

## **MHLS Undergraduate Programme Changes**

### **Amendments to Undergraduate Programmes from 2024-25**

If you have been made an offer to study at Queen's, you will have received a copy of the [University's terms and conditions](#) which states that you will be made aware of any significant amendments made to the programmes for entry in 2024-25. The University is always looking at ways to make programmes better, and the changes outlined below have been designed to provide you with an enhanced student experience.

#### **Biological Sciences**

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BSc Biochemistry	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module change will be introduced to your programme:
BSc Biochemistry with Professional Studies	
MSci Biochemistry	The content of the Level 1 module CHM1004 – Structure, Reactivity and Mechanisms has been updated, and it will now be assessed by exam (60%), laboratory work (20%) and online quizzes (20%).
MSci Biochemistry with Professional Studies	

<p>BSc Biological Sciences</p> <p>BSc Biological Sciences with Professional Studies</p> <p>MSci Biological Sciences</p> <p>MSci Biological Sciences with Professional Studies</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>Practical attendance is now compulsory for the following compulsory Stage 1 Modules:</p> <p>BIO1301: World of Microorganisms</p> <p>BIO1314 Fundamentals of Microbiology</p> <p>BIO1103 Molecular Basis of Life</p> <p>BIO1304 Genetics and the Molecular Toolbox.</p> <p>The assessment profile for the compulsory Stage 1 Module BIO1315 Environmental Biology has changed to:</p> <p>Examination (50%), Class Test (25%), Field Report (25%)</p>
<p>BSc Environmental Management</p> <p>BSc Environmental Management with Professional Studies</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>From 2024-25 the teaching of the two modules GGY1007 Physical Geography: Earth, Fire and Ice and GGY1009 Physical Geography: Earth, Wind and Water will be merged into a single module, GGY1013 Earth Systems. The following modules from</p>

	<p>your optional choice will become compulsory: ARP1007 Environmental Change and EVP1013 Contemporary Issues in Urban and Rural Planning.</p> <p>This means Level 1 of your programme will be structured as follows:</p> <p><u>Semester 1:</u></p> <p>GGY1013 Earth Systems</p> <p>BIO1102 Environmental Management</p> <p>EVP1001 Planning Health and Well Being</p> <p><u>Semester 2:</u></p> <p>ARP1007 Environmental Change</p> <p>EVP1013 Contemporary Issues in Urban and Rural Planning</p> <p>BIO1309 Environmental Sciences</p>
<p>BSc Microbiology</p> <p>BSc Microbiology with Professional Studies</p> <p>MSci Microbiology</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>Module BIO2304 Advanced Cell Biology will no longer be offered on the Microbiology degree programmes. This module will be replaced with a new module called</p>

<p>MSci Microbiology with Professional Studies</p>	<p>Diagnostic Microbiology. This module will provide you with a foundation in the diagnostic techniques used to diagnose diseases caused by microbial pathogens across human, animal, and plant hosts. It will explore the current methods use for bacterial, viral, fungal, and parasitic infections and utilise case studies for in-depth exploration of different methods and pathogens. In this module you will explore how new diagnostic devices are developed, and how they are assessed and approved for safety and efficacy. You will be able to apply this knowledge in the development of practical skills over laboratory sessions that will compare different methods of identification of a bacterial pathogen.</p>
<p>BSc Marine Biology  BSc Marine Biology MSci  BSc with Professional Studies  BSc with Professional Studies MSci</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>A compulsory attendance component has been added to the following Level 1 modules:</p> <p>BIO 1301 Word of Microorganisms  BIO 1314Fundamentals of Microbiology  BIO 1103 Molecular Basis of Life  BIO 1304 Genetics and the Molecular Toolbox</p>

<p>Medicine (C25)</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p><u>Medical Licensing Assessment</u></p> <p>In order to accommodate the General Medical Council (GMC) Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA), new modules will be created for Final MB: Part I Written MED5015 and Final MB: Part II MED5008, to allow the results of the GMCs Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) exam as well as the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCEs) to be stated on the students' transcript.</p> <p><u>Programme Specification</u></p> <p>A further amendment has been made to the programme specification to confirm that students are permitted a maximum of four attempts at the AKT under GMC regulations. An exemption to the <a href="#">Study Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes</a> for marks from Queen's modules only to be counted as part of the degree classification has also been approved on your programme. This exemption is noted on the programme specification.</p>
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	<p><u>Review of criteria for award of honours and distinctions</u></p> <p>Following revision of Foundation Programme entry requirements, the Educational Performance Measure (EPM) is no longer required to be calculated by the School. This was a legacy calculation of a student's marks throughout their first 4 years of study to place students in rank order within the Medical School and is no longer required with the introduction of the new medical programme.</p>
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**Pharmacy / China Queen's College (CQC)**

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<p>CQC BSc Pharmaceutical Sciences</p> <p>CQC BSc Pharmaceutical Biotechnology</p>	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>The new module, PMC1024 Properties and Analysis of Drug Molecules, will combine the content of two previous modules into one larger module. It will provide students with a more coherent and integrated approach towards teaching of the physical and chemical properties of drugs. Some content about the analysis of drugs (which was taught in second year) is becoming part of this new module, with some less relevant content being removed. This change is part of our continuing process of review and improvement, to ensure that the degree is contemporary and will produce graduates to meet the needs of the pharmaceutical industry.</p>
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BSc Midwifery	<p>We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your programme in 2024-25. Following feedback from external examiners and students, the following module changes will be introduced to your programme:</p> <p>Following a review of the new curriculum introduced in 2021 changes will be made to Module MI1112 Learning to Participate in Skilled Midwifery Practice. The module assessment will change from 80% assignment and 20% presentation to a Reflection (50%) [1000 words] using a reflective model and ePoster (50%) on continuity of midwifery care.</p>
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