Biology Department (BIO)

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Awarded the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award for the best UW System department in 2013, the Department of Biology supports undergraduate and graduate programs in biological sciences. Undergraduate students pursuing a major in biology complete foundation course work that includes courses in introductory biology, organismal biology, cell biology, genetics, and ecology. Because biologists must understand chemistry, biology majors complete at least three semesters of chemistry, including organic chemistry. Each student may plan his/her own electives and specialize in one of several subdisciplines within biology or specialize in field studies or laboratory studies. Some elective courses require off-campus trips to field stations in northern Wisconsin. Other courses make use of several unique ecological habitats close to campus. The Mississippi River and the La Crosse River Marsh are within blocks of the campus and are also used for outdoor laboratory studies. In addition, modern laboratory facilities and use of high tech research equipment prepare students for careers in the emerging fields of biotechnology.

Students develop a curriculum around specific career goals. Each student meets individually with their faculty adviser each semester. The diversity of the faculty in the department provides a wide array of both classroom and non-classroom opportunities for student learning.

Undergraduate research is an important part of the biology program and provides excellent opportunities for students to receive both individualized and unique learning experiences. Graduates of the programs in biology have traditionally been very competitive in the job markets and for entrance into graduate and other professional programs. In the last four years, 65% of biology majors have gone onto graduate or professional school, and 98% of the remaining students were employed within a year of graduation.

The Department of Biology has established a number of partnerships with local, state, and regional environmental and aquatic science research centers, biotechnology firms, and allied health care institutions. These partnerships provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to interact with practicing scientists in a wide variety of professions including medical sciences, river studies, aquatic toxicology, fisheries biology, watershed studies, food science, and seed genetics to name a few. These opportunities are in the form of internships, job shadowing, and undergraduate research, some of which are university funded. Many of these experiences result in summer jobs and part-time employment for students.

General education writing emphasis

This department incorporates a significant amount of writing through the required courses instead of identifying particular courses as writing emphasis courses. Students who complete a major in this department will fulfill the general education writing emphasis requirement (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/generaleducationrequirementsstext).

2015-16 Faculty/Staff

The following is the department's faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in June.

Professor
Raymond Abhold
A. Glenn Brice
Scott Cooper
Daniel Gerber
Rick Gillis
Roger Haro
David Howard
Margaret Maher
Jennifer Miskowsksi
Mark Sandheinrich
Meredith Thomsen
Thomas Volk

Associate Professor
Michael Abler
Anita Baines
Anne Galbraith
Tisha King-Heiden
Sumei Liu
Gregory Sandland
Bradley Seebach
Eric Strauss

Assistant Professor
Sierra Colavito
Gretchen Gerrish
Barrett Klein
Jennifer Klein
Megan Litster
Todd Osmundson
Anton Sanderfoot
Christine Schwartz
Eric Snively
Senior Lecturer
Kerrie Hoar

Lecturer
Lee Baines
Faye Ellis
Kristin Greany
Lisa Kobs
Markus Mika
Teresa Mika
Renee Redman

Associate Lecturer
Rebecca Werren

Laboratory Manager I
Franklin Greene
Kurt Grunwald
Elisabeth Paluch

Administrative Support
Amy Servais

Majors
- Biology major - BA (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biology-ba)
- Biology major - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biology-bs)
- Biology major: aquatic science concentration - BA (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/aquatic-science-ba)
- Biology major: aquatic science concentration - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/aquatic-science-bs)
- Biology major: biomedical science concentration - BA (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biomedical-science-ba)
- Biology major: biomedical science concentration - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biomedical-science-bs)
- Biology major: cellular and molecular biology concentration - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/cellular-and-molecular-bs)
- Biology major: environmental science concentration - BA (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/environmental-science-ba)
- Biology major: environmental science concentration - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/environmental-science-bs)
- Biology education major (early adolescence-adolescence certification) - BS (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/education)
- General science education (broad field) major (early adolescence-adolescence certification) - second major only (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/general-science-education)
- Dual degree program in biology and physical therapy (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/dual-degree-program-in-biology-physical-therapy)

Minors
- Biology minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biologyminor)
- Biology education minor (http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/biology/biologyeducationminor)

+ next to a course number indicates a general education course

Courses
+BIO 100 Cr.4
Biology for the Informed Citizen
This course develops an understanding of what science is and utilizes biology as a framework for investigating the importance of science in our everyday lives. Topics include evolution, ecology, human impact on the environment, cell biology, and genetics as it relates to human reproduction. This course is designed as a general education course for non-science or non-allied health majors. Not applicable to the major or minor in biology. Prerequisite: Students with credit in BIO 103 or BIO 105 cannot earn credit in BIO 100. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

+BIO 102 Cr.3
Contemporary Issues in Biological Sciences
An intra-disciplinary approach to investigating current issues within the biological sciences. Specific topics under the general categories of health, medicine, environment, genetics, and industrial technology will be identified, described and characterized. The science underlying the issue will be explored and the potential impact (past and future) of applied scientific advances within the respective disciplines will be examined in depth. Not applicable to a major or minor in biology. Offered Occasionally.

+BIO 103 Cr.4
Introductory Biology
A survey of modern biology. Subjects discussed include ecology, cell biology and genetics. Themes developed through the course are the use of the scientific method and the relationships between society, technology and science. This course is designed as a general education course for non-science or non-allied health majors. Lect. 3, Lab 2. Students cannot earn credit in both BIO 103 and BIO 105. Offered Fall, Spring.

+BIO 105 Cr.4
General Biology
An introduction to biology including topics in ecology, population biology, nutrient cycling, food webs, cell structure and function, metabolism, photosynthesis, reproduction, genetics, molecular biology and evolution. This course provides a strong foundation for further science courses, and is designed for science majors, allied health majors and students with an interest in science. Lect. 3, Lab. 2. Students cannot earn credit in both BIO 103 and BIO 105. Offered Fall, Spring.
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BIO 202 Cr.2
Introduction to Biological Data Analysis and Interpretation
This course is an introduction to the common techniques used by biologists to efficiently and effectively process, interpret, and communicate ideas and information generated in the biological sciences. Students will learn the techniques in a hands-on approach using biological databases. Topics covered in this course will include basic laboratory and field notebook production and use; the use, analysis and interpretation of databases, graphs, tables, charts, and other visual aids used in scientific papers; techniques for digital microscopic image production and analysis. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105. Offered Summer, Winter.

BIO 203 Cr.4
Organismal Biology
A survey of the diverse form and function of prokaryotes, protists, fungi, plants and animals. Basic ecology, natural history, evolution, biogeography and importance of organisms to humans will be emphasized. Lect. 3, Lab. 3. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105 with a grade of "C" or better. If both BIO 210 and BIO 304 have been completed, BIO 203 cannot be taken for credit. Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 210 Cr.3
Animal Biology
Animal biology is a phylogenetic survey of the animal-like protists and animal kingdom beginning with single celled organisms and ending with vertebrates. Innovation of form and function of each major animal group will be discussed along with their taxonomy, ecology, natural history, distribution, medical and economic importance to humans and natural ecosystems. Lect. 2, Lab 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203. Offered Fall.

BIO 260 Cr.1-3
Special Topics in Biology
Topics in biology of interest to selected groups. Topics will be offered with a specific title. May be staffed by resident faculty or visiting lecturers. Other departments may be invited to participate. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105. Offered Occasionally.

BIO 302 Cr.2
Introductory Plant Identification
Introduction to the identification of trees, shrubs, and other herbaceous plants of both local native and cultivated species. Field trips required. Lect. 1, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304. Offered Fall - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 303 Cr.4
Vertebrate Form and Function
Anatomy and physiology of the vertebrates with the rat as the basic study animal. Lect. 2, Lab. 4. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105. Offered Occasionally.

BIO 304 Cr.3
Plant Biology
Plant Biology is a phylogenetic survey of the plant-like protists and organisms in the plant kingdom beginning with single celled organisms and ending with flowering plants. Innovation of form and function of each major plant group will be discussed along with their anatomy, morphology, taxonomy, ecology, natural history, distribution, medical and economic importance to humans and natural ecosystems. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203. Offered Spring.

BIO 306 Cr.4
Genetics
A comprehensive study of the basic principles of heredity, including Mendelian and Molecular Genetics. Lect. 3, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105 and a second biology course applicable to the major. Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 307 Cr.3
Ecology
A study of interactions that determine the distribution and abundance of living organisms. The basic principles of ecology are presented in order to develop an understanding of the nature of these interactions at the individual, population and community levels of biological organization. Prerequisite: BIO 203, or BIO 210 and BIO 304 Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 312 Cr.4
Human Anatomy and Physiology I
A comprehensive study of general anatomical and physiological principles of cells, body fluid compartments, the skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems and the special senses. Required elements of the laboratory portion of the course include computer simulations, microscopy, mammal organ dissections and study of cadaver prossections. Students who have completed this course, or are currently enrolled, may not register for this course again until after freshmen registration (unless they have instructor/department consent). Lect. 3, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: grade "C" or better in BIO 103/BIO 105 & CHM 103. Students who have completed this course, or are currently enrolled, may not register for this course again until after freshmen registration (unless they have instructor/department consent). Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

BIO 313 Cr.4
Human Anatomy and Physiology II
A comprehensive study of the cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, urinary, reproductive and endocrine systems. Required elements of the laboratory portion of this course include computer simulations, microscopy, mammal organ dissections and study of cadaver prossections. Lect. 3, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 312. Students who have completed this course, or who are currently enrolled, may not register for this course again until after freshmen registration (unless they have instructor/department consent). Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

BIO 315 Cr.4
Cell Biology
A comprehensive overview of cell structure and function, including the nature of biomolecules, cellular metabolism and its regulation, the dynamics of membranes and the cytoskeleton, the execution and control of the cell cycle, cell interactions, and cell signaling. Lect. 3, Lab. 3. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105; one additional semester of biology; and a minimum of three semesters of chemistry through organic chemistry. Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 321 Cr.3
Ornithology
Field identification and ecology of birds with emphasis on Wisconsin forms. Lect. 2, Lab. 3. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210 or BIO 303. Offered Spring.

BIO 330 Cr.3
Economic Botany
Plants provide humans with food, feed, fuel, fiber, pharmaceuticals, and other economically important products. This course provides an introduction to domesticated plant varieties and wild plant species and their value in human and domestic animal nutrition, and as energy sources, manufactured materials and drugs. Ethnobotanical interests in wild plant species will also be discussed. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304. Offered Alternate Years.

BIO 333 Cr.3
Radiation Biology
Applications and effects of nuclear radiation on biological systems. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105; one additional course in biology; CHM 103. Offered Spring.
BIO 337 Cr.3
Plant Physiology
An introduction to plant water relations, mineral nutrition, respiration, photosynthesis, growth, and development with emphasis on the physiology of seed plants. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304. Offered Occasionally.

BIO 341 Cr.3
Limnology
This course includes fundamentals of aquatic ecology, with special reference to community ecology. Taxonomy, stratification and succession of organisms to be investigated. Energy traffic through aquatic ecosystems will also be investigated. Field trips required. Lect. 2, Lab. 3. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105; one additional biology course; one semester of chemistry. Offered Fall.

BIO/CHM/PHY 356 Cr.2
Curriculum and Assessment in Math and Science
Student are introduced to state and national content standards and related theories on teaching and learning. They will apply this knowledge to develop a curricular framework. Topics will include: Learning outcomes, student misconceptions, balanced assessment, and lesson planning in the content areas. Prerequisite: declared math or science education major/minor; admission to teacher education. (Cross-listed with CHM/PHY; may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Fall.

BIO 390 Cr.2
Latin and Greek Roots in Scientific Terminology
Most scientific terminology comes to us as derived from Latin and Greek words. This course provides a solid background in scientific vocabulary by learning root words, prefixes and suffixes, as well as combinations of two or more root words and prefixes. Does not apply toward biology major or any concentration. Prerequisite: BIO 103 or BIO 105. Offered Fall.

BIO 404/504 Cr.3
Plant Taxonomy
Collection, identification, classification, and evolution of the vascular plants with emphasis on local flora. Lect. 1, Lab. 4. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304; junior standing. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 405/505 Cr.2
Aquatic and Wetland Vascular Plants
Identification and collection of vascular plants of aquatic and marsh habitats with emphasis on adaptive morphology and ecology of local species. Field trips required. Lect. 1, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304; junior standing. Offered Fall - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 406/506 Cr.4
Parasitology
A survey of the major groups of animal parasites with regard to their taxonomy, morphology, life histories, host-parasite relationships, and economic importance. Lect. 2, Lab. 4. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210 or BIO 303; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 408/508 Cr.4
Developmental Biology
An exploration of the cellular and molecular mechanisms that underlie embryonic development in several model organisms. Topics include fertilization, regulation of gene expression, cell fate determination, stem cells, early pattern formation, morphogenesis of tissues/organs, and limb formation. The course primarily focuses on animal models with an emphasis on evolutionarily conserved processes, structures, and molecular pathways. Technological advances and relevance to human development and disease are highlighted throughout. Lect. 2, Lab. 4. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210 or BIO 303; BIO 306 or CHM 317; BIO 315; junior standing. Offered Spring.

BIO 410 Cr.1
Human Cadaver Dissection
This supervised cadaver dissection course uses a regional anatomy approach and is designed to improve students’ competency in human gross anatomy. Students will prepare a human cadaver prosection for use in undergraduate anatomy and physiology laboratories. In addition to dissections, students will use computer-based learning projects and literature reviews to enhance their understanding of human anatomy and the historical and current role of cadavers in society. Prerequisite: BIO 312, BIO 313, and BIO 479 (must have been a TA for BIO 312 or BIO 313). Consent of instructor. Offered Summer.

BIO 412/512 Cr.4
Mycoecology
A survey of all the major groups of fungi of the fungal kingdom (and relatives) in terms of systematics, anatomy, morphology, ecology, physiology, genetics, evolutionary relationships, and human and plant pathology. Laboratory includes microscopic and macroscopic study of the fungi, as well as making a collection of cultures and of fungal reproductive structures (including mushrooms) from selected groups. Lect. 2, Lab. 4. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304 or MIC 230 (Both the microbiology course and one of the biology courses are strongly recommended); junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 413/513 Cr.3
Medical Mycology
A study of the increasing number of medically important fungi, including the yeasts, molds, other fungi, and actinomycetes that are pathogenic to humans and other animals. Emphasis is on laboratory techniques for isolation and identification of pathogenic fungi. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 412 or MIC 230; junior standing. Offered Spring.

BIO 414/514 Cr.3
Freshwater Invertebrate Zoology
Introduces the ecology and taxonomy of the metazoan, non-parasitic freshwater invertebrates. An extensive course designed to provide a foundation for taxonomic knowledge, and basic understanding of the biology and ecology of freshwater invertebrates for advanced students in aquatic and environmental sciences. Lectures will focus on ecology; labs on taxonomy and quantitative skills. A student reference collection and field trips will be required. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210 or BIO 341; junior standing. Offered Fall - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 419/519 Cr.3
Quantitative Methods in Ecology
An introduction to field and laboratory procedures used by ecologists to describe and analyze the interactions between organisms and their environments. The course will emphasize quantitative techniques, including the use of computer technology, for collecting, recording and interpreting ecological data. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 307 or BIO 341; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 421/521 Cr.3
Comparative Vertebrate Endocrinology
A comprehensive study of the production, regulation, structure, molecular to whole-body actions, metabolism, and excretion of biochemical signaling molecules across vertebrates with a focus on amphibians, fish, birds, and mammals. Hormone and neurotransmitter pathways will be examined with relationship to evolutionary and environmental influences using lecture, review of primary literature, and case studies. Credit toward the biology major can only be received for this class or BIO 424, not both. Prerequisite: BIO 313 or BIO 458; junior standing. Offered Spring.
Occasionally, the living plant. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304; junior standing. Offered Fall - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 424/524 Cr.3

Human Endocrinology
A comprehensive study of the production, regulation, structure, molecular to whole body actions, metabolism, and excretion of biochemical signaling molecules in humans. The classical and more recently recognized neurotransmitter and hormone pathways and clinical and pharmacology considerations of each will be explored using lectures, primary literature, and case studies. Credit toward the biology major can only be received for this class or BIO 421, not both. Prerequisite: BIO 313 or BIO 458; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 428/528 Cr.3

Advanced Nutrition for the Health Professions
A comprehensive study of nutrition-related diseases and nutrition assessment, evaluation, and management in clinical settings that people working in healthcare may encounter. Prerequisite: BIO 313 or NUT 200; junior standing. Offered Spring.

BIO 429/529 Cr.3

Evolution
Consideration of the principles and the record of organic evolution of plants and animals. Prerequisite: BIO 306; junior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 432/532 Cr.2

Biological Cancer
A survey of the current knowledge of cancer biology. The course will include lectures, readings and discussions on a wide range of cancer topics, including: characteristics of cancer cells, carcinogenesis, cancer genes, tumor classification, invasion, metastasis, impact of cancer on body functions, epidemiology, inheritance, immunology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Prerequisite: BIO 303 or BIO 313; BIO 306 or MIC 416; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 435/535 Cr.3

Molecular Biology
A study of molecular biology with an emphasis on eukaryotic systems. The course will focus on the molecular aspects controlling biological processes. The impact of recombinant DNA technology on biotechnology and medicine will also be examined. Prerequisite: BIO 306 and BIO 315, or MIC 416 and three semesters of college chemistry including organic chemistry; junior standing. Biochemistry strongly recommended. BIO 436 is an optional laboratory which can be taken concurrently. Offered Fall.

BIO 436/536 Cr.1

Molecular Biology Laboratory
A study of molecular biology with an emphasis on eukaryotic systems. Laboratory emphasis is on recombinant DNA technology, current techniques used to express recombinant proteins in eukaryotic cells, computer based DNA analysis, macromolecular modeling using computers, and quantitative assay techniques. This lab is optional for those enrolled in BIO 435. Lab 3. Prerequisite: taken concurrently with BIO 435; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 437/537 Cr.3

Plant Anatomy
A detailed examination of plant structure and development as revealed with the light and electron microscopes. Primarily seed plants will be examined. Structure and development will be studied as a means by which plants cope with their ecology, evolution and function. Lect. 2, Lab. 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304; junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

BIO/MIC 440/540 Cr.2

Bioinformatics
In this course, students will use computers to study and compare the sequence of nucleotides in DNA or RNA, or the amino acids in a protein. Computers are also used to examine the three dimensional structure of protein. Being able to manipulate and study this information is the basis for the current revolution in biotechnology. Topics include evolution, taxonomy, genomics and understanding disease. This course provides students an opportunity to explore the relationships between biology, microbiology, chemistry and computer science. Lect. 1, Lab 2. Prerequisite: BIO 306 or MIC 416; junior standing. (Cross-listed with BIO/MIC, may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Spring, Winter.

BIO 441/541 Cr.3

Environmental Toxicology
The study of the lethal and sublethal effects of chemical contaminants on ecosystems and humans. Topics covered include environmental legislation, chemical distribution and fate in the environment, methods of toxicity testing, assessment of exposure and risk, effects of chemical contaminants on humans, and fish and wildlife populations, communities and ecosystems, and toxicity of specific chemical groups. Prerequisite: BIO 307 or BIO 341; CHM 104; junior standing. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO/MIC 442/542 Cr.3

Plant Microbe Interactions
A study of the relationships between plants and microbes. Inquiry based labs are integrated into the lecture and discussion sessions. Lect. 2, Lab 2. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 304; MIC 230; BIO 306 or MIC 416; junior standing. (Cross-listed with BIO/MIC, may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Spring - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 443/543 Cr.3

Molecular Mechanism of Disease and Drug Action
A survey of the leading non-infectious and non-cancerous diseases in the industrialized world. This course will explore the molecular mechanisms of disease, clinical symptomology, and pharmacological treatment. Students will be expected to conduct thorough research on a given disease and present their results in a poster session. Prerequisite: BIO 306, BIO 313; CHM 300 or CHM 304; junior standing. Offered Spring.
BIO 447/547 Cr.3
**Standard Methods/Quality Assurance Water Analyses**
This course will instruct students on the use of standard methods for analyses of selected biological, chemical, and physical constituents commonly included in water quality analyses. Quality assurance procedures, including Good Laboratory Practice Standards (GLPS) will be integrated into all activities. Materials covered include: principles of methods used; evaluation of precision, bias, and contamination; proper reporting and interpretation of results; and environmental sources and significance of constituents analyzed. Lect. 1, Lab 4. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210 or BIO 303 or BIO 304; three semesters of college chemistry; junior standing. BIO 341 recommended. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 449/549 Cr.3
**Advanced Microscopy and Biological Imaging**
Principles and techniques used in modern microscopy and biological image analysis. Emphasis will be on student projects to become proficient at confocal, fluorescence, and scanning electron microscopy. Students will also learn specimen preparation, digital imaging, and image processing and analysis for biological applications. Lect. 2, Lab 2. Prerequisite: BIO 315 or MIC 230; junior standing. Offered Fall - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 450 Cr.1-3
**Internship in Biology**
An academically relevant field experience in government, industry, business, or community agencies. Students must have their internships approved and be advised by the department. Students must be on their internship worksite during the semester for which they are registered for academic credit. Credits earned will count only toward university electives and not toward the completion of any major or minor unless listed. Repeatable for credit - maximum eight. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

BIO 456/556 Cr.4
**Plant Ecology**
Conservation biology, ecological restoration, and predicting the effects of climate change all require an understanding of plant ecology. This course is focused on the interactions among plants, other organisms, and the environment. We will work across the individual, population, and community levels, and emphasize an exploratory approach to plant ecology. Class activities will include lectures, the discussion of ecological journal articles, and carrying out student-designed experiments. Prerequisite: BIO 307 or BIO 341; junior standing. Offered Fall - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 458/558 Cr.3
**Comparative Animal Physiology**
This course provides a thorough understanding of animal physiology from a comparative perspective. Emphasis will be placed on the basic physiological principles by which animals perform their life sustaining functions. Discussion will focus on vertebrates, but will span both invertebrate and vertebrate models to illustrate how largely divergent groups have evolved different (or similar) mechanisms to cope with their specific environmental challenges. Class activities will include lectures and discussion of physiological journal articles. Prerequisite: BIO 203 or BIO 210; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 460/560 Cr.1-4
**Symposium in Biology**
Studies in biology of interest to specific groups. Varying topics will be offered at intervals with a specific title assigned to each. May be staffed by resident faculty or visiting lecturers. Other departments may be invited to participate. Repeatable for credit - maximum 16. Variable offerings - check registration schedules. Prerequisite: four semesters of biology; junior standing. Offered Occasionally.

BIO 464/564 Cr.3
**Stream and Watershed Ecology**
An introduction to key concepts and theory pertinent to understanding and managing fluvial ecosystems (rivers and streams) and their watersheds. The course emphasizes rivers as large-scale physical and biological systems. Course work includes a comparative case study of distinctive types of temperate, tropical, and polar rivers. Prerequisite: BIO 307 or BIO 341; junior standing. Offered Spring.

BIO 465/565 Cr.3
**Neurophysiology**
An examination of the nervous system beginning at the cellular level and working up to neuronal systems. Topics covered include the ionic basis of membrane potentials, synaptic communication, organization of functional circuits of neurons, and systems within the brain and/or spinal cord which control learning and memory, vision and motor function. Exploration of these fundamental neurophysiology topics from the basis for understanding a variety of student-selected topics which will be covered later in the semester. Late-semester topics often include higher-order aspects of brain function or challenges to the nervous system, such as the repair of brain or spinal cord injury, degenerative disease states, dyslexia, or gender differences. BIO 467 is an optional laboratory course which can be taken concurrently. Prerequisite: BIO 312; junior standing. Offered Spring.

BIO 466/566 Cr.3
**Human Molecular Genetics**
A study of the basic principles of heredity in humans. Focus will be on modern molecular techniques used in isolating human disease genes and modes of inheritance of human traits and disorders. Ethical issues in human genetics will also be discussed. Prerequisite: BIO 306; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO 467/567 Cr.2
**Neurobiology Laboratory Techniques**
An introduction to common laboratory techniques in neurobiology, including electrophysiology with invertebrate preparations, mammalian neuronal cell culture, and computational modeling. Students will receive training in techniques while performing classical experiments, then design their own novel experiments and carry them out. Prerequisite: BIO 312; BIO 465 or concurrent enrollment; junior standing. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 468/568 Cr.1
**Human Molecular Genetics Lab**
A study of the techniques used in doing research in human molecular genetics with a focus on commonly used model organisms in the study of human genetic disorders. Laboratory emphasis is on phenotype analysis, library screening, DNA microarray analysis, gene mapping, and bioinformatics. This lab is optional for those enrolled in BIO 466/566. Lab 3. Prerequisite: BIO 306; BIO 466 concurrently; junior standing. Offered Fall.

BIO/CHM/PHY 469 Cr.4
**Teaching and Learning Science in the Secondary School**
This course will be integrated with a field experience. In the context of a real classroom, teacher candidates will learn how to plan for and assess student learning in science. With a focus on content knowledge, teacher candidates will plan a variety of meaningful learning experiences, assess student learning, and monitor and modify instruction to best support the individual learners in the classroom. The teacher candidate will design, enact, and assess activities that advance student understanding to more complex levels. Teacher candidates will gain experience in monitoring the obstacles and barriers that some students or groups of students face in school and learn how to design learning experiences to support all learners. Prerequisite: GEO 200; EDS 351. (Cross-listed with BIO/CHM/PHY; may only earn credit in one department.) Offered Fall, Spring.
BIO 473/573 Cr.3

**Marine Biology**
Marine biology is an interdisciplinary field that includes elements of geology, physics, chemistry and biology. Students will gain an introduction to how biological organisms deal with varying physical, geological and chemical conditions found in marine ecosystems. Emphasis will be placed on current conservation concerns and marine invertebrate diversity. Prerequisite: BIO 203; CHM 103; junior standing. Offered Spring - Odd Numbered Years.

BIO 476/576 Cr.3

**Ecosystem Ecology**
Ecosystems include the living and non-living components of an environmental system and have emergent properties that can only be understood by examining the system as a whole. This course will examine advanced ecological topics centered around the structure and function of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Topics covered will include the development of the ecosystem concept, ecosystem succession, production/decomposition, energy transfer in food webs, and nutrient cycling. The course will consist of classroom lectures, problem sets, and reading/discussion of relevant literature. Prerequisite: BIO 307; one semester of chemistry; junior standing. Offered Spring - Even Numbered Years.

BIO 479 Cr.1

**Biology Teaching Assistant**
An opportunity to assist in the preparation and/or instruction of a biology course. Working with a faculty members, students may be expected to assist in the development and preparation of course materials, course instruction and student assessment. Repeatable for credit - maximum two. Departmental option for pass/fail or letter grade. Consent of instructor. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

BIO 489 Cr.1

**Independent Study in Biology**
A directed reading project or job shadowing experience within the discipline but outside that offered through regularly scheduled courses. Under the direction of the supervising faculty member (and in coordination with mentoring professional for job shadowing experience). A written report is an expected outcome. Repeatable for credit - maximum two. Consent of department. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

BIO 490/590 Cr.1-3

**Current Topics in Biology Education**
Biological researchers produce new discoveries almost daily. The purpose of this course is to train K-12 pre-service and in-service teachers in the current technologies and theories used in biology and to demonstrate the current approaches to teaching these materials. Repeatable for credit under different topics. Not applicable to a major or minor in biology, except for teacher certification major. Departmental option for pass/fail grading. Prerequisite: junior standing. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall.

BIO 491 Cr.1

**Capstone Seminar in Biology**
A seminar-style course designed for students to review and discuss basic concepts necessary for a career in the biological sciences and to assess their major in biology. This course will cover basic concepts of resume and cover letter writing, quantitative skills, computer literacy and current topics in biology. Students are expected to actively participate in an assessment of their major, and participate in discussions on major issues and developments in the biological sciences. Students will present a seminar on a contemporary biological topic incorporating primary literature. Prerequisite: senior standing. Offered Fall, Spring.

BIO 495 Cr.1-3

**Service Learning in Biology**
Students will plan, implement, and reflect on community service projects that will allow them to apply, enhance, and share what they have learned in a specific area of focus (such as aquatic science, nutrition, etc.) in cooperation with one or more community partners. The student’s university advisor(s) and the participating community partner(s) will provide constructive evaluation of the project and student reflections throughout the experience. The student will provide formal written and oral communications to the advising faculty and community partner(s) regarding the outcomes of the service project. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: junior standing. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.

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**Independent Research**
Individual research projects. Open to advanced students. Students may enroll for 1-3 credits per semester for a maximum of six credits. A maximum of two credits can be applied to the major in biology. Prerequisite: four semesters of biology and the completion of a consent form signed by the project director. Consent of instructor. Offered Fall, Spring, Summer.