

Module Specification

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| Module Title | Practical Biology | Module Code | BIO193 | | | | |
| Credit Value | 15 | Level | 4 | Mode of Delivery | On Campus | Semester | 2 |

| Pre-requisite modules | Co-requisite modules | Overlapping modules |
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1) Content Description

Provide a description of the module, as it will appear in the Module Directory and on the Student Information System (approx. 70-80 words).

This module teaches practical and analytical skills. Starting with basic laboratory safety and routine laboratory procedures, we move on through protein extraction and purification to microbiological and physiological techniques and finally studies involving whole multicellular organisms. There is also a taught component that focusses on data handling and analysis, as well as a series of tutorials that aim to teach group-working and communication skills.

2) Module Aims

Specify the aims of the module, i.e. the broad educational purposes for offering this module.

The aim of this module is to ensure that all first year students have a clear knowledge of the essentials of laboratory practice, experimental technique, and data handling and analysis.

3) Learning Outcomes

Identify the learning outcomes for this module, i.e. knowledge, skills and attributes to be developed through completion of this module. Outcomes should be referenced to the relevant [QAA benchmark statements](#) and the [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland \(2008\)](#). The [SEEC Credit Level Descriptors for Further and Higher Education 2003](#) and [Queen Mary Statement of Graduate Attributes](#) should also be used as a guiding framework for curriculum design.

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| Academic Content: | |
| A1 | Understand how to design and carry out experiments in the laboratory |
| A2 | Understand how to collect and analyse simple datasets |

Disciplinary skills - able to:

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| B1 | Work safely in the laboratory |
| B2 | Carry out basic laboratory procedures such as liquid handling and microbiological work competently |
| B3 | Analyse and interpret experimental results |
| B4 | Be able to interpret simple datasets and draw inference from them. |

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| Attributes: | |
| C1 | Engage critically with knowledge - acquire and apply knowledge in a rigorous way |

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| C2 | Engage critically with knowledge - connect information and ideas within their field of study |
| C3 | Learn continuously in a changing world - use quantitative data confidently and competently |
| C4 | Research capacity - produce analyses which are grounded in evidence |
| C5 | Rounded intellectual development - transferrable key skills |

4) Reading List

Provide an indicative reading list for the module. This should include key texts and/or journals but should not be an exhaustive list of materials.

Practical Skills in Biology. Weyers, J., Reed, R. & Jones, A. (2012), Pearson.

Teaching and Learning Profile

Provide details of the method of delivery (lectures, seminars, fieldwork, practical classes, etc.) used to enable the achievement of learning outcomes and an indicative number of hours for each activity to give an overall picture of the workload a student taking the module would be expected to undertake. This information will form the Key Information Set for each undergraduate programme and will be used to populate the KIS widget found on the QMUL programme information pages. More information can be found [online](#) about KIS. You may also wish to refer to the [QAA guidance on contact hours](#) when completing this section.

| Activity Type | KIS Category | Time Spent (in hours) |
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| Practical Classes and workshops | Scheduled | 33 |
| Tutorial | Scheduled | 3 |
| Total | | 36 |

Specify the total module notional study hours. This should be a total of the hours given for each activity. The notional study hours for each academic credit point is 10. A 15 credit point module therefore represents 150 notional study hours.

| Activity Type | Total Time Spent (in hours) | Percentage of Time Spent |
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| Scheduled learning and teaching | 36 | 24 |
| Placement | 0 | 0 |
| Independent Study | 114 | 76 |
| Total | 150 | 100 |

Use the information provided in the box above to specify the total time spent and the percentage time spent in each category of teaching and learning activity.

Assessment Profile

Provide details of the assessment methods used to assess the achievement of learning outcomes.

| Description of Assessment | Assessment Type | KIS Category | Duration / Length | Percentage Weighting | Final element of assessment? | Qualifying Mark |
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| Coursework | Written assignment, including Essay | Coursework | | 25 | No | |
| Practical | Practical Skills assessment | Practical | 1.5 hours | 75 | Yes | |

Qualifying mark: A specified minimum mark that must be obtained in one or more elements of assessment in order to pass a module. **This is in addition to, and distinct from, the requirement to achieve a pass in the module mark to pass the module.**

Reassessment

Provide details of the reassessment methods used, specifying whether reassessment is either standard reassessment or synoptic reassessment.

Standard Reassessment Synoptic Reassessment

| Synoptic reassessment details (if you have indicated synoptic reassessment above, please give details) | | |
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| Brief Description of Assessment | Assessment Type | Duration / Length of Examination / Coursework |
| The standard reassessment will consist of : a written examination (1.5 h duration) | Written Exam | 1.5 h |