



# A Level Biology



## Why study Biology?

Biology is a fascinating subject and will see you learn about all living things within the natural world. Gaining an A Level in this subject will open up a range of opportunities, both in university degrees and career options. Biology is a prerequisite subject for many degrees in medical related fields or biological science. Students choose to study this subject for many reasons... perhaps they are interested in the human body, or have a specific path in mind that requires a qualification in this subject. It is no secret that Biology has aspects to interest a range of students, and covers a huge variety of topics.

Exam Board:  
**OCR**

## Overview of course content

### A Level (specification code: H420)

Examination	% of A Level
<b>Paper 1: Biological Processes</b> (Assesses modules 1, 2, 3 and 5)  Exam duration: 2 hours 15 minutes (100 marks)	37%
<b>Paper 2: Biological Diversity</b> (Assesses modules 1, 2, 4 and 6)  Exam duration: 2 hours 15 minutes (100 marks)	37%
<b>Paper 3: Unified Biology</b> (Assesses content from all modules)  Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (70 marks)	26%
<b>Non-exam assessment: Practical Endorsement</b>	Reported separately

A minimum of 25 official practicals will be covered towards this over the two years.

### Content Studied

Module 1: Development of Practical Skills in Biology  
Module 2: Foundations in Biology  
Module 3: Exchange and Transport  
Module 4: Biodiversity, Evolution and Disease  
Module 5: Communication, Homoeostasis and Energy  
Module 6: Genetics, Evolution and Ecosystems



### Careers/Future Opportunities

Studying Biology can help set you up for a range of careers in science and research. Typical jobs that require a qualification in Biology include a biochemist, botanist, forensic scientist, pharmacist, and many more!

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