



Get ready for BSc(Hons) Biomedical Science (with Foundation Year)

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Foundation Year Co-ordinator, I warmly welcome you onto the BSc(Hons) Biomedical Science (with Foundation Year) programme.

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. I look forward to meeting you.

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Foundation Year Co-ordinator

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Programme Leader for Biomedical Science

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block website](#) with more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

There are a couple of things that you might like to have a look at before you arrive at UWE:

1. Biomedical Science is all about human disease, so you could keep an eye on the news (online, newspapers, New Scientist) for any articles that are about the latest developments or challenges in science that relate to Biomedicine. These may include bacterial resistance to antibiotics, virus infections, blood transfusion, genetics, or cancer therapy. See what interests you and ask yourself how much you understand about the underlying science.
2. The degree programme is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS). Have a look at the IBMS website at www.ibms.org for information on subject areas, IBMS membership and career information.

Read around your subject

We do not recommend you purchase any textbooks before starting your course. There is an electronic reading list for each module that you will be taking. These lists will be provided once you begin your studies, and many of the texts are available in electronic form.

If you do find any interesting news articles, you might like to jot down some keywords and see whether you can find additional information from your school/college books or from online sources available to you. Once you have registered at UWE, you will have full access to the online search engines, textbooks and journals that are held in the University library.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course,

please contact the [Student Money Service](#) team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

The core software used in your course includes UWE's core digital education systems (Blackboard, Collaborate, Panopto, Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365), PebblePad).

These packages will run on Windows and usually Mac devices [but not on tablets or Chromebooks]. We recommend that you have access to a Windows based system with the following minimum specifications: Core Specification.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact us:

Kathy Fawcett (Foundation Year Co-ordinator) via email at Kathy.Fawcett@uwe.ac.uk

Chris Moore (Biomedical Science Programme Leader) via email at Chris3.Moore@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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