Biology

The Department of Biology offers two degrees and 10 options leading to the baccalaureate degree. The requirements are very similar for all programs during the first two years, so any change in career emphasis need not involve any major loss of time or credits. The department also offers minors in biology and molecular biology/biotechnology.

The program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree provides the student with an opportunity to elect a substantial number of courses in a specific area of biology. This program provides a strong background for admission to graduate or professional school and prepares the student for employment in the field of biology upon graduation.

Options available within the B.S. program include animal behavior, botany, environmental biology, marine biology, molecular biology/biotechnology, respiratory therapy, medical technology, nuclear medicine technology, premedical professions, pre-optometry, pre-athletic training and pre-podiatry.

The animal behavior option provides training in both the biological mechanisms and the evolutionary functions of behavior. Students completing this option are prepared for a career in applied animal behavior or for graduate study.

Students in the botany option concentrate on the study of plants while obtaining a broad background in biology. This option effectively prepares those interested in professions in horticulture or plant sciences, and in advanced graduate study in botany.

The environmental biology option permits students to concentrate in ecology and enables them to gain expertise that will make them competitive in industry, governmental agencies and graduate school.

The marine biology option encourages students to choose electives in the marine biology area. Many marine science courses are offered at our field station at Wallops Island, Virginia, since they usually involve significant field work. For more information on the field station, see “Chincoteague Bay Field Station at the Marine Science Consortium” in the Special Academic Opportunities (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/special-academic-opportunities/) section.

The molecular biology/biotechnology option allows students to concentrate in genetics, cell and molecular biology. The courses required for this option complement each other, training students in a variety of laboratory and methods and enabling students to gain the theoretical understanding and technical expertise currently needed to be competitive in industry and graduate school.

After completing three years of undergraduate study, students in the medical technology (clinical/medical laboratory science) program are eligible to apply to an accredited hospital-based medical technology program for one year of clinical laboratory experience, after which they will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination. Currently, Millersville is affiliated with three hospital-based medical technology (clinical/medical laboratory science) programs.

After completing three years of undergraduate study, students in the nuclear medicine technology program are eligible to apply for admission to one of the member hospitals of the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences of Nuclear Medicine Technology for one year of hospital training, after which they will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination.

An agreement between Millersville University and Salus University (formerly the Pennsylvania College of Optometry) in Philadelphia allows students in the optometry option to complete three years of undergraduate study at Millersville and then transfer to Philadelphia for the first year of study in the doctoral program. Students who complete the year with good grades receive a B.S. in biology from Millersville University, and after three additional years earn the Doctor of Optometry degree.

A cooperative option exists between Millersville University and the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. This 3/4 prepodiatry program allows students to transfer to the professional school after satisfactorily completing 99 semester hours at Millersville University. After successful completion of the basic science courses at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, students are awarded a B.S. in biology from Millersville University. Three recommended Millersville students a year have reserved spaces for admission to the podiatric college, where graduation after four years earns a D.P.M. degree.

Millersville University has recently entered into an Early Acceptance Program (EAP) agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) for programs in osteopathic medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. The current agreement is a “4+4 year program” and is designed for incoming first year students and second-year students. Students who are interested in the EAP must be accepted by LECOM, either as an incoming first year student, or before completing their sophomore year, and complete their degree at Millersville University. (EAP students will need to take the MCAT and complete an online application before they can enroll at LECOM.) Accepted students must do well during each academic semester at Millersville but will have a guaranteed seat in the classroom at LECOM.

The education curriculum leads to the Bachelor of Science in Education, with secondary education certification in biology.

Individualized programs in pre-medicine, pre-dental, pre-optometry, pre-podiatry and pre-veterinary medicine are organized with the program advisor.

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Technology

The Department of Biology offers one degree and five options leading to the baccalaureate degree in allied health technology. The requirements are initially very similar for each of the options so that any change in career emphasis need not involve any major loss of time or credits.

A dual-degree program in athletic training is available for well-prepared students. During three years of study at Millersville, students complete the requirements for admission to an affiliated graduate program. Upon completion of one year of graduate study, credits transfer back to Millersville to satisfy the requirements for the B.S. degree in allied health technology, pre-athletic training. Students then earn a M.S. in athletic
training from the affiliated university after a second year of graduate study.

A four-year program prepares students for graduate or professional studies to become specialists in sports medicine, such as athletic trainers, physical therapists, physicians and physician assistants. The curriculum includes courses in nutrition, sports psychology, and the prevention and care of injuries.

After completing three years of undergraduate study, students in the allied health technology/medical technology program are eligible to apply to an accredited hospital-based medical technology program for one year of clinical laboratory experience, after which they will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination. Currently, Millersville University is affiliated with three hospital-based medical technology (clinical/medical laboratory science) programs.

After completing three years of undergraduate study, students in the allied health technology/nuclear medicine technology program are eligible to apply for admission to one of the member hospitals of the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences for one year of hospital training, after which they will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination.

Millersville University is the sponsoring institution for the respiratory therapy program. After successfully completing two years of study at the University, students enter the approximately two-year clinical phase at UPMC Lititz. Admission into the clinical phase is competitive and not guaranteed. At the end of the clinical phase, students are awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and a certificate in respiratory therapy, and will be eligible to sit for the national credentialing examination. This degree option differs from the other B.S. allied health technology and B.S. degree programs offered by the biology department in its format and is termed a “2+2 year program” that begins the clinical year in the summer following the sophomore year, not the end of the junior year, as is the case for the other degree options.

the programs

- Allied Health Technology, B.S. - Pre-Athletic Training Dual-Degree Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/allied-health-technology-bs-pre-athletic-training-dual-degree-option/)
- Allied Health Technology, B.S. - Medical Technology 3+1 Year Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/allied-health-technology-bs-medical-technology-3-1-year-option/)
- Allied Health Technology, B.S. - Nuclear Medicine Technology 3+1 Year Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/allied-health-technology-bs-nuclear-medicine-technology-3-1-year-option/)
- Biology Minor (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-minor/)
- Biology, B.S. (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs/)
- Biology, B.S. - Environmental Biology Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-environmental-biology-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Respiratory Therapy Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-respiratory-therapy-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Animal Behavior Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-animal-behavior-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Medical Technology Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-medical-technology-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Nuclear Medicine Technology Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-nuclear-medicine-technology-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Optometry Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-optometry-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Plant Sciences Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-plant-sciences-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Pre-Medical Professions Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-pre-medical-professions-option/)
- Biology, B.S. - Pre-Podiatry Option (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bs-pre-podiatry-option/)
- Biology, B.S.Ed. (https://catalog.millersville.edu/undergraduate/college-science-technology/biology/biology-bsed/)

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the courses

BIOL 100: 3 s.h.
General Biology (G2)
An introduction to biology with emphasis on cell structure, metabolism, genetics, behavior, ecology, adaptations, organ systems and evolution. 2 hours lec., 2 hours lab. No credit toward BIOL major.

BIOL 101: 4 s.h.
Foundations of Biology (G2)
This introduction of biological principles provides the foundation of modern biological knowledge essential for all higher-level courses. Topics include cell structure and function, cellular reproduction, energy acquisition, biochemical pathways, mechanisms of inheritance, natural selection, speciation and evolution. 2 hrs. lec., 1 hr. discussion, 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall, spring. Prereq: Biology major or biology minor or permission of instructor.

BIOL 108H: 1 s.h.
Hhrs: Freshman Biology Seminar
Emphasis on the intellectual and historical context of the core ideas of BIOL 100 and an in-depth exploration of ideas raised in lecture and laboratory. Satisfies the honors lab when taken with Biology 100. 1 hr. seminar. Offered in fall, spring. Prereq or coreq: BIOL 100 or 101.

BIOL 140: 4 s.h.
Introductory Ecology (G2)
Introductory course in ecology (interactions of living organisms with the environment), evolution (adaptations of living organisms to the environment), and the environment of life on planet earth. Important applied ecological topics such as agriculture and forestry, exploitation of populations, effects of disturbance and climate change, and conservation of biological diversity also are examined. The course covers significant content of the Academic Standards for Environment and Ecology and the Middle Level Science Competencies as required by the Pa. Dept. of Education. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. No credit toward BIOL major. Prereq: ENGL 110, COMM 100 and completion of one course of MATH in college; acceptable courses include MATH 101, MATH 104 or higher. In addition, BIOL 100 or BIOL 101 is recommended.

BIOL 179: 3 s.h.
Experimental
Experimental

BIOL 204: 3 s.h.
Human Biology (G2, W)
A non-laboratory course in human biology designed specifically for those students planning to specialize in social work, psychology or related fields. An overview of the changes that take place in the course of a human lifetime; basics of human evolution, ecology, behavior, anatomy and physiology of the human organism are discussed. 3 hrs. lec. Offered fall, spring. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, or permission of instructor, and ENGL 110. No credit toward BIOL major.

BIOL 205: 3 s.h.
Heredity and Human Affairs (G2)
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Genetics for non-majors with reference to human heredity and development. The social implications of recent advances in genetics are considered. 3 hrs. lec. Offered periodically. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, or permission of instructor or RN, and MATH 1**. No credit toward BIOL major.
BIOL 207: 3 s.h.
Human Sexuality (D, G2, W)
Study of the nature of human sexuality, particularly as it relates to biological phenomena. Discussions and films will cover the biology of human reproduction, biology of human sexual behavior and its implications. 3 hrs. lec. Offered periodically. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, or permission of instructor or RN, and ENGL 110. No credit toward BIOL major.

BIOL 208: 3 s.h.
Plants and People (G2)
Explores uses of plants and plant products by man and their impact on the development of civilization. Characteristics of plants that make them suitable for food, shelter, clothing, energy, medicines, entertainment, objects of worship, microclimate modification and aesthetic objects are discussed. 3 hrs. lec. Offered periodically. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, or permission of instructor. No credit toward BIOL major.

BIOL 211: 4 s.h.
Concepts of Zoology (G2)
Study of invertebrate and vertebrate animals. Classification, reproduction, development, ecology, physiology, behavior, genetics, scientific methodology (including simple statistical approaches), and evolution. Laboratory studies include microscopy, dissections, live observations, computer exercises and experimentation. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Prereq: BIOL 101 or BIOL 100 with a grade of C- or higher for non-majors; B- or higher in BIOL 100 for biology majors.

BIOL 212H: 1 s.h.
Hrs:Zoology Seminar
Continuation of BIOL 211. Original investigations and/or readings and discussions of the zoological literature about the diverse adaptations of animals to their environments. Completion of both BIOL/HNRS 212 and BIOL 211 earns 5 credits to be counted as one course in the G2 block. BIOL/HNRS 212 may not be used independently to fulfill a G2 requirement. 1 hr. seminar. Offered periodically. Prereq: completion of BIOL 211 with a grade of C- or higher and member of University Honors College, or 3.35 GPA, or instructor’s permission.

BIOL 221: 4 s.h.
Concepts of Botany (G2)
Consideration of features unique to plants such as localized meristems and open growth, water relations, photosynthesis, cell structure. An integrated study of plant structure and function using angiosperms as principal examples. Includes brief discussions of plant and fungal diversity, plant ecology and evolution and economic botany. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Prereq: BIOL 101 or BIOL 100 with a grade of C- or higher; B- or higher in BIOL 100 for biology majors.

BIOL 222H: 1 s.h.
Hrs:Problem Solving In Botany
A botanical science investigation of a problem or series of problems. Students define a problem with a botanical basis, search appropriate literature, formulate hypotheses and collect appropriate information to test hypotheses through experimentation and data gathering. Completion of both BIOL/HNRS 222 and BIOL 221 earns 5 credits to be counted as one course in the G2 block. BIOL/HNRS 222 may not be used independently to fulfill a G2 requirement. 1 hr. seminar. Offered periodically. Prereq: completion of BIOL 221 with a grade of B- or higher and member University Honors College, or 3.35 GPA, or instructor’s permission.

BIOL 241: 3 s.h.
Principles of Ecology
Ecological principles underlying physiological adaptations of organisms to their environment, population dynamics, community analysis and ecosystem studies. Ecological and evolutionary theory emphasized with examples from aquatic and terrestrial habitats. 3 hrs. lec. Offered in fall, spring. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101 and MATH 235, 151, 160 or 161. No credit toward BIOL major.

BIOL 245: 4 s.h.
Human Anatomy & Physiology I
Study of the structure and function of the human body. This first semester of a two-semester sequence deals with the development, histology, gross anatomy, function and pathophysiology of the cutaneous, skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101.

BIOL 255: 4 s.h.
Human Anatomy & Physiology II
Study of the structure and function of the human body. This second semester of a two-semester sequence deals with the development, histology, gross anatomy, function and pathophysiology of the endocrine, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive systems. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 254.

BIOL 255H: 4 s.h.
Hons: Human Anat/Phys 2

BIOL 256: 3 s.h.
Nutrition (G2, W)
Principles of adequate nutrition including digestion and metabolism of foods; energy, protein, mineral and vitamin needs; environmental and industrial contaminants, additives and carcinogens; dietary treatment for nutritional disorders. 3 hrs. lec. Offered in fall, spring. Prereq: BIOL 100 and ENGL 110. No credit toward BIOL major or minor. No credit given if credit earned for BIOL 352 or WSSD 452.

BIOL 257: 1 s.h.
Introduction to Allied Health Professions
A survey of the various disciplines in the allied health field. The course describes the type of training offered by hospitals for students who are planning to major in a health profession and for students who are undecided on a career. 1 hr. lec. Offered in fall.

BIOL 266H: 1 s.h.
Hrs:Adv Princ Cell Biology
Cellular operations and processes: hormonal control of cell physiology, secretory activities and vesicular trafficking, control of cell division, neu-rotransmission, control of muscle contraction, signal transduction, interrupted genes, cell recognition, etc. Students explore and lead discussions on one of these topics. Completion of both BIOL/HNRS 266 and BIOL 263 earns 5 credits to be counted as one course in the G2 block. BIOL/HNRS 266 may not be used independently to fulfill a G2 requirement. 1 hr. seminar. Offered periodically. Prereq: completion of BIOL 362 or BIOL 263 with a grade of B- or higher and member of University Honors College, or 3.35 GPA, or instructor’s permission.

BIOL 281: 3 s.h.
Behavioral Biology (G2, W)
Provides an evolutionary and ethological frame of reference for further studies in psychology and animal behavior. Lectures supplemented by demonstrations and A-V media cover animal diversity, nervous systems, sensory reception, communication and behavior. 3 hrs. lec. Offered in fall or spring. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, and ENGL 110. No credit toward BIOL major.
BIOL 290: 3 s.h.
Introduction to marine biology, including (1) quantitative reasoning for aquatic biologists, (2) marine geography and mapping, (3) life in a fluid environment, (4) microcosms: marine aquarium systems, (5) scientific illustration, (6) electronic resources in marine biology, (7) Internships, coops, jobs, and careers in marine biology, and (8) current topics. Offered In summer. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211.

BIOL 291: 3 s.h.
Coastal Marine Biology
Introduction to marine organisms, marine communities, and the physical, chemical, and biological parameters that shape them; laboratory and field work will emphasize local coastal marine ecosystems. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in summer at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. Prereq: BIOL 211 or 1 year of college biology or permission of instructor. No credit given if credit earned for BIOL 291.

BIOL 292: 1 s.h.
Problem Solving in Marine Biol
An introduction to foundational topics within marine biology, including (1) quantitative reasoning for aquatic biologists, (2) marine geography and mapping, (3) life in a fluid environment, (4) microcosms: marine aquarium systems, (5) scientific illustration, (6) electronic resources in marine biology, (7) Internships, coops, jobs, and careers in marine biology, and (8) current topics. Offered in summer. Prereq: placement in college-level mathematics or permission of instructor. No credit given if credit earned for BIOL 291.

BIOL 293: 3 s.h.
Coastal Ornithology
Students will achieve a strong understanding of a variety of aspects in ornithology with the strongest focus on field techniques, including identification. Material covered will include evolution, anatomy, physiology, behavior and ecology. A portion of the course will include an overview of the avian families of North America, especially those found in coastal regions along the mid-Atlantic seaboard. The field component for this course will include mist netting, census techniques and field identification. Emphasis will be placed on field research and a portion of the course will involve the development of a novel research idea in ornithology.

BIOL 294: 3 s.h.
Coral Reef Ecology
The focus of this course is to introduce students to the unique aspects of coral reefs, and to provide a working knowledge of reef species and reef ecology. Students will learn basic taxonomy, biology, ecology, and conservation of coral reefs and the organisms associated with this habitat. Laboratory will consist of hands-on field experiences in a coral reef habitat. Students will learn techniques for study and assessment of marine habitats and complete an independent project.

BIOL 295: 3 s.h.
Marine Invertebrates
The invertebrate phyla with emphasis on development, reproduction, structure, function and classification of selected marine organisms. Laboratory and field experience in collection, preservation and classification of the phyla.

BIOL 296: 3 s.h.
Marine Ecology
Interrelationships among animals, plants and physical and chemical aspects of the environment will be studied, with stress on adaptations for survival that are unique to the marine environment.

BIOL 300: 3-12 s.h.
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BIOL 301: 3 s.h.
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BIOL 302: 3 s.h.
Environmental Science
Principles of environmental science including regulation of plant growth, propagation and breeding, plant nutrition, pruning, plant diseases and special topics related to individual types of plants. Laboratory includes propagation and handling of plants in the greenhouse and field trips. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 221 or permission of instructor.

BIOL 303H: 3 s.h.
Hon: Horticultural Science

BIOL 304: 3 s.h.
Plant-Animal Interactions
The chemical and biological interactions between plants and animals will be extensively examined with particular emphasis on the chemical ecology of important behaviors such as herbivory, oviposition, and pollination. The chemical communications between plants and animals will be examined regarding how plant-produced chemicals influence, both directly and indirectly, the behaviors of animals. Chemical, anatomical, behavioral, environmental and evolutionary concepts linked to plant-insect interactions will be examined. Unique laboratory experiences will include the design and implementation of an independent research project and the rearing of Lepidoptera to establish research colonies. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Prereq: BIOL 221, BIOL 211, and either CHEM 231 or CHEM 235 or permission of the instructor.

BIOL 305: 3 s.h.
Fish and their Environments
The focus of this course is to enhance understanding of the interrelatedness of fishes, their biology, behavior, and ecology in their natural environments. Laboratory will include field and laboratory studies on fish and their environments. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 221.

BIOL 306: 3 s.h.
Plant Systematics
A survey of local vascular flora, use of dichotomous keys in identifying plants, distinguishing features of common plant families, principles of plant systematics. Phylogenetic, biosystematic and nomenclatural concepts are considered. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 221.

BIOL 307: 3 s.h.
Horticultural Science
Principles of horticultural science including regulation of plant growth, propagation and breeding, plant nutrition, pruning, plant diseases and special topics related to individual types of plants. Laboratory includes propagation and handling of plants in the greenhouse and field trips. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 221 or permission of instructor.

BIOL 308: 3 s.h.
Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
Functional and comparative anatomy of selected vertebrates with developmental and evolutionary perspectives. Lab will primarily consist of dissection and histological analyses of animals representing various vertebrate classes. Comparisons between animals at the same level, and to see diverse features superimposed upon a common pattern. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring, 2 of 3 years. Prereq: BIOL 211 and BIOL 362 or 263, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 310: 3 s.h.
Interdisciplinary Study of Current Environmental Problems
An interdisciplinary study of current environmental problems and their implications on future habitability of the planet. Physical, biological and social aspects of alterations to ecosystems presented and solutions considered. Course includes lectures, open forums and student participation. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: COMM 100, ENGL 110, junior status and at least one science (G2 block) and one social science course (G3 block).

BIOL 311: 3 s.h.
HNRS:Persp in Environm Awareness (P)
An interdisciplinary study of current environmental problems and their implications on future habitability of the planet. Physical, biological and social aspects of alterations to ecosystems presented and solutions considered. Course includes lectures, open forums and student participation. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: COMM 100, ENGL 110, junior status and at least one science (G2 block) and one social science course (G3 block).

BIOL 312: 3 s.h.
Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
Functional and comparative anatomy of selected vertebrates with developmental and evolutionary perspectives. Lab will primarily consist of dissection and histological analyses of animals representing various vertebrate classes. Comparisons between animals at the same level, and to see diverse features superimposed upon a common pattern. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring, 2 of 3 years. Prereq: BIOL 211 and BIOL 362 or 263, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 313: 3 s.h.
Plant Systematics
A survey of local vascular flora, use of dichotomous keys in identifying plants, distinguishing features of common plant families, principles of plant systematics. Phylogenetic, biosystematic and nomenclatural concepts are considered. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 221.

BIOL 314: 3 s.h.
Horticultural Science
Principles of horticultural science including regulation of plant growth, propagation and breeding, plant nutrition, pruning, plant diseases and special topics related to individual types of plants. Laboratory includes propagation and handling of plants in the greenhouse and field trips. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 221 or permission of instructor.

BIOL 315: 3 s.h.
Hon: Horticultural Science

BIOL 316: 3 s.h.
Plant-Animal Interactions
The chemical and biological interactions between plants and animals will be extensively examined with particular emphasis on the chemical ecology of important behaviors such as herbivory, oviposition, and pollination. The chemical communications between plants and animals will be examined regarding how plant-produced chemicals influence, both directly and indirectly, the behaviors of animals. Chemical, anatomical, behavioral, environmental and evolutionary concepts linked to plant-insect interactions will be examined. Unique laboratory experiences will include the design and implementation of an independent research project and the rearing of Lepidoptera to establish research colonies. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Prereq: BIOL 221, BIOL 211, and either CHEM 231 or CHEM 235 or permission of the instructor.

BIOL 317: 3 s.h.
Horticultural Science

BIOL 318: 4 s.h.
Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
Functional and comparative anatomy of selected vertebrates with developmental and evolutionary perspectives. Lab will primarily consist of dissection and histological analyses of animals representing various vertebrate classes. Comparisons between animals at the same level, and to see diverse features superimposed upon a common pattern. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring, 2 of 3 years. Prereq: BIOL 211 and BIOL 362 or 263, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 319: 3 s.h.
Plant Systematics
A survey of local vascular flora, use of dichotomous keys in identifying plants, distinguishing features of common plant families, principles of plant systematics. Phylogenetic, biosystematic and nomenclatural concepts are considered. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 221.

BIOL 320: 3 s.h.
Interdisciplinary Study of Current Environmental Problems
An interdisciplinary study of current environmental problems and their implications on future habitability of the planet. Physical, biological and social aspects of alterations to ecosystems presented and solutions considered. Course includes lectures, open forums and student participation. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: COMM 100, ENGL 110, junior status and at least one science (G2 block) and one social science course (G3 block).

BIOL 321: 3 s.h.
HNRS:Persp in Environm Awareness (P)
An interdisciplinary study of current environmental problems and their implications on future habitability of the planet. Physical, biological and social aspects of alterations to ecosystems presented and solutions considered. Course includes lectures, open forums and student participation. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: COMM 100, ENGL 110, junior status and at least one science (G2 block) and one social science course (G3 block).
BIOL 343: 4 s.h.
Principles of Ecology & Evolution
The basic concepts and principles of evolution and ecology. Topics include natural selection, genetic variation, macro- and microevolution, population genetics, evolutionary stable strategies, species concepts, biodiversity, extinction, reproductive strategies, population dynamics, the ecological niche concept, predation, competition, mutualism, parasitism, coevolution, biogeography, disturbance ecology, and ecosystem structure and function. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: BIOL 101 or 100 with a grade of C- or higher; B- or higher in BIOL 100 for biology majors; C- or higher in BIOL 211 and BIOL 221; MATH 151, 160 or math equivalent; ENGL 110.

BIOL 343H: 4 s.h.
Hon: Ecology and Evolution

BIOL 344: 3 s.h.
Population Community Ecology
An intermediate course that will explore population biology, species interactions, trophic structure, community organization, succession, island biogeography and biological diversity at a more advanced level than BIOL 343. The laboratory portion of the course will focus on the use of quantitative methods and manipulative experimental designs to verify fundamental principles and test new hypotheses. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall or spring. Prereq: BIOL 343, MATH 151 or MATH 161, and BIOL 375.

BIOL 346: 3 s.h.
Omnithology (W)
Ecology, behavior, taxonomy and evolution of birds with emphasis on field studies. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Weekend field trips. Offered in spring. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211.

BIOL 352: 3 s.h.
Nutritional Science (W)
Biological and biochemical roles of nutrients for the proper functioning of the human body. Designed for students with a more advanced understanding of chemistry and math. Nutrition concepts will be used to design and evaluate personal diet plans. No credit given if credit earned for BIOL 256. (BIOL 256 does not count for biology majors or minors.) Offered in fall, spring. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 362 or BIOL 263, ENGL 110.

BIOL 356: 5 s.h.
Functional Human Anatomy
A systemic approach to the study of the structure of the human body with discussion of general function. Course designed primarily for those planning to enter medical or allied health professions. Clinical laboratory experiences related to human anatomy. 3 hrs. lec., 4 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211 and BIOL 362 or BIOL 263.

BIOL 361: 4 s.h.
Microbiology
The structure, physiology and ecology of microorganisms. Symbiotic associations between organisms will be examined in depth. Principles of microbial virulence and immunology are also discussed. Laboratory investigations include the isolation and identification of unknown microorganisms. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 101 C- or better or BIOL 100 B- or better; CHEM 112 (Prereq or Coreq) or CHEM 104

BIOL 361H: 4 s.h.
Hon: Microbiology

BIOL 362: 4 s.h.
Cell and Developmental Biology (G2, W)
Cell structure and function, including cell ultrastructure, methods used in cell biology research, cell motility, signal transduction, cell division, macromolecules, metabolism and the cytomembrane system. Basic concepts in developmental biology are also covered: fertilization, early embryonic cleavage in model systems, cell-cell communication, extracellular matrix and research methods. Examples from developmental biology are employed to illustrate the functions and roles of cellular structures and processes. Laboratory includes isolation of cell components, fertilization and cleavage in sea urchins, microscopy and other techniques used in the study of cell and developmental biology. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall and spring. Prereq: BIOL 101 or 100 with a grade of C- or higher; B- or higher in BIOL 100 for biology majors; ENGL 110; CHEM 112 (Prereq or Coreq).

BIOL 362H: 4 s.h.
Hon: Cell and Devel Biology

BIOL 363: 3 s.h.
Biometry
Use of statistical techniques in descriptive and experimental biology and the use of mathematical models in describing biological phenomena. 3 hrs. lec. Offered in fall, spring. Prereq: BIOL 100 or BIOL 101, and MATH 151 or higher.

BIOL 375: 3 s.h.
Hon: Biometry

BIOL 385: 3 s.h.
Principles of Animal Behavior
Animal groups from protozoa to mammals, studied from an ethologist's point of view. Inheritance, learning, development and motivations will be covered. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. labs. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 211 and Junior Standing. BIOL 343 recommended.

BIOL 385H: 3 s.h.
H: Princ of Animal Behavior
BIOL 392: 3 s.h.
Marine Mammals
The distribution, population size, physiology, evolution, adaptations and ecological relationships of marine mammals will be studied with an emphasis on mammals of the Atlantic Ocean. This course will stress hands-on understanding of marine mammal physiology, behavior, population dynamics and species diversity. Laboratory and field work will include an extended off-campus field trip to facilities holding and/or studying marine mammals of the NE Atlantic Ocean. In addition, the laboratory portion of this course will emphasize data collection in the field, and subsequent analysis and presentation of the data through a required mini-research project.

BIOL 396: 3 s.h.
Ichthyology
Morphology, anatomy, physiology, systematics and behavior of fishes. Laboratory and field experiences involve collection and study of specimens from nearby field sites. Zoogeography, life histories and speciation also discussed. Prereq: BIOL 211 or 1 year college biology (department override required if BIOL 211 not completed)

BIOL 397: 3 s.h.
Marine Botany
The taxonomy, ecology, distribution, life histories, physiology and economic status of marine and marine-fringe plants of the Middle Atlantic coast. Covers techniques of collecting, preserving, identifying and cataloging.

BIOL 400: 3-12 s.h.
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BIOL 415: 3 s.h.
Mammalogy (W)
Phylogeny, taxonomy, adaptations, behavior and ecological relationships of mammals. Acquisition of laboratory and field techniques are stressed. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Weekend field trips. Offered periodically in fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211.

BIOL 415H: 3 s.h.
Hon: Mammalogy (W)

BIOL 416: 3 s.h.
Entomology
Introduction to insects with emphasis on structure and function, behavior, adaptations, ecology, systematics, and economic and medical significance. Collecting, pinning and preservation techniques are covered. Field trips. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered periodically. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211.

BIOL 417: 3 s.h.
Parasitology
Biological parasites and their host/parasite relationships are considered. Parasites infesting humans and domestic animals stressed. Includes practical aspects of diagnosis. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered periodically. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211. BIOL 362 or BIOL 263 recommended.

BIOL 418: 4 s.h.
Aquatic Entomology
Aquatic entomology covers topics such as aquatic insect morphology, physiology, ecology, behavior and evolution in a variety of aquatic systems and includes a significant taxonomic component. Each student will be required to make an aquatic insect collection. Prereq: BIOL 211 and BIOL 343 or permission of instructor. 3 hrs lec., 3 hrs. lab.

BIOL 424: 3 s.h.
Mycoecology
The taxonomy, morphology, physiology and ecology of fungi. Laboratory activities include surveys of local populations of fleshy fungi, fungal pathogens of plants and soil fungi; physiological studies on growth and reproduction; experimental studies of fungal ecology; and studies of comparative morphology of diverse fungal groups. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered periodically. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 221 and BIOL 362 or BIOL 263.

BIOL 435: 3 s.h.
Animal Physiology
Structure and functions of animals. Independent investigation and recent physiological theories emphasized. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 211 and BIOL 362 or BIOL 263; CHEM 112.

BIOL 436: 3 s.h.
Plant Physiology
Life processes of plants. Water relations, nutrition, translocation, photosynthesis, metabolism, growth, development and reproduction will be considered with particular reference to higher plants. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 221 and BIOL 362 or BIOL 263; CHEM 231 or 235 recommended.

BIOL 437: 3 s.h.
Endocrinology
The role of hormones in the integration and control of physiological and developmental process is stressed as well as the molecular mechanism of hormone action. 3 hrs. lec. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 362 or BIOL 263.

BIOL 437H: 3 s.h.
Hon: Endocrinology

BIOL 438: 3 s.h.
Neurobiology
The structure and function of the nervous system. Lectures will cover a broad range of topics, from the molecular to the cognitive. One of the major themes is the relationship between the brain and behavior. 3 hrs. lec. Offered periodically. Prereq: BIOL 362 or BIOL 263.

BIOL 442: 3 s.h.
Wildlife Ecology & Management
Wildlife management involves protecting and conserving endangered species, increasing the number of game species and controlling pest species. We will discuss how the understanding of wildlife ecology, history, policy and statistics help shape the decisions a wildlife manager makes in the real world. Unique laboratory experiences will include field orienteering, radiotracking, soil and water assessment, vegetative measurements and animal trapping. Students will use these lab experiences to collect and analyze data in the development of a wildlife management plan. 2 hrs lec., 3 hrs lab. Prereq: BIOL 375 and BIOL 343.

BIOL 443: 3 s.h.
Conservation Biology
Population ecology and genetics applied to the conservation of rare, threatened and endangered species. Emphasis on the regulation of abundance, theoretical models of population dynamics, experimental design, sampling approaches and case studies. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered annually (usually in fall). Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 101, 343.

BIOL 444: 3 s.h.
Aquatic Biology
Study of the physical and biotic aspects of temporary pools, streams, ponds and rivers. Field trips. 2 hrs lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 211, 221, PHYS 132 or 232 desirable.
BIOL 463: 3 s.h.
Molecular Biology
Comprehensive investigation of animal viruses. In-depth analysis of virus particles, modes of replication, epidemiology of virus infection, virus host interactions and vaccines. Focus is on medically important viruses such as herpes, influenza, hepatitis and human immunodeficiency viruses. Laboratory exercises include the culture and analysis of viruses and the study of virus host interactions and vaccines. Focus is on medically important viruses such as herpes, influenza, hepatitis and human immunodeficiency viruses. Laboratory exercises include the culture and analysis of viruses in bacterial and mammalian systems. 3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in fall. Prereq: BIOL 362 or 263, 364 or 365, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 465: 3 s.h.
Developmental Biology
Principles of development and differentiation in animals and plants at the molecular and supramolecular levels of organization. The laboratory includes both experimental and descriptive embryology. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. BIOL 362 or 263, 364 or 365, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 466: 3 s.h.
Molecular and Cell Techniques
Application and theory of techniques commonly used in biotechnology, and cell and molecular biological research. Cell culture, plant tissue culture, immunological techniques, cell fusion, radioisotope labeling and detection, centrifugation, microscopic techniques and electrophoretic protocols will be covered in depth. Intended for biology B.S. majors in the molecular biology/biotechnology option. 5 hrs. integrated lecture/lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 462. BIOL 461 recommended.

BIOL 467: 3 s.h.
Human Genetics: Analysis/Apps (W)
Applications of traditional and molecular approaches in understanding the genetic basis for human traits. Gene mapping and identification, cytogentic and DNA sequence analysis will be covered in depth. Gene function, regulation, mutations and cloning will be explored in the context of human diseases. The Human Genome Project, genetic diagnostics, gene therapy and transgenic organisms will be addressed, along with the genetic basis of cancer, behavior, immunity and development. Genetic counseling and medical genetics will be discussed. 3 hrs. lec./discussion. Offered annually. Prereq: BIOL 364 or 365, ENGL 110. HNRS: Seminar in Biology

BIOL 471: 1,2 s.h.
Developmental Biology
Principles of development and differentiation in animals and plants at the molecular and supramolecular levels of organization. The laboratory includes both experimental and descriptive embryology. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. BIOL 362 or 263, 364 or 365, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 472: 1,2 s.h.
Biological Sciences: Honors Seminar
Group discussions. General theme to be determined by professor. Offered annually. Prereq: 16 s.h. of biology and courses indicated by the instructor.

BIOL 473: 1 s.h.
Methods/Teaching Biological Issues in the Secondary School
A seminar for prospective life science teachers to consider methods a teacher might employ to present controversial aspects of biology in intellectually honest, balanced ways which also demonstrate sensitivity to the various moral, ethical and political dilemmas secondary school students may encounter. 1 hr. lecture. Offered annually. Co- or prereq: EDSE 435; required of all B.S.Ed./BIOL students prior to or with EDSE 461.

BIOL 474: 2 s.h.
Immunology
The development of humoral and cellular immunity to an antigenic stimulus is discussed. Role of these mechanisms in immunogenetics, immunologically mediated disease, immunological protection against infectious agents and cancer also considered. 2 hrs. lec. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 362 or 263.

BIOL 475: 3 s.h.
Cardiopulmonary Physiology
Cardiovascular and pulmonary function. Covers heart muscle, electromechanical properties of the heart, hemodynamics, mechanics of ventilation, gas transport and cardiopulmonary insufficiencies. Laboratory exercises include use of human subjects, animal experimentation and computer simulations. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. Prereq: BIOL 362 or 263.

BIOL 476: 3 s.h.
Developmental Biology
Principles of development and differentiation in animals and plants at the molecular and supramolecular levels of organization. The laboratory includes both experimental and descriptive embryology. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab. Offered in spring. BIOL 362 or 263, 364 or 365, or permission of instructor.
BIOL 483: 3 s.h.
Applied Ethology
An introduction to applied animal behavior, including (1) the behavior of companion animals, animals in zoos & aquaria, animals in labs, and animals in agriculture/aquaculture; (2) animal welfare, (3) ethical issues in animal use, (4) methods of training captive animals, and (5) career options and certifications in animal behavior. 3 hrs lecture. Offered periodically. Prereq: PSYC 316 or BIOL 385; PSYC 300 or BIOL 300 or PSYC 495; Senior standing or permission of instructor. Students cannot also earn credit in PSYC 483.

BIOL 484: 3 s.h.
Mech of Animal Behavior
An exploration of the physiological mechanisms that regulate animal behavior. Nervous and endocrine system physiology are examined and applied to understanding behavioral neuroendocrinology, the integrative study of hormones, brain, and behavior. Research methods in behavioral physiology and the importance of genetic control mechanisms are recurrent topics. A comparative approach is taken, and behavioral physiology is considered in ecological and evolutionary contexts. 3 hrs. lec. Prereq: BIOL 362 or permission of instructor. BIOL 385 recommended.

BIOL 486: 3 s.h.
Behavioral Ecology
An in-depth examination of the evolution of animal behavior via natural selection with a on the adaptive significance (i.e., fitness consequences) of behaviors involved in foraging, resource defense, cooperation, mating, parental care, and communication. Predator-prey interactions, animal sociality, and approaches to studying behavioral ecology are recurrent topics. Involves a substantial field component where students learn to observe, document, and quantify animal behavior in the wild. 2 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab/field. Prereq: C- or higher in BIOL 343. BIOL 385 recommended.

BIOL 489: 1-4 s.h.
Honors Course
For the definition of honors course and student eligibility, refer to the Special Academic Opportunities section of this catalog.

BIOL 495: 3 s.h.
Biological Oceanography
Intensive summer lecture and field course teaching the physical, chemical and biological factors controlling the structure and dynamics of marine ecosystems. Classroom instruction focuses on theoretical principles concerning the environmental control of phytoplankton communities by sunlight, nutrients and grazing. The dynamics and complexity of marine food webs including the phytoplankton, zooplankton and upper trophic levels. Laboratory and field instruction focuses on ocean monitoring and sampling from research vessels, biomass determination and identification of key plankton species, measurement of the rates of net and gross primary production using oxygen light-dark bottle experiments, and optical and chemical techniques of determining phytoplankton biomass and species composition. Approximately 40-50% of course time is spent in field. Prerequisites: C- or higher in ESCI 261 and BIOL 211 or 221, or permission of instructor.

BIOL 498: 1-4 s.h.
Independent Study
Student research on a topic agreed on with faculty supervisor. Applicant for independent study is required to submit a Request for Special Study Assignment form.