



College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
BIOLOGY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
CLASS OF 2026

CONCENTRATION IN CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

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GE A1 or A2 3 units	GE A1 or A2 3 units	GE D1** 3 units	CHEM 306A 2 units	Upper Division writing ENGL 301 or 363 3 units	PHYS 211 3 units	PHYS 212L 1 unit	
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			American Government 3 units		GE E** 3 units		Electives to complete 120 units
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27	GE lower division
6	GE upper division
40	Biology Required Courses
34	Biology Supporting Courses (includes 3 units GE upper division)
3	Writing Requirement: Upper division
3	Graduation Requirement: American Government
7	Electives
120	TOTAL UNITS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BIOLOGY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Attend Biology major advising each semester to plan and review your academic progress.
- Visit your College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Student Success Team in MH 488 to review GE and graduation requirements.
- All** Biology and Supporting Courses (CHEM, MATH, PHYS) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
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BIOLOGY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Cell and Developmental Biology Concentration

The Biology Major is for students who are preparing to (1) enter biology graduate and health professional schools, (2) seek biology-related careers in industry or government agencies, or (3) teach in secondary school.

BIOLOGY CORE AND SUPPORTING COURSES

- Complete the courses listed below:

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BIOL 252	Principles of Ecology
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CHEM 301A	Organic Chemistry
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MATH 130 or 150A+150B*	A Short Course in Calculus/ Calculus (GE B4)
MATH 338	Statistics Applied to Natural Sciences (GE B5)
PHYS 211	Elementary Physics
PHYS 211L	Elementary Physics: Laboratory
PHYS 212	Elementary Physics
PHYS 212L	Elementary Physics: Laboratory

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Cell & Developmental Concentration Requirements (15 units total)

Units are shown as total units / lab-field units, e.g. (4/2)

Cell and Developmental Biology Required Courses (8 units)

BIOL 302	General Microbiology (5/2)
BIOL 303	Intermediate Cell Biology (3)

Cell and Developmental Biology Elective Courses (5 units)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 329	Essential Tech. Cell Biol. (3/2)	BIOL 431	Adv Microbiol Lab (3/2)
BIOL 362	Mammalian Physiology (4/1)	BIOL 438	Pub. Health Microbiol (4/2)
BIOL 405	Developmental Biology (3)	BIOL 445	Plant Cell Physiology (3)
BIOL 417	Adv. Cell Biology (3)	BIOL 454L	Microscopy Imaging Biol (2/2)
BIOL 418L	Adv. Cell Biology Lab (2)	BIOL 462	General Parasitology (4/2)
BIOL 424	Immunology (5/2)	BIOL 465	Int. Biol. of Spider Silk (3)
BIOL 427	Stem Cell Biology (3)	BIOL 470	Cellular Neurobiology (3)
BIOL 428	Biology of Cancer (3)	BIOL 490T	Clinical Microbiol. (3/2)
BIOL 429	Tech. Stem Cell Biol. (3/2)		

Cell and Developmental Biology Capstone Courses (2 units)

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BIOL 400	Sem. in Biology Education (3)	BIOL 465	Int. Biol. of Spider Silk (3)
BIOL 424	Immunology (5/2)	BIOL 470	Cellular Neurobiology (3)
BIOL 427	Stem Cell Biology (3)	BIOL 482	Capstone Studies in Biology (2)
BIOL 428	Biology of Cancer (3)	BIOL 490T	Clinical Microbiol. (3/2)
BIOL 429	Tech. Stem Cell Biol. (3/2)	BIOL 495	Internship (3/2)
BIOL 431	Adv Microbiol Lab (3/2)	BIOL 498	Thesis (1-3)
BIOL 438	Pub. Health Microbiol (4/2)	BIOL 499L	Independent Lab Study (1-3)
BIOL 462	General Parasitology (4/2)		

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Physiology: One course in physiology is required. This can be taken as part of the concentration electives (if allowed) or separately. (3 units)

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As part of their Biology Requirements students must complete:

- 6 units of 400-level biology courses
- 6 units of laboratory/field courses, 3 units of which must be taken within the concentration

UNIVERSITY & GE REQUIREMENTS

Upper Division Writing Requirement

To meet the upper-division baccalaureate writing requirement, students must pass with a "C" (2.0) or better ENGL 301, ENGL 363, or BIOL 498 (3 units).

Graduation requirement

Students must complete an American Government course: POSC 100 or HONR 201B.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Area A Core Competencies.** Complete one course in each sub-area for a total of 9 units. Area A1 and A2 must be completed during your first year; one should be taken in the fall and one should be taken in the spring. You should not take both A1 and A2 your first semester. Take CNSM 101 (GE A3) during the fall semester of your first year.

A1	Oral Communication
A2	Written Communication
A3	Critical Thinking

- Area B Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning.** Fulfilled by MAJOR/SUPPORTING COURSES. B5 includes 3 upper division units.

B1	Physical Science (CHEM 120A)
B2	Life Science (BIOL 151)
B3	Laboratory Experience (BIOL 151)
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 130 or MATH 150A from AP credit)
B5	Implications & Explorations NSM (MATH 338)

- Area C Arts and Humanities.** Complete one course each in C1 and C2 and one upper division course from C3.

C1	Introduction to the Arts
C2**	Introduction to the Humanities
C3**	Explorations in the Arts or Humanities

- Area D Social Sciences.** Complete one course each in D1 and D2 and one upper division course from D3.

D1**	Introduction to the Social Sciences
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- Area E** Lifelong Learning and Self Development.** Complete one course in this area.

- Area F Ethnic Studies.** Complete one course in this area.

• ****Area Z Cultural Diversity.** One GE course from area C, D, or E must double-count as area.



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EEB CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS (14 units total)

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EEB Organismal Biology Elective Courses (3-4 units)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 317	Field Marine Biology ¹ (4/2)	BIOL 461	Marine Invert. Biology ¹ (4/2)
BIOL 332	Biology of the Vertebrates (3)	BIOL 475	Ichthyology ¹ (4/2)
BIOL 340	Field Botany (3/2)	BIOL 476	Herpetology (4/2)
BIOL 345	Plant Biology (3/1)	BIOL 478	Mammalogy (4/2)
BIOL 441	Plant Taxonomy (4/2)	BIOL 479	Ornithology (4/2)
BIOL 446	Marine Phycology ¹ (4/2)		

EEB Ecology Elective Courses (3-4 units)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 301	Prob. Env. Biol. (3/2)	BIOL 443	Plant Ecology (4/2)
BIOL 314	Pop. and Comm. Ecology (3)	BIOL 449	Desert Ecology (4/2)
BIOL 419 and 419L	Marine Ecology ¹ (3) and Marine Ecology Lab ¹ (1)	BIOL 466	Behavioral Ecology (3)
BIOL 422	Coastal Ecology ¹ (4/2)		

EEB Free Elective Courses (4-6 units) Any course listed below, or any course listed as an organismal biology elective, an ecology elective, or an EEB capstone course can be used to fulfill the 14 required units

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BIOL 361	Human Anatomy (4/2)	BIOL 410	Evolutionary Genetics (4/1)
BIOL 402	Comp. Lab Molec. Systematics (3/1)	BIOL 444	Plant Physiol. Ecology (4/2)
BIOL 407	Genes and Genomes (3)	BIOL 468	Comp. Animal Physiology (4/1)

¹ only one of these courses may be counted towards the EEB concentration units

EEB Capstone Courses (2 units)

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Marine Biology Organismal Biology Courses (4 units)

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Marine Biology Ecology Courses (4 units)

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BIOL 422	Coastal Ecology (4/2)

Marine Biology Capstone Courses (2 units)

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BIOL 325	Principles of Evolution
CHEM 120A	General Chemistry (GE B1)
CHEM 120B	General Chemistry
CHEM 301A	Organic Chemistry
CHEM 301B	Organic Chemistry
CHEM 306A	Organic Chemistry Laboratory
MATH 130 or 150A+150B*	A Short Course in Calculus/ Calculus (GE B4)
MATH 338	Statistics Applied to Natural Sciences (GE B5)
PHYS 211	Elementary Physics
PHYS 211L	Elementary Physics: Laboratory
PHYS 212	Elementary Physics
PHYS 212L	Elementary Physics: Laboratory

*only if you have AP credit for MATH 150A, then take MATH 150B

Molecular Biology & Biotechnology Concentration Requirements

Units are shown as total units / lab-field units, e.g. (4/2)

Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Required Courses (6-8 units)

BIOL 309	Intermediate Molecular Biology (3)
BIOL 302 OR CHEM 421	General Microbiology (5/2) OR Biological Chemistry (3)

Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Elective Courses (6-7 units)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 402	Comp. Lab in Mol. Systematics (3/1)	BIOL 431	Advanced Micro Lab (3/2)
BIOL 405	Developmental Biology (3)	BIOL 438	Public Health Microbiol (4/2)
BIOL 407	Genes & Genomes (3)	BIOL 445	Plant Cell Physiology (3)
BIOL 410	Evolutionary Genetics (4/1)	BIOL 448	Plant Molecular Biology (4/1)
BIOL 411	Medical Genetics & Syst. Biology (3)	BIOL 462	General Parasitology (4/2)
BIOL 412	Principles Gene Manipulation (3)	BIOL 472A	Adv. Biotech. Lab (3/2)
BIOL 413	Adv. Molecular Genetics (3)	BIOL 472B	Adv. Biotech. Lab (3/2)
BIOL 414	Microbial Genetics (3)	BIOL 473	Bioinformatics (3/1)
BIOL 426	Molecular Virology (3)	BIOL 490T	Clinical Microbiol. (3/2)
BIOL 430	Advances in Microbiology (3)	CHEM 421	Biological Chemistry (3)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 400	Sem. In Biology Education (3)	BIOL 472A	Adv. Biotech. Lab (3/2)
BIOL 412	Principles Gene Manipulation (3)	BIOL 472B	Adv. Biotech. Lab (3/2)
BIOL 426	Molecular Virology (3)	BIOL 482	Capstone Studies in Biology (2)
BIOL 429	Tech. Stem Cell Biology (3/2)	BIOL 490T	Clinical Microbiol. (3/2)
BIOL 430	Adv. Microbiol (3)	BIOL 495	Internship (3/2)
BIOL 431	Adv. Microbiology lab (3/2)	BIOL 498	Thesis (1-3)
BIOL 438	Public Health Microbiol (4/2)	BIOL 499L	Independent Lab Study (1-3)
BIOL 462	General Parasitology (4/2)		

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BIOL 302	General Microbiology (5/2)	BIOL 445	Plant Cell Physiology (3)
BIOL 362	Mammalian Physiology (4/1)	BIOL 468	Comp. Animal Physiology (4/1)
BIOL 444	Plant Physiological Ecology (4/2)		

As part of their Biology Requirements students must complete:

- 6 units of 400-level biology courses
- 6 units of laboratory/field courses, 3 of which must be taken within the concentration

UNIVERSITY & GE REQUIREMENTS

- Upper Division Writing Requirement

To meet the upper-division baccalaureate writing requirement, students must pass with a "C" (2.0) or better ENGL 301, ENGL 363, or BIOL 498 (3 units).

- Graduation requirement

Students must complete an American Government course: POSC 100 or HONR 201B.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Area A Core Competencies.** Complete one course in each sub-area for a total of 9 units. Area A1 and A2 must be completed during your first year; one should be taken in the fall and one should be taken in the spring. You should not take both A1 and A2 your first semester. Take CNSM 101 (GE A3) during the fall semester of your first year.

A1	Oral Communication
A2	Written Communication
A3	Critical Thinking

- **Area B Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning.** Fulfilled by MAJOR/SUPPORTING COURSES. B5 includes 3 upper division units.

B1	Physical Science (CHEM 120A)
B2	Life Science (BIOL 151)
B3	Laboratory Experience (BIOL 151)
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 130 or MATH 150A from AP credit)
B5	Implications & Explorations NSM (MATH 338)

- **Area C Arts and Humanities.** Complete one course each in C1 and C2 and one upper division course from C3.

C1	Introduction to the Arts
C2**	Introduction to the Humanities
C3**	Explorations in the Arts or Humanities

- **Area D Social Sciences.** Complete one course each in D1 and D2 and one upper division course from D3.

D1**	Introduction to the Social Sciences
D2	American History, Institutions, and Values
D3**	Explorations in the Social Sciences

- **Area E** Lifelong Learning and Self Development.** Complete one course in this area.

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Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Capstone Courses (2 units)



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TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6	TERM 7	TERM 8
BIOL 151 (GE B2 and B3) 4 units	BIOL 152 4 units	BIOL 252 3 units	BIOL 251 3 units	BIOL 345 3 units	Upper Division Biology Elective 3-4 units	Upper Division Biology Elective 3-4 units	Biology Capstone 2-3 units
CNSM 101 (GE A3) 3 units		BIOL 254L 1 unit	BIOL 253L 1 unit	BIOL 325 3 units	Upper Division Biology Elective 3 units	Upper Division Biology Elective 3-4 units	Upper Division Biology Elective(s) to complete required units
MATH 130 or MATH 150B* (GE B4) 4 units	CHEM 120A (GE B1) 5 units	CHEM 120B 5 units	CHEM 301A 3 units	CHEM 301B 3 units	MATH 338 (GE B5) 4 units	PHYS 212 3 units	
GE A1 or A2 3 units	GE A1 or A2 3 units	GE D1** 3 units	CHEM 306A 2 units	Upper Division writing ENGL 301 or 363 3 units	PHYS 211 3 units	PHYS 212L 1 unit	
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			American Government 3 units				Electives to complete 120 units
17 units	15 units	15 units	15 units	15 units	14-15 units	13-15 units	13-16 units

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27	GE lower division
6	GE upper division
40	Biology Required Courses
34	Biology Supporting Courses (includes 3 units GE upper division)
3	Writing Requirement: Upper division
3	Graduation Requirement: American Government
7	Electives
120	TOTAL UNITS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BIOLOGY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Attend Biology major advising each semester to plan and review your academic progress.
- Visit your College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Student Success Team in MH 488 to review GE and graduation requirements.
- All** Biology and Supporting Courses (CHEM, MATH, PHYS) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- Complete GE courses in areas A1, A2, and A3 with a C- or better. Complete a total of 17 units in GE area B with a C or higher since these are part of the major. To fulfill GE area Z, one course from GE area C, D, or E must double-count as GE area Z. Check your Titan Degree Audit for courses that appear in both categories. Complete GE area F with a C- or better.
- Declare your concentration during the semester you are taking your last lower-division Biol Core course.
- Apply for Graduation through your Student Center at the start of Term 7.

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Plant Biology Concentration

The Biology Major is for students who are preparing to (1) enter biology graduate and health professional schools, (2) seek biology-related careers in industry or government agencies, or (3) teach in secondary school.

BIOLOGY CORE AND SUPPORTING COURSES

- Complete the courses listed below:

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Plant Biology Required Course (3 units)

BIOL 345	Plant Biology (3/1)
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Plant Biology Elective Courses (7 units)

Course	Course Title	Course	Course Title
BIOL 340	Field Botany (3/2)	BIOL 446	Marine Phycology (4/2)
BIOL 441	Plant Taxonomy (4/2)	BIOL 448	Plant Molecular Biology (4/1)
BIOL 443	Plant Ecology (4/2)	BIOL 449	Desert Ecology (4/2)
BIOL 444	Plant Physiological Ecology (4/2)	GEOG 313	Natural Vegetation (3)
BIOL 445	Plant Cell Physiology (3)		

Plant Biology Capstone Courses (at least 2 units)

Course	Course Title
BIOL 450	Conservation Biology (3)
BIOL 482	Capstone Studies in Biology (2)
BIOL 495	Internship (3/2)
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BIOL 499L	Independent Lab Study (1-3)

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