

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability [progression route]
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	N/A
Credit Structure ²	360 credits Level 6: 120 credits Plus advanced standing of 240 credits at levels 4 and 5
Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Standard Length of Course ³	One year
Intended Award	BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability
Named Exit Awards	N/A
Entry Requirements ⁴	Successful completion of the FdSc Wildlife Conservation and Animal Management programme at East Coast College or the successful completion of a Foundation Degree or similar equivalent course of 240 level 4 and 5 credits in a science related discipline containing substantial environmental/conservation/ecology/wildlife and sustainability content. This course is not open to visa sponsored students (those students sponsored by the University under the student route).
Delivering Institution(s)	East Coast College
UCAS Code	H222

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability [progression route] course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 6 in the 2027-28 academic year⁵.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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Course Summary

The BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability course provides a level 6 progression route from relevant level 5 study and as such, it is a multidisciplinary course that reflects the needs of our time. The recent global pandemic has provided an insight into what can happen environmentally if human activity is reduced within it. It is now clear that we are equally a vulnerable species, and that nature can and does bite back: but also, that the natural world can recover given time, and that a slower more mindful pace of life can be both fulfilling and sustainable. This course delivers the knowledge and skills that will be vital to create a more sustainable future for humanity, animals, and nature by exploring rewilding, ecosystem services, carbon management, and zoonotic diseases. These disciplines will enable the student to enter a wide range of career pathways, providing them with cutting edge knowledge and vocational analytical skillsets. The course is suitable for anyone with an enquiring mind wishing to play a part in creating sustainable futures for nature and humanity alike.

Course Aims

In providing this course, the University and the course team aim to:

1. Provide an intellectually stimulating programme based upon the academic study of Rewilding, Zoonotic Disease (causes and impacts) Ecosystem Services, and Carbon Management.
2. Develop an in-depth understanding of selected specialist subjects related to the wildlife, conservation, environment, sustainability, green energy sectors.
3. Develop technical, transferable and professional skills appropriate to career development readying you for the multidisciplinary nature of these interconnected fields.
4. Develop the ability to apply knowledge and practical skills in a range of contexts.
5. Engender independence in with a focus on lifelong learning and continuous professional development.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability [progression route] course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)⁶.

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate contemporary conservation theories and practices through a systematic understanding of key aspects of the wildlife, conservation, environment, and sustainability sectors.
2. Analyse the interrelationships between climate, management, biodiversity, and conservation outcomes, demonstrating an understanding of the ambiguity and limits of knowledge within the sector.

⁶ As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)
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3. Demonstrate the ability to manage own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews, primary sources, and conduct independent research.
4. Apply methods and techniques to review, consolidate, extend and apply knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects within the fields of wildlife, conservation, environment, or sustainability.
5. Communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions effectively to specialist and non-specialist audiences using a range of formats.
6. Critically evaluate arguments assumptions, abstract concepts and data, to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution or identify a range of solutions to a problem, or problems.

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following QAA Benchmarks / Professional Standards:

- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) (QAA 2024)
- Sector Skills Council – LANTRA National Occupational Standards/UK Skills Assessment (2014)
- QAA Benchmark statement Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Environmental Studies (2022)

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Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability [progression route] course comprises modules at level 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 6			
	Project (Sciences)	40	M
	Zoonotic Diseases and their Impacts	20	R
	Rewilding for a Sustainable Future	20	R
	Ecosystem Services and Carbon Management: Tools for a Sustainable Future	40	R

Awards

On successful completion of the programme, students will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability.

Course Delivery

The course will be delivered at East Coast College, utilising specialist resources, computer rooms and lab spaces at the Great Yarmouth campus. Students studying full-time on BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability [progression route] are likely to have 7-10 contact hours per week for level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of Lectures, seminars, online learning, tutorials and practical activities. Students should be prepared for these guideline hours to vary based on module content, assessment type and deadlines. Students will normally be expected to undertake (up to 34) hours of independent study in an average week, but should again be prepared for this to vary based on module content, assessment type and deadlines, assignment deadlines and class exercises.

Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on this course will take place using a variety of methods including dissertation script, oral presentations, webinar creation, reports, a video presentation and mapping tasks.

⁷ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Conservation Science and Sustainability will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£10,050 per year
Full-time EU	£16,000 per year

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students will not be required to pay additional costs; possible field trips abroad linked to the Foundation degrees providing progression will be optional, and not linked to assessment on this programme. Costs will be notified at commencement of year.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).