

Module Details	
Module Title	Introduction to Life Sciences
Module Code	CHE3002-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Chemistry and Biosciences
FHEQ Level	RQF Level 3

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	12
Interactive Learning Objects	12
Seminars	6
Practical Classes or Workshops	16
Tutorials	6
Directed Study	154

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
To develop the student's knowledge and understanding of the core principles of biology and chemistry, and the underlying mathematical and practical skillsets, required for a successful transition to degree-level study in disciplines which require an academic background in science.

Outline Syllabus

Biology: Introduction to cell biology, molecular biology, microbiology, biochemistry and genetics. Cell structure, cell communication, diffusion and osmosis, control and co-ordination. Chemistry: Elements, compounds, molecules and mixtures, density, separation techniques; atoms and their structure, the periodic table; bonding: intermolecular, intramolecular, ionic, covalent, metallic; pH, acids and bases, chemical equations. Stoichiometry, Mole Concept, relative atomic/molar masses, molar volume, reacting masses, molar conc. Introduction to organic functional groups and principles of nomenclature. Maths: Measures; significant figures; units & prefixes; ratios; diagrams and line graphs; plotting equations; averages; percentages; algebra; rearranging equations; logarithms; indices; standard form; statistics (Chi-square, Spearman's rank & T-test); understanding significance. Practical Techniques: Health and safety, serial dilutions, pipetting, spectrometry, titrations, preparation of molar solutions, microscopy, pH measurement, use and selection of laboratory glassware, percentage yields.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Describe, explain and interpret phenomena based on underlying chemical principles.
02	Describe, explain and interpret introductory concepts in cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, microbiology and genetics.
03	Apply biological, chemical and mathematical concepts to solve problems in familiar and unfamiliar situations.
04	Apply scientific knowledge to safely conduct practical tasks.
05	Analyse and interpret experimental data and make reasoned judgements based on this analysis.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Students will develop understanding and application of knowledge through the use of lectures, tutorials, seminars and practical application. This can include both face to face and online learning. These will facilitate the achievement of learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Assessment 01 a reflective journal will encourage students to reflect on their learning and plan how to develop themselves across the learning outcomes of the module. Assessment 02 examination will assess students ability across LO 1-5 through short answer questions.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Reflective Journal (1000 words)	40%
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Short answer questions (1.5 Hrs)	60%
Formative	Coursework - Written	Draft of reflective journal	N/A

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Please note:

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