

**DEGREE OF MASTER IN SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
(04C90040)**

Students must also comply with the University General Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations for the Award of an Undergraduate Master's Degree

All the courses listed below are prescribed for this degree

The last intake to this programme was in September 2022

PROGRAMME YEAR 3 – 120 Credit Points JUNIOR HONOURS					
Term 1			Term 2		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points
BI 3010	Statistical Analysis of Biological Data	15	BI 3511	Gateway to Honours Project	0
One of the following courses:			One of the following courses:		
EV 3005	Global Soils and the Environment	15	PL 3505	Plant-Environment Interactions	15
BI 3013	Comparative Physiology 2	15	ZO 3515	Animal Evolution and Biodiversity	15
Plus 60 to 75 credit points from courses of choice, at least 30 of which must be from courses delivered by the School of Biological Sciences (i.e., the course codes BI, EK, EV, PL, ZO) at level 3.					

PROGRAMME YEAR 4 – 120 Credit Points SENIOR HONOURS YEAR					
Term 1			Term 2		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points
BI 4015	Grant Proposal	15	Plus 60 credit points from courses of choice, at least 30 of which must be from courses delivered by the School of Biological Sciences (i.e., the course codes BI, EK, EV, PL, ZO) at level 4.		
BI 4016	SBS Honours Project (Semester 1)	45			

PROGRAMME YEAR 5 – 120 Credit Points SENIOR HONOURS YEAR					
Term 1			Term 2		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Points
BI 5002	Research Project for MSci Biological Sciences				75
BI 5004	Public Communication of Science				15
Plus 30 credit points from courses delivered by the School of Biological Sciences (i.e., the course codes BI, EK, EV, PL, ZO) at level 5					

Notes	
1.	Candidates seeking entry to the Junior Honours programme must have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points at levels 1 and 2, including those compulsory courses required to enter programme year 3.
2.	Entry into programme year 4 from programme year 3 is dependent on performance in programme year 3. Entry into year 4 is based on a GPA from year 3 of 16.00 or better. Students from any degree programme administered by SBS who meets the entry requirements for year 4 of the MSci and fulfils the University's requirements for progression into Senior Honours may transfer into the MSci programme with permission from the Head of School of SBS. Students who do not meet the requirements for entry into year 4 of the MSci yet meet the requirements for entry into Senior Honours may transfer into the BSc Honours programme in Biological Sciences.
3.	Entry into programme year 5 from programme year 4 is dependent on performance in year 4 and permission from the Head of School of SBS. Entry into year 5 is based on a GPA from year 4 of 16.00 or better. Students must also have passed all their courses at year 4 and gained at least 90 credits at level 4. Upon successful completion of year 4 students will normally progress to year 5 but will also have the option to graduate with an honours degree rather than progress to year 5.
4.	Degree determination will be based on marks from years 3, 4 and 5 in an equal ratio.