

Degree Programme	BSc and MEarthSci Earth and Planetary Science
Pathway:	Palaeobiology
Academic year of study:	2024-25
Contact:	If you have any questions about this structure, please contact sons.programmes@manchester.ac.uk

First Year		
All First Year Students have a combined 1st year schedule of compulsory units as below.		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Curriculum and Programmes Team.		
EART11100	Understanding the Earth	40 Credits
EART11200	The Natural Scientist's Toolkit	40 Credits
EART11300	Practical and Professional Skills Development	40 Credits
EART11111	Welcome Week Activity	0 Credits
EART10020	PASS	0 Credits
EART19040	Aspire – Your Future	0 Credits

Second Year		
Core Units		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.		
Programme core units		
EART29200	Professional Development and Project Preparation	10 credits
EART28101	Field Course: Introduction to Geological Mapping	10 credits
Pathway core units		
EART22101	Evolution and Palaeobiology	10 credits
EART25001	Ecology and Conservation	10 credits
EART27201	Sedimentary Rocks and Fossils	10 credits
BIOL21221	Animal Diversity	10 credits
EART23202	Interpreting the Stratigraphic Record: From Surface to Subsurface	10 credits
Optional Units		
You must select FIVE of the following optional units; one in semester 1 and four in semester 2.		
EART22201	Igneous Minerals and Processes	10 credits
EART24001	Geological Maps	10 credits
EART26201	Principles of Geochemistry	10 credits
EART21102	Environmental Microbiology	10 credits
EART28002	Environmental Chemistry 2: Biogeochemical Cycles	10 credits
EART28202	Structural Geology	10 credits
EART29102	Geospatial Techniques	10 credits
BIOL21172	Principles of Developmental Biology	10 credits
10-20 credits: One 10 credit EART or BIOL unit or up to 20 credits of a single UCIL/Language unit (including those above, max 20 credits of non-EART units)		

Third Year

Core Units

You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.

Programme core units (excluding Geology pathway)

EART31100	Independent project in Earth and Planetary Science	30 credits
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Pathway core units

EART31001	Communicating Science	10 credits
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EART33001	Analytical Techniques in Earth and Environmental Sciences	10 credits
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EART36202	Primate Evolution and Human Origins	10 credits
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EART34001	Dinosaur Palaeobiology	10 credits
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EART38302	Field Course: Vertebrate Palaeontology, Isle of Wight	10 credits
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Optional Units

You must select FOUR of the following optional units. (A maximum of 3 of these units can be non-EART units)

EART32001	Advanced Topics in Ecology and Evolution	10 credits
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BIOL31511	Biotic Interactions	10 credits
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BIOL31541	Living with Climate Change	10 credits
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BIOL31551	Human Impacts on the Biosphere	10 credits
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EART31302	Sedimentary Basins and the Source to Sink System	10 credits
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EART37002	Diagenesis of Sedimentary Systems	10 credits
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EART34302	Volcanology	10 credits
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EART36002	Climate and Energy: Past Present & Future	10 credits
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BIOL31482	Conservation Biology	10 credits
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BIOL31392	Evolution of Genes, Genomes, and Systems	10 credits
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10-20 credits: One 10 credit EART or BIOL unit or up to 20 credits of a single UCIL/Language unit

PLEASE NOTE:

When selecting your course units you must ensure you enrol on:

- 120 credits in total (including any core units)
- A minimum of 50 credits per semester
- A maximum of 70 credits per semester

MEarthSci (All pathways)

2nd and 3th year: Same as regular BSC programmes

Fourth Year		
Core Units		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.		
EART44440	Research Project in Earth and Planetary Sciences	60 credits
EART40012	Integrated Earth and Environmental Science field course	15 credits
EART40031	Communicating Earth and Environmental Science	15 credits
EART40130	Topics in Earth, Planetary and Environmental Sciences	15 credits
Optional Units		
Select 15 credits from the following		
EART40110	Elective in Earth and Planetary Sciences	15 credits

† Available to all except those who completed the unit at undergraduate level

MEarthSci with Industrial Experience

(Available to all except those on Geology, Planetary Science or Palaeobiology pathways)

2nd year: Same as regular BSC programmes

3th year: EART39990 Placement in industry

Fourth Year		
Core Units		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.		
EART44440	Research Project in Earth and Planetary Sciences	60 credits
EART40012	Integrated Earth and Environmental Science field course	15 credits
EART40031	Communicating Earth and Environmental Science	15 credits
EART40130	Topics in Earth, Planetary and Environmental Sciences	15 credits
Optional Units		
Select 15 credits from the following		
EART40110	Elective in Earth and Planetary Sciences	15 credits

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MEarthSci with International Study

(Available to all except those on Geology pathway)

2nd year: Same as regular BSC programmes

3th year: EART39950 Study at University Abroad

Fourth Year		
Core Units		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.		
EART44440	Research Project in Earth and Planetary Sciences	60 credits
EART40012	Integrated Earth and Environmental Science field course	15 credits
EART40031	Communicating Earth and Environmental Science	15 credits
EART40130	Topics in Earth, Planetary and Environmental Sciences	15 credits
Optional Units		
Select 15 credits from the following		
EART40110	Elective in Earth and Planetary Sciences	15 credits

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MEarthSci with a Research Placement

(Available to all except those on Geology pathway)

2nd year: Same as regular BSC programmes

3th year: EART39980 Year in Research

Fourth Year		
Core Units		
You will automatically be enrolled on these units by the Earth Support Team.		
EART44440	Research Project in Earth and Planetary Sciences	60 credits
EART40012	Integrated Earth and Environmental Science field course	15 credits
EART40031	Communicating Earth and Environmental Science	15 credits
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Optional Units		
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