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 macromolecules such as proteins, DNA and RNA in a rapidly-expanding range of activities of benefit to mankind.
Faculty
Faculty of Science

School
School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
84

Specialisation Type
Major
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

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:
MATH1041  |  6 UOC  
Statistics for Life and Social Sciences

MATH1231  |  6 UOC  
Mathematics 1B

MATH1241  |  6 UOC  
Higher Mathematics 1B

**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

For information about Honours in Biotechnology see the Biotechnology Honours plan or contact the School of Biotechnology & Biomolecular Sciences (BABS).
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