Interdisciplinary expertise
The Centre for Applied Anatomy is a dynamic place to learn from a friendly team of experts passionate about the field of anatomy. The broad knowledge of our teaching staff, and the wealth of resources across medical, dental, veterinary and science subjects, offer a unique learning experience for aspiring anatomists.

Practical experience
We believe that a deep understanding and appreciation of body structure can only be achieved by a hands-on approach including dissection. This practical course involves a large element of dissection of human and animal specimens.

Research skills
Expert-led seminars let you engage directly with the latest research, and you’ll complete your own research project aligned to your future ambitions.
Anatomy is the study of structure, from cell to tissue to whole organism. Applied anatomy examines structure-function relationships in the context of related subjects, such as diagnostic imaging, anatomical pathology and sports medicine.

This practical, hands-on and student-centred course will enable you to develop a clear, three-dimensional, internal model of the anatomy of the human and animal body. The initial broad basis of the degree and later opportunity for specialisation will equip you for a wide variety of careers.

**Course structure**

The first year of the course introduces the principles of comparative anatomy and relates the structure to the function of major mammalian body systems. Teaching involves dissection and study of human and animal specimens.

The second year covers detailed medical and veterinary anatomy, studying cadaveric material, with clinical relevance and application throughout. The dissection unit is an integral part of the course that allows you to specialise in medical or veterinary anatomy.

In the third year, a seminar-based course lets you get actively involved in expert-led discussion of the latest anatomical research. A highlight of this year is an original research project, which can be a clinically related anatomical investigation, a laboratory-based scientific study, or anatomically themed educational research.

**Careers**

With its emphasis on applied learning and professional development, the course is designed to appeal to employers while providing you with a springboard for a variety of careers.

Our graduates enter a range of professions including research, education and graduate entry schemes or, with further study, professional programmes such as medicine, veterinary medicine or dentistry.

In the public sector, life sciences graduates are in demand in research institutes, government departments and the National Health Service, and there is increasing demand for life scientists to contribute to the public understanding of science as journalists and information and liaison officers.

**Why study applied anatomy at Bristol?**

‘I thoroughly enjoyed the subject matter. The teaching was exactly what I wanted from the course, and I also found all the staff very helpful and friendly.’

BSc Applied Anatomy student

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
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