

Health, Science and Social Care Professions

Biology (GCSE Science) Part-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course is starting in September 2025 will run for 1 year. Days and times to be confirmed.

Entry Requirements

- English at grade D or above and Maths at grade D (equivalent qualifications or experience accepted such as functional skills level 2)
- Successfully complete an interview with course tutor

You will achieve

You will achieve a GCSE qualification in Biology.

Course Overview

GCSE Biology provides a solid understanding of Human Biology, Organisms, Evolution, and the Environment.

Students explore topics like Cell Biology, Ecology, and Bioenergetics, with a focus on 'Working Scientifically' through practicals like Food Tests and Photosynthesis, which make up 15% of the final grade.

This course highlights science's real-world applications and includes Independent Learning Tasks to support learning.

Open to all ages, it combines expert teaching with hands-on lab experiences.

Click here to view the AQA course specifications.

[<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>]

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

- Mock exams and revision sessions will be conducted through the year
- Two end of year exams will take place in May/ June 2020

What Equipment Will I Need?

- You will need writing materials, pens, pencils and note book
- Basic Math's equipment needed; Calculator and ruler

Where will I study?

Old Mill Lane campus
Church Street
Barnsley
S70 2AX

What can I do next?

Upon successful completion of your GCSE science course, you may be able to study on an Access to HE Health Science Professions [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/access-higher-education-health-science-professions-level-3-full-time/>] Level 3 course or an

Access to HE Childcare (Teaching) [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/access-higher-education-childcare-teaching-level-3-full-time/>] depending upon your age and achievement.

How much does the course cost?

This course costs £400. This course may be FREE to study depending on your circumstances – please see the drop-down option below for more details.

The fee includes a text book.

An introductory 6 week course must be completed at an additional cost of £100, full fee payable.

Related additional costs may include materials, equipment, etc. which are payable by all students.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about Further Education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page '[paying for your course.](#)'

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

Extra information

Eligibility for Funding

Part-time courses are only available for learners who are 19 years old and above. You may not have to pay for this course if you are employed but earn below £23,400 a year, or if you are unemployed and receive Job Seekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit. You will need to provide evidence of your eligibility which will be checked at enrolment.

This course is funded by *South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and/or West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA)*. You must be living in the South or West Yorkshire regions to qualify for funding.

Full Fee Payable

If the course is listed as full fee payable, you will have to pay for the course.

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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