Services Research Methods
- Advanced Health Services Methods
- Independent Study

### 2.2. MSc Bioarchaeology

**Overview:** Bioarchaeology is an exciting and fast-advancing field which combines archaeology with branches of the natural sciences to study key topics such as past health and well-being, diet, ecology, subsistence strategies and environmental impacts. Our MSc in Bioarchaeology aims to develop a broad understanding of these issues through the study of human remains. Students on this programme will also have the opportunity to study animal remains, as well as floral and faunal evidence depending which pathway they choose to follow.



The three available Bioarchaeology pathways are:

- MSc Bioarchaeology: Forensic Anthropology
- MSc Bioarchaeology: Human Osteology
- MSc Bioarchaeology: Zooarchaeology

The programme develops advanced practical skills in skeletal analysis, making use of the department's well-provisioned specialist laboratories and reference collections. A particular strength of our provision is that we are able to address the bioarchaeology of both the New and Old Worlds.

**Sample Modules:**

- ARCM100 Research methods and archaeological theory
- ARCM414 Musculo-skeletal anatomy
- ARCM405 Advanced Human Osteology
- ARCM403 Advanced Zooarchaeology
- ARCM412 Funeral Osteoarchaeology

### 2.3. MSc Environment & Human Health [Cornwall Campus]

**Description:** On this programme you will consider ecological public health, the relationship of health to environment, as well as the social determinants of health and healthcare systems. By looking at current theories and concepts and through the analysis of a range of information you will develop the skills and knowledge so that on graduation you will be able to inform strategies to improve the health of communities or be well placed to continue to work towards a position of an academic researcher.

The programme would suit students interested in public health, health promotion, environmental health and protection, occupational health, workplace wellbeing or social enterprise. The programme has been developed with reference to the training requirements of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the UK Faculty of Public Health to maximise your future employability in the discipline of environment and human health sciences.

**Sample Modules:**

- HPDM019 Fundamentals of environmental human health
- HPDM020 Ecological Public Health
- HPDM021 Project design, development and knowledge transfer
- HPDM022 Environmental sciences and sustainable practice
- HPDM000 Dissertation

### 2.4. MSc Genomic Medicine

**Description:** Medical practise and practise in the clinical professions will be transformed by genomic technologies and information within the next decade. This MSc is a new programme developed by Health Education England and aligned with their vision to prepare for the legacy of the 100,000 Genomes Project. This will be achieved through transformational education and training that is focused on developing the capability and capacity of the NHS to apply genomic medicine for patient benefit.

The programme is offered by a network of centres across England and includes study of the genomics and informatics of rare and common diseases, cancer and infectious diseases, which can be applied to clinical practice and medical research, it enhances knowledge and skills, in this rapidly evolving field. Each module runs over a 4-5 week period with a mixture of face-to-face and online material. You will be required to attend



teaching sessions in Exeter for 3-4 days per module and for some modules teaching will also occur simultaneously in Bristol.

#### Sample Modules:

- HPDM035 An Introduction to Human Genetics and Genomics
- HPDM038 Molecular Pathology of Cancer and Application in Cancer Diagnosis, Screening, and Treatment
- HPDM039 Pharmacogenomics and Stratified Healthcare
- BIOM567 Application of Genomics in Infectious Disease
- HPDM045 Counselling Skills for Genomics
- HPDM049 Epigenetics
- HPDM041 Bioinformatics, Interpretation, Statistics and Data Quality Assurance
- Research project

### 2.5. MRes Health and Wellbeing

**Description:** The MRes Health and Wellbeing aims to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the social, biological and environmental drivers of individual health behaviours and interventions appropriate to develop health and wellbeing. It is designed to extend your understanding of the social science underpinning the development of effective interventions, strategies and policies aimed at sustainable improvement in health and wellbeing, and reducing physical and psychological health inequalities. The programme examines contemporary issues related to modifiable disease risk behaviours, and the determinants and correlates of these lifestyle behaviours across the lifespan. You should develop an understanding of the interdisciplinary skills and processes to translate scientific research into practical health and wellbeing applications.

The MRes Health and Wellbeing forms part of the Economic and Social Research Council South West Doctoral Training Centre - a hub of world-class social science research.

Students can also opt to take option modules at the University of Bristol and University of Bath.

#### Sample Modules:

- SHSM050 Contemporary Debates in Lifestyle Behaviours and Public Health
- GEOM105A Research Methods in Human Geography
- PSYM202 Behavioural Science Research Skills
- PSYM204 Advances and Methods in Social and Organisational Psychology
- PSYM214 Methods in Cognitive and Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience
- SHSM014 Paediatric Exercise and Health
- SHSM022 Physical Activity in the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Diseases

### 2.6. MSc Paediatric Exercise and Health

**Description:** It is well known that the first two decades of life represent an important window of opportunity to not only improve the health and well-being of young people, but also their health status into adult life. The role that physical activity and fitness can play in improving markers of health and well-being in young people is an important area of study, especially given concerns of declining fitness and increasing obesity in today's children and adolescents.

Based on the internationally-recognised research conducted at the Children's Health and Exercise Research Centre (CHERC), our Master's programme in Paediatric Exercise and Health offers a thorough grounding in the unique physiological responses of children and adolescents during exercise and how these responses are



influenced by age, sex, and biological maturation. It provides an in depth evaluation of the relationships between physical activity, fitness and health in young people. You will gain experience of both theoretical and hands-on methods used to evaluate physical activity and fitness, plus advanced training in research methods and analytical procedures.

The programme is delivered within a friendly and supportive learning environment, drawing upon innovative multi-method and multi-disciplinary research and teaching by our leading academics. You will have opportunities for involvement with on-going research projects and to develop key transferable skills beneficial for further doctoral study.

#### Sample Modules:

- SHSM003 Paediatric Exercise Physiology
- SHSM006 Laboratory Techniques in Physiology
- SHSM016 Paediatric Exercise and Health
- SHSM024 Research Methods and Analytical Procedures
- SHSM025 Dissertation (Journal article)

### 2.7. MSc Sports & Health Sciences

**Description:** With an excellent reputation for teaching quality, our MSc Sport and Health Sciences presents an exciting and challenging opportunity to develop scientific understanding of sport, exercise and health. Programme content is underpinned by past and current research from our internationally recognised research groups: Bioenergetics and Human Performance; and Physical Activity and Health Across the Lifespan.

Our MSc Sport and Health Sciences provides you with a sound grounding in research methods and analytical procedures relating to sport and health sciences. The programme presents opportunities to employ theoretical concepts in applied sport, health and exercise settings and allows you to choose from a diverse range of modules allied to our research expertise.

Delivered within a friendly and supportive learning environment, the programme draws upon innovative multi-method and multi-disciplinary research and teaching by our leading academics. You will have access to state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities including modern laboratories for biomechanics, physiology and psychology. You will also have the opportunity to be involved with on-going research projects and develop key transferable skills.

#### Sample Modules:

- SHSM204 Research Methods and Analytical Procedures
- SHSM025 Dissertation (Journal Article)
- SHSM005 Biomechanical Aspects of Lower Limb Injury
- SHSM014 Paediatric Exercise and Health
- SHSM022 Physical Activity in the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Disease
- SHSM023 Current Issues in Sport and Exercise Physiology

### 3. Master's by Research (University of Exeter students only) - 12 months full-time

The Master's by Research, not to be confused with the taught MRes degree, is offered within some Colleges. The Master's by Research, like other research degrees, contains no taught element and offers you the opportunity to pursue a research project, without entering into the commitment of a longer-term research degree. As such, it's ideal for intercalating students who are interested in pursuing a specific year-long research project.



A Master's by Research degree is assessed by a written dissertation of up to 40,000 words. The dissertation will not need to constitute an original contribution to knowledge but will need to provide evidence that you have worked at the current limits of understanding of the subject. Unlike a taught Master's degree, there is no taught element, so dedication and enthusiasm for your subject are essential.

Specific MSc by Research projects for intercalating students will be advertised annually.