Biotechnology can be defined as the use of various biological processes to make products and perform services. The essential feature of biotechnology therefore is the use of biological processes based on living cells and biochemical macro-molecules such as proteins, DNA and RNA in a rapidly-expanding range of activities of benefit to mankind.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the fundamental science and emerging scientific research that underpins the biotechnology sector.

   **Scholars**

2. Demonstrate an ability to communicate complex ideas and methods used in the biotechnology sector in both professional (intra and inter disciplinary) and social/ethical (local and international) contexts.

   **Global Citizens**  **Professionals**

3. Develop numerical, laboratory, bioprocessing and computational skills required for the specialised areas of biotechnology.

   **Leaders**  **Scholars**

4. Apply the methods of scientific inquiry, including gathering, analysing and interpreting relevant research data, formulating scientific hypotheses and designing and conducting laboratory experiments.

   **Scholars**  **Professionals**

5. Demonstrate the ability to apply the principles of teamwork, collaboration and communication through the development of laboratory/research reports and business cases in the cross-disciplinary context of biotechnology.

   **Professionals**  **Scholars**

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**Graduate Capabilities:**

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this [link](#).
Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this major is available

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) - BAdvSci(Hons)

3962 Advanced Science (Honours)

Faculty: Faculty of Science
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years
**Specialisation Structure**

Students must complete 84 UOC.

**Level 1 Core Courses**

Students must take 36 UOC of the following courses.

**BABS1201 | 6 UOC**  
Molecules, Cells and Genes

**BABS1202 | 6 UOC**  
Applied Biomolecular Sciences

One of the following:

**CHEM1011 | 6 UOC**  
Chemistry 1A: Atoms, Molecules and Energy

**CHEM1031 | 6 UOC**  
Higher Chemistry 1A: Atoms, Molecules and Energy

One of the following:

**CHEM1021 | 6 UOC**  
Chemistry 1B: Elements, Compounds and Life

**CHEM1041 | 6 UOC**  
Higher Chemistry 1B: Elements, Compounds and Life

One of the following:

**MATH1031 | 6 UOC**  
Mathematics for Life Sciences

**MATH1131 | 6 UOC**  
Mathematics 1A

**MATH1141 | 6 UOC**  
Higher Mathematics 1A

One of the following:
Level 2 Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

BABS2011 | 6 UOC
Current Trends in Biotechnology

BIOC2101 | 6 UOC
Principles of Biochemistry (Advanced)

BIOC2201 | 6 UOC
Principles of Molecular Biology (Advanced)

MICR2011 | 6 UOC
Microbiology 1

Level 3 Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

BABS3061 | 6 UOC
Medical Biotechnology

BABS3071 | 6 UOC
Commercial Biotechnology

BABS3200 | 6 UOC
Synthetic Biology
Suggested & Recommended Electives

Level 2 Recommended courses
BABS2202 - Molecular Cell Biology 1 (6UOC)
BABS2264 - Genetics (Advanced Level) (6 UOC)

Level 2 Suggested courses
BINF2010 Introduction to Bioinformatics
CHEM2021 Organic Chemistry: Mechanisms & Biomolecules
CHEM2041 Analytical Chemistry: Essential Methods
BABS2204 Genetics (prerequisite for Stage 3 Genetics courses)
SCIF2199 Science Work Placement

Level 3 Recommended Electives
MICR3061 Viruses and Disease
BABS3281 Bacteria & Disease
MICR3071 Environmental Microbiology
MICR3621 Microbial Genetics (Advanced)
BIOC3261 Human Biochemistry
BABS3041 Immunology 1
BIOC3111 Molecular Biology of Proteins
BIOC3671 Molecular Cell Biology 2 (Advanced)
BABS3291 Genes, Genomes & Evolution
BABS3151 Human Molecular Genetics & Disease
BABS3121 Molecular Biology of Nucleic Acids

Level 3 Suggested courses:
BINF3010 Bioinformatics Methods & Applications
BABS3281 Molecular Frontiers.

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Additional Information

Honours

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