

Health, Medicine and Life Sciences 2026-2027 Semester A Intake Study Pattern

- **MSc Bioscience With Advanced Research and Placement Route (2 year course)**
- **MSc Molecular Biotechnology with Advanced Research and Placement Route**
- **MSc Medical Microbiology with Advanced Research and Placement Route**
- **MSc Drug Discovery and Toxicology with Advanced Research and Placement Route**

Starting: September 2026

Important Information for Student Visa Holders:

Please note that all periods except official University vacations are considered term time. This includes the time after your final exam or dissertation submission, up until the end date on your CAS. During this entire period, you must continue to follow the term-time work restrictions set by your visa and, in the case of students employed by the University, by the University of Hertfordshire policy: Employment of Students on Student visas UPR HR15A (as previously sent to you).

Semester A 2026 - 2027			Semester B 2026- 2027			Semester C 2026 - 2027		
Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity
Sep 2026	01/09/26		Jan 2027	18/01/27	Term Time	May 2027	17/05/27	Term Time
	08/09/26			25/01/27	Term Time		24/05/27	Term Time
	15/09/26		Feb 2027	01/02/27	Term Time		31/05/27	Term Time
	21/09/26			08/02/27	Term Time	Jun 2027	07/06/27	Term Time
	28/09/26	Term Time		15/02/27	Term Time		14/06/27	Term Time
Oct 2026	05/10/26	Term Time		22/02/27	Term Time		21/06/27	Term Time
	12/10/26	Term Time	Mar 2027	01/03/27	Term Time		28/06/27	Vacation
	19/10/26	Term Time		08/03/27	Term Time	Jul 2027	05/07/27	Vacation
	26/10/26	Term Time		15/03/27	Term Time		12/07/27	Vacation
Nov 2026	02/11/26	Term Time		22/03/27	Vacation		19/07/27	Vacation
	09/11/26	Term Time		29/03/27	Vacation		26/07/27	Vacation
	16/11/26	Term Time	Apr 2027	05/04/27	Term Time	Aug 2027	02/08/27	Vacation
	23/11/26	Term Time		12/04/27	Term Time		09/08/27	Vacation
	30/11/26	Term Time		19/04/27	Term Time		16/08/27	Vacation
Dec 2026	07/12/26	Term Time		26/04/27	Term Time		23/08/27	Vacation
	14/12/26	Term Time	May 2027	03/05/27	Term Time		30/08/27	Vacation
	21/12/26	Vacation		10/05/27	Term Time	Sep 2027	06/09/27	Vacation
	28/12/26	Vacation					13/09/27	Vacation
Jan 2027	04/01/27	Vacation					20/09/27	Vacation
	11/01/27	Term Time						

- The PL has confirmed students can only work full time after the date on the CAS letter
- Students can work full time during vacation period in summer. If the students pass all the semester A and B modules then they can start their vacation from 24th May 2027 and work full time from then.

Although Semester C is designated as a vacation period, students are expected to secure and obtain approval for their placement during this time.

For students on a Student Visa, please note the following: if approval is given to begin a placement during Semester C, the remainder of that semester will be treated as term time.

From the point the placement begins, Student visa working conditions will apply. This means that any additional work undertaken outside of the approved placement must comply with term-time work restrictions.

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