

Accreditation

Our BSc degree programmes in Biochemistry, Biomedical Genetics, Biomedical Sciences, Pharmacology and Physiological Sciences are accredited by the Royal Society of Biology (RSB).

Graduates from RSB-accredited degree programmes are recognised to be equipped with well-rounded knowledge and practical skillsets, making them highly employable both within and beyond their chosen field.



Our MSci degrees in Biochemistry, Biomedical Genetics and Biomedical Sciences have Advanced Accreditation from the RSB, which recognises academic excellence in the biosciences and evidence of substantial research experience.



Can I work in a clinical environment after graduating?

YES, there are a wide variety of clinical career options that our degree programmes can lead to. Many of our students go on to work as Clinical Scientists under a range of different specialities (e.g. Clinical Immunologist, Cytogeneticist). We recommend checking out www.healthcareers.nhs.uk to see the wide range of career options available that do not require IBMS accreditation.

Find out more about RSB accreditation:



What about Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) accreditation?

Some programmes offered by other UK universities are specifically designed to train students as a Biomedical Scientist for working in a hospital laboratory. Such programmes can easily be identified by the fact that they are advertised as being accredited by the IBMS, and a number may also be approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Our biomedical and biomolecular sciences courses are NOT accredited by the IBMS, because our syllabus is not limited to the knowledge and skills required for hospital work. Our degree at Newcastle University offers students the chance to gain a broad knowledge of the various subjects that underpin our understanding of human health and disease in a Medical School environment.

What exactly are "Biomedical Sciences"?

The Biomedical Sciences are a collection of medically-related subjects such as anatomy, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, microbiology, physiology and pharmacology, which are taught in our BSc (Hons) programmes.

We offer students the flexibility to focus on a particular subject within the biomedical sciences (e.g. BSc Biochemistry), or study a broad range of them (e.g. BSc Biomedical Sciences) for students to select modules of interest.