

BIOLOGY

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The objectives of the Biology Department are to afford students an opportunity to gain an understanding of themselves and their environment and thus prepare themselves for taking a fuller, more satisfying role in society; to train students in their ability to reason inductively and deductively; to encourage original thought; to prepare teachers in the biological sciences for the elementary and secondary school; and to provide a background in subject matter and laboratory skills for curricula in which the fundamentals of the various sciences are used.

The department offers the following programs leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with indicated concentration or licensure. Students should consult the department head for details of each program.

Biology (with concentrations in **Botany**, **Zoology**, **Molecular Biology**, or **Environmental Biology** possible)

Biology with Teacher Licensure (approved by NSTA)

Biology — Medical Technology Program

Biology — Biomedical Emphasis

For requirements for the B.S. degree program in Science Education with a concentration in Biology, see Department of Chemistry and Physics section of this catalog.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology	Sem. Hrs.
Core of Required Courses (below), including General Education	82-83
MAT 215	4
Electives	33-34
Total:	120

CORE OF REQUIRED COURSES (for all degree programs in biology)	Sem. Hrs.
Freshman Seminar	1
General Education Requirements *	44
Required Biology Courses: BIO 100, 100L, 101, 102, 304, 371, 472	24
Biology Concentration (see below): choose one	11-12
Botany Concentration; Zoology Concentration; Molecular Biology Concentration; Environmental Biology Concentration; or	
No Concentration (any biology course except those for non-majors)	
Chemistry Requirements: 130, 131, 110, 111	8
Mathematics Requirements: 107, 210	6
(in addition, MAT 215 is required for many programs; MAT 221 and 222 also satisfy Mathematics Requirement.)	

Core Total*: 82-83

*12 semester hours of Natural Sciences and Mathematics count toward General Education and toward major requirements. *Additional requirements apply to specific programs.*

Biology Concentrations (choose one to meet Concentration Requirement in the Core)

Botany Concentration (11-12 sem hr): Three of the following:

BIO 231, 232, 305, 340, 354

Environmental Biology Concentration (11-12 sem hr): Three or four of the following:

BIO 231, 301, 305, 308, 340, 410, 432

Molecular Biology Concentration (11-12 sem hr): Three of the following:

BIO 314, 315, 322, 323, 354, 461

Zoology Concentration (11-12 sem hr): Three of these, with 1 or more from each area

Invertebrate Area: BIO 301, 310, 319; Vertebrate Area: BIO 203, 205, 461

BIOLOGY: BIOLOGY EDUCATION LICENSURE

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree with Teacher Licensure (see Teacher Education Program for Teacher Education Requirements). This program was approved by the National Science Teachers' Association.

Goals and Objectives for Biology-Teacher Licensure Program

- * to develop a basic understanding of living systems: including levels of organization, physiology, genetics, interrelationships, and evolution
- * to develop a basic understanding of the nature of science: including philosophy and methodology
- * to develop a basic understanding of the interrelationships among the fields of science and between science and society
- * to contribute to the personal development of each individual
- * to develop an awareness of career opportunities in Biology
- * to develop an understanding of the methods and curriculum of Biology and other sciences
- * to develop communication skills and classroom management skills necessary for effective teaching
- * to develop awareness of safety precautions specific to instruction in science

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree with Teacher Licensure	Sem. Hrs.
Freshman Seminar	1
General Education*	44 (32)
Required Biology Courses: BIO 100, 100L, 101, 102, 304, 371, 422, 472	27
Biology Electives	11-12
Other Science and Mathematics	
Chemistry: CHM 130, 110, 131, 111, 250	12
Mathematics: MAT 107, 210, CSC 405	9
Physics: PHS 150	3
Earth Science: GLY 115	3
Professional Education Requirements	
EDN 302, 308, 350, 419, 430, 448	19
SCE 300, 301, 400	6
Electives	4-5
Total:	128

*12 semester hours of Natural Sciences and Mathematics count toward General Education and the major.

BIOLOGY: MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with Emphasis in Medical Technology (See Health Professions Programs for a description of this program.)

	Sem. Hrs.
Core of Required Courses (above), except BIO 304 and BIO Electives	67
BIO 212, 315 (in lieu of BIO Electives)	8
CHM 250, 251	8
CSC 100	3
Electives	4
Clinical Work in Approved Hospital	30
Total:	120

Fourth Year: Clinical Training in approved Program at McLeod Regional Medical Center—30 hours.

BIOLOGY: BIOMEDICAL EMPHASIS

Requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with Biomedical Emphasis (See Health Professions Programs for a description of this program.)

	Sem. Hrs.
Core of Required Courses (above), except BIO Electives	71
BIO 211, 212, 315, 461 (in lieu of BIO Electives)	16
CHM 226, 227, 250,251, 311, 312	20
PHY 150, 151, 156, 157	8
MAT 215	4
Electives	1
Total:	120

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATION IN BIOLOGY

For students seeking a baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education, Special Education, or Physical Education, the Biology Department offers an Academic Concentration of 26 hours. This Academic Concentration is available to other students, regardless of major.

Required Courses for an Academic Concentration in Biology:

- BIO 100, 100L, 101, 102, 103, 210,
- BIO 371 (or an approved upper-level biology course with a laboratory)
- CHM 130, 110

Total: 26

COURSES (BIO): BIO 100, Principles of Biology, is a prerequisite to all other Biology courses except BIO 210, Environmental Biology. BIO 101, General Botany, is a prerequisite for all other botany courses. BIO 102, General Zoology, is a prerequisite for all other zoology courses.

BIO 100. Principles of Biology

An introduction to modern and classical biology concepts. Fall, Spring. Three lectures weekly. Credit, 3 semester hours.

BIO 100L. Laboratory Investigations and Experiences in General Biology

Introductory laboratory experiments in which basic principles of biology will be investigated. Fall, Spring. Credit, 1 semester hour. PREREQ: Enrollment in or credit for Biology 100.

BIO 101. General Botany

Introductory plant science with emphasis on morphology and physiology of the seed plants and a survey of representative types from the plant kingdom. A prerequisite to all other courses in botany. Fall, Spring. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 102. General Zoology

Introductory coverage of the animal kingdom with emphasis on vertebrate systems, classification & survey of the animal phyla, and coverage of cellular respiration. Laboratory time will be spent on histology, anatomy, and a survey of phyla. A prerequisite to all other zoology courses. Fall, Spring. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 103. Basic Human Biology

An elementary study of the human body in health and disease. This course relates fundamental knowledge about human anatomy and physiology to current issues. Questions such as how do birth control pills work? and what causes cancer? will be explored. Does not fulfill a BIO elective. Fall, Spring. Three lectures weekly. Credit, 3 semester hours. PREREQ: BIO 100 or permission of instructor.

BIO 203. Vertebrate Zoology

The biology of the major groups of vertebrate animals with emphasis on general structural and physiological plans and diversity. Spring of odd-numbered years. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 205. Animal Behavior (PSY 204)

A survey of the functional and complexity categories of behavior with emphasis in the animal kingdom. Examples will range from one-celled organisms to humans. Other selected topics will include the evolution of behavior, sociobiology, animal cultures, behavioral ecology, behavioral genetics, neurobiology, consciousness and others. Three one-hour lectures and one two-hour laboratory per week. Laboratory time will consist of a mix of demonstrations, experiments, and films. Spring of odd-numbered years. Credit, 4 semester hours. PREREQ: BIO 100, 102.

BIO 210. Environmental Biology

A study of environmental science emphasizing the impact that an increasing human population has on the biosphere. The course deals specifically with the demands placed by humans on natural resources and the resulting acceleration of environmental deterioration, human attitudes toward the environment, and techniques and policies by which resources could be intelligently managed. Does not fulfill a BIO elective. Fall, Spring. Three lectures weekly. Credit, 3 semester hours.

BIO 211, 212. Human Anatomy and Physiology

A course covering the structure and function of the human body. Appropriate physiological exercises and dissections of a mammal are performed concurrently in the laboratory. Fall, Spring. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours each.

BIO 231. Morphology of the Non-Vascular Plants

A comprehensive survey of the algae, fungi, and bryophytes dealing with structure, form, and reproduction. Spring of even-numbered years. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 232. Morphology of the Vascular Plants

A continuation of Biology 231, a survey of the plant kingdom with emphasis on selected types of vascular plants. Spring of odd-numbered years. Three lectures and one two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 301. Entomology

An introduction to the study of insects which emphasizes the classification, morphology, physiology, ecology, behavior, and importance of insects. Approximately one week will be devoted to spiders. A small collection with identification is required. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. As Announced. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 304. Principles of Ecology

An analysis of the interactions of organisms with each other and the physical environment. Ecological process is examined at individual, community, and ecosystem levels. The basic kinds of ecosystems are surveyed. Three lectures and a three-hour laboratory weekly. Fall, Spring. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 305. Introductory Mycology

An introduction to the fungi, with emphasis upon taxonomy and physiology, including some reference to their economic importance. Special emphasis will be given to those that are animal or plant pathogens. As Announced. Two lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 3 sem. hrs.

BIO 308. Field Biology

An introduction to the theory and practice of field biology, with emphasis placed on the study of higher plants and animals. Topics covered will include collection of data in the field, monitoring the physical environment, basic taxonomy, census techniques, physiological and population ecology, statistical analysis, and mathematical modeling. Fall of even-numbered years. Three lectures and one two-hour laboratory weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 310. Invertebrate Zoology

A survey of the major invertebrate phyla emphasizing classification, morphology, natural history, evolution, and behavior. At least one Saturday coastal field trip is required. Fall of odd-numbered years. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 314. Special Topics in Biology

A course designed to meet the unusual needs of individuals in special programs such as the Science Institute for school teachers and those working toward licensure. The specific contents and credit for the course will be determined by the needs of the students and is subject to departmental approval. As Announced. Credit, 1-4 semester hours.

BIO 315. Microbiology

The biology of bacteria, fungi, algae, protozoa, and viruses, with special reference to bacteria. Microbial diseases, immunity and the role of microorganisms in human affairs are also emphasized. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Fall, Spring. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 319. Animal Parasitology

An introduction to the biology of parasites emphasizing classification, morphology, life history, pathology, treatment, ecology and evolution. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory weekly. Spring of even-numbered years. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 322. Biotechnology I

Biotechnology I is a laboratory-oriented course with a lecture and laboratory component. Its purpose is to familiarize students with the modern techniques of biotechnology to encourage their interest in graduate research and careers in this area. The course is open to Biology and Chemistry majors. Fall As Announced. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 323. Biotechnology II

A laboratory-oriented course to familiarize students with more advanced techniques in molecular, developmental, and cell biology. The lecture portion of the course will cover concepts on which the techniques are based along with current and future applications. Students will gain experience with tissue and cell cultures along with various whole organism models. Three lectures and a two-hour lab weekly. Spring as announced. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 340. Plant Systematics

An introduction to systematic botany and plant community ecology. The course emphasizes identification of the local flora as well as the recognition and characteristics of plant communities found in North Carolina. Spring of even-numbered years. Three lectures and a two hour lab weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 354. Plant Physiology

A study of the physiological activities in plants such as water relations, metabolism, plant growth hormones, as well as growth, development, and environmental adaptations. Fall of even-numbered years. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 370. Science Communication and Research Methods

A review of the current literature in a variety of biomedical journals. The format for presentation of material and the research methods employed will be examined. Designed so that students can obtain an understanding of how research is done and how it is reported. Credit, 1 semester hour. PREREQ: Consent of Instructor

BIO 371. Cell Biology

A study of cellular ultrastructure, molecular organization, and physiology. Fall, Spring. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours. PREREQ: CHM 130, 131. Required; CHM 250, 251 Recommended.

BIO 410. Marine Biology

A survey of the common organisms associated with tropical marine habitats. Emphasis will be on fish, invertebrates, algae, and birds. Coverage will include discussions of the coral reef and mangrove communities, ocean currents, and physical and geological factors. The course includes one week of on-campus study followed by one week of field and lab work at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research. There are additional costs involved in the Bermuda trip. Summer, As Announced. Credit, 3 semester hours.

BIO 422. Evolution

An introduction to and analysis of the concepts of organic evolution, mutation, adaptation, selection, competition, and origin of species are considered. Fall. Three lectures weekly. Credit, 3 sem.hrs.

BIO 431. Biometrics

This course covers the nature of the scientific method, hypothesis formulation, experimental protocols, and hypothesis testing. An emphasis is placed on the concepts of experimental design in biological systems, and on current methods of standard data analysis. During the semester, students will design a research project, collect data, analyze this data in an appropriate way, and write a research paper that conforms to standards of current biological journals. The course is recommended for students planning a research career in biology. Student understanding of basic statistics, and familiarity with microcomputer data bases and word processing programs are assumed. As Announced. Three lectures weekly and an independent research paper. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 432. Conservation Biology

The science of conserving the Earth's biodiversity. This course will examine mankind's impact on species, populations, and habitats. The role of government and the private sector in conservation will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on defining the problems and identifying scientific solutions, based on ecological principles and case studies. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. As announced. Credit, 4 semester hours.

BIO 461. Animal Physiology

Physiological principles study as they occur throughout the animal kingdom with special emphasis on mammals. A detailed study of the mechanisms involved in the maintenance of the homeostatic condition. Spring of even-numbered years. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours. PREREQ: CHM 250, 251; and BIO 371 recommended.

BIO 472. Principles of Genetics

An introduction to the basic principles of heredity and molecular genetics. General aspects of human genetics are included. Fall, Spring. Three lectures and a two-hour laboratory period weekly. Credit, 4 semester hours. PREREQ: CHM 100, MAT 107.

BIO 495. Biomedical Seminar

A seminar series in which current biomedical research projects are presented and discussed. Most seminars will be presented by visiting scientists recruited from research laboratories in industry and universities. Fall, Spring. Credit, 1 semester hour per semester with a limit of 4 hours. PREREQ: Consent of Instructor.

BIO 499. Research in Biology

Restriction: Senior biology majors with a quality point average of 3.0 in the major. Designed to provide the student with experience in the analysis and solution of problems in the areas of his/her major interests. The problems will be presented to the biology faculty in written form. Fall, Spring. Credit, 1 to 3 semester hours per semester with a limit of 6 hours. PREREQ: Consent of the instructor and approval of the research proposal by a committee composed of biology faculty.