

Tutorials: Biological science

PREREQUISITES

All students wanting to study biological sciences at Oxford should have studied biological sciences at their home universities for at least two years.

TEACHING

Teaching for biological sciences will happen in a mix of University lectures, which play a key part in biological science teaching, tutorials (one to one meetings with a specialist tutor), and, if possible, group tutorials with other Oxford undergraduates. Students will prepare work for individual and group tutorials in biological sciences, typically in the form of problem sheets. Group work and discussion are warmly encouraged. Full lecture notes and other supporting materials are available on the University's virtual learning platform to which students will have full access once they are in Oxford.

For practical reasons it is not possible to arrange lab or other practical work or to undertake internships or practicums. Please ensure either that the subjects you choose work for credit at your home institution without having a practical component or that you can complete a lab asynchronously.

CHOOSING TUTORIALS

To choose your STEM tutorial(s), you'll need to find your way around the University of Oxford website. Go to the Undergraduate Courses webpage to find a list of subjects. Click on whichever area you intend to study and for each there will be a tab along the top titled "Structure." Scroll down on that page to "Course Structure," where the tutorials offered are listed.

Please ignore information about how to apply, interviews, the acceptance rate, examinations, etc., as this is all intended only for matriculated students registered for degrees at Oxford. Don't be put off by the fact that it is called a 'BA' in biology. Almost all first degrees at Oxford are BA degrees, whether the discipline is in humanities, social science, or science.

More information may be available on the Oxford biological sciences department's website. Keep in mind any posted course schedule is subject to change. Note: Hilary term is the spring term; Michaelmas term is the fall term.

Once you have looked at the website, please contact your Oxford advisor to discuss your tutorial requests in more detail. STEM classes are arranged on an individual basis.

SUBMITTING YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS

Prior to submitting your Course Selections within your application, please alert your Oxford advisor via phone or email and include the following information for each STEM tutorial you are requesting:

- The exact title of the tutorial
- Which courses you have done which you feel will enable you to do this tutorial
- Whether you will be taking this course to fulfill a specific requirement at your home institution. If so, you should attach your institution's syllabus. If not, you should provide a list of any specific topics you wish to cover.

Note: All students take two tutorials—a primary (6 credits) and a secondary (3 credits)—and provide an alternative for each. Thus, if you want to take two STEM tutorials, you should list four unique titles and provide details for each according to the questions above.

After informing your Oxford advisor of your STEM tutorial requests, you may submit the titles within your application's Course Selection questionnaire. Armed with the additional information you provide from the questions above, the Oxford staff can search for the most appropriate tutor when the time comes. Your advisor will contact you should any queries arise.