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### **BIO 101 Biology for Life (4)**

This course is intended for the non-science major. The principal objectives are to prepare students to be scientifically literate citizens and to connect biological principles to real-world problems. This includes the effect of biotechnology on society as well as environmental issues such as climate change and habitat destruction. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory per week. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course. IAI-L1900/L1900L.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Distinguish science from other disciplines
2. Apply the process of scientific inquiry (general education assessed)
3. Accurately communicate scientific theories, concepts, & terminology
4. Discriminate between scientific & societal controversy
5. Interpret the validity of science in the news (general education assessed)

#### **Course Topics**

1. The scientific method
2. Cell reproduction
3. Meiosis, inheritance, and Mendelian genetics
4. DNA structure and function
5. Biotechnology
6. Natural selection
7. Diversity of Life
8. Disease ecology, viruses
9. Climate change
10. Human population growth



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### **BIO 101L Biology for Life Lab (0)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand of the process of scientific inquiry in biology;
2. Use standard scientific laboratory techniques and follow protocols;
3. Develop an increased ability to work with others toward shared goals;
4. Form independent hypotheses and design experiments that test these hypotheses;
5. Analyze, interpret, and graphically present data;
6. Communicate data through written interpretation to a scientific audience.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Microscopy
2. Mitosis and meiosis
3. Mendelian genetics
4. Forensics
5. UV Radiation Damage and repair
6. Evolutionary mechanisms
7. Population growth
8. Climate change
9. Community ecology



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### **BIO 108 Biology Cornerstone (1)**

This course serves as an introduction to the biology program and the field of biology. The class will focus on strategies for success both in the program and after graduation, highlighting the various subfields of biology, career opportunities, graduate and professional school preparation, skills for critical reading of the primary literature, and communicating scientifically.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Describe the requirements and objectives of the biology major
2. Identify and compare several study and note-taking strategies
3. Differentiate between the different biology programs
4. Describe the subfields of biology and biology careers
5. Have a list of personalized internship opportunities
6. Create a resume
7. Have the skills to locate relevant primary literature
8. Read and summarize general ideas and conclusions from biology journal articles
9. Write using scientific style and use appropriate citation style
10. Deliver oral presentations that are professional, organized, and clear

#### **Course Topics**

1. Subfields in Biology
2. Note-taking and Test Preparation
3. Program Planning; path to graduation
4. Resume, careers, internships
5. Locating and citing sources
6. Reading and Summarizing sources
7. Communication: Written and Oral



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### **BIO 110 Principles of Cellular and Molecular Biology (5)**

This course is an introductory biology course for biology majors that emphasizes basic principles of cellular and molecular biology including the biochemical basis of life, cellular structure and function, metabolism, and genetics. The course meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory per week. Prerequisite: One year of high school biology or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand and apply the scientific process through hypothesis generation, controlled experimentation, and critical evaluation of scientific information.
2. Access, utilize, and properly cite published scientific literature.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of biological principles of:
  - a. cellular biology (including cell composition, structure, and function)
  - b. information flow within cells
  - c. cellular metabolism
  - d. genetics

#### **Course Topics**

1. Scientific Method
2. Biomolecules and chemical bonds
3. Types of and characteristics of cells
4. Functions of cells and organelles
5. Cellular metabolism: respiration and photosynthesis
6. Gene expression
7. DNA replication and mitosis
8. Meiosis and inheritance
9. Biotechnology



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### **BIO 110L Principles of Cellular and Molecular Biology Lab (0)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand the process of scientific inquiry in biology
2. Use standard scientific laboratory techniques and to follow lab protocols and proper lab etiquette;
3. Develop an increased ability to work with others toward shared goals;
4. Interpret and critique scientific writing in peer-reviewed journal articles;
5. Analyze, interpret, and graphically present data.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Data collection and Graphical Representation
2. Data analysis and Interpreting Results
3. Macromolecules
4. Microscopes / cells
5. Osmosis and Diffusion
6. Enzymes and Metabolism
7. Respiration
8. Photosynthesis
9. Cellular Division
10. Genetics
11. Mutation
12. UV damage and Repair
13. DNA Analysis



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### **BIO 111 Principles of Organismal and Population Biology (5)**

This course is an introductory biology course for biology majors which emphasizes basic principles of organismal and population biology including animal and plant structure and function, evolutionary principles and mechanisms, the diversity of life, and ecology. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory period per week. Prerequisite: 1 year of high school biology or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Explain how natural selection, genetic drift, gene flow, and mutation drive evolutionary change and the diversity of form and function observed across taxa,
2. Describe the hierarchical system for classification of organisms, the species concept, and be able to apply the basic rules of phylogenetic systematics to trace evolutionary relationships among taxa,
3. Compare the characteristics of selected taxonomic groups of: bacteria, archaea, protists, fungi, animals and plants with respect to evolutionary relationships, defining characteristics, life cycles, and ecological roles,
4. Relate anatomical and physiological adaptations of organisms (plants and animals) to their survival, growth, and reproduction,
5. Understand how populations grow, interact (e.g., competition, predation), and are regulated by biotic and abiotic factors,
6. Describe the flow of energy and matter through ecosystems, including the impact of climate change and human activity.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Introduction to Evolution
2. Population Genetics
3. Origin of Species and Macroevolution
4. Taxonomy and Systematics
5. Bacteria
6. Protists
7. Archaea
8. Fungi
9. Plant Diversity
10. Plant Reproduction
11. Diversification of Animals
12. Invertebrates
13. Vertebrates
14. Introduction to Ecology
15. Behavioral Ecology
16. Population Ecology
17. Species Interactions



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18. Community Ecology
19. Ecosystem Ecology
20. Biodiversity and Conservation



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**BIO 111L Principles of Organismal and Population Biology Lab (0)**

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand of the process of scientific inquiry in biology;
2. Successfully utilize standard scientific laboratory techniques and to follow protocols and proper etiquette;
3. Develop an increased ability to work with others toward shared goals;
4. Form independent hypotheses and design experiments that test these hypotheses;
5. Accurately analyze, interpret, and graphically present data;
6. Clearly communicate data through written interpretation to a scientific audience.

**Course Topics**

1. Lab Safety
2. Evolutionary Mechanisms
3. Sexual Selection
4. Taxonomy and Systematics
5. Plant Reproduction
6. Animal Diversity
7. Animal Behavior
8. Population Growth
9. Community Ecology
10. Microcommunities
11. Climate Change



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### **BIO 202 Scientific Communication (W) (2)**

Scientists are responsible for not only generating data, but for communicating data both to other scientists and the general population. As the communication process within the sciences is in many ways different from that found in other subject areas, this course will provide students with the background needed to master those skills. Major areas of skill development include the composition of formal manuscripts and review articles, the development of figures and tables that summarize and effectively communicate findings, and the spoken presentation of original data sets to an audience. Prerequisite: Biology, biopsychology, or environmental studies major.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand the ways in which scientific writing and communication differ from other contexts
2. Synthesize primary literature sources and organize them for use
3. Develop the skills to write quality formal lab reports
4. Learn methods for putting together a quality scientific presentation, both in terms of delivery and visual aids (slides, posters, etc.)
5. Provide constructive criticism to classmates, which will both improve their classmates' work and also provide insights into how to improve their own

#### **Course Topics**

1. Formal lab report writing
2. Persuasive writing and presenting
3. Oral presentation skills
4. Poster presentation skills



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### **BIO 211 Genetics (4)**

Genetics is the study of DNA, the information-bearing material of inheritance, as well as related molecules and processes. This course will examine how DNA is organized, how its information is transmitted from one generation to the next, and how the information it bears is utilized. The study of genetics is foundational to many other biological fields, and this course will provide students with the background they need to go on in such diverse topics as development, physiology, and evolution. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory period per week. Prerequisites: BIO 110 and C- or better in BIO 110, or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Learn that inheritance of traits is more often determined by principles that go well beyond the simple Mendelian.
2. Learn the three-dimensional structure of a molecule and its subcellular localization impact its function, including the ability to interact with other molecules. Function can be regulated through reversible alterations of structure.
3. Learn that most cases, genetic information flows from DNA to mRNA to protein, but there are important exceptions.
4. Learn that gene expression is regulated by intracellular and extracellular signaling molecules.
5. The signals that a cell receives depend on its location and may change through time. As a result, different types of cells express different genes, even though they contain the same DNA.
6. Learn multiple molecular mechanisms, including DNA damage and errors in replication, lead to the generation of random mutations. These mutations create new alleles that can be inherited via mitosis, meiosis, or cell division.
7. Learn that mutations and epigenetic modifications can impact the regulation of gene expression and/or the structure and function of the gene product.
8. Learn the basic equipment, methods, techniques, and procedures used by geneticists in the laboratory.

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 211L Genetics Laboratory (0)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understand basics of chromosome transmission via Mitosis and Meiosis
2. Understand basic Mendelian inheritance
3. Learn how to quantitatively analyze inheritance patterns to test hypotheses
4. Review proper micropipetting technique and improve micropipetting skills
5. Understand molecular techniques of DNA extraction, restriction digestion, polymerase chain reaction, and gel electrophoresis
6. Understand how to analyze DNA obtained from gel electrophoresis
7. Explore how gene function can be tested through diauxic growth experiments and mutation

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 220 Evolution (3)**

This course introduces the major principles of evolutionary biology. Specific topics include a brief history of evolutionary thought, concepts of evolutionary genetics, adaptation and natural selection, origins of biological diversity, and paleobiology and macroevolution. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: BIO 110, 111, 211, or instructor consent.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Understanding the various types of selective mechanisms that drive evolution
2. Integrating genetics, behavior, and physiology in order to understand how species change through time
3. Synthesizing the scientific literature, and incorporate "classic" and new findings into course assignments
4. Communicating evolutionary knowledge concerning contemporary topics

#### **Course Topics**

1. Evolutionary Applications
2. Natural Selection and Fitness
3. Early Life and the Taxonomy of Living Things
4. Micro and Macro Evolution
5. Sources of Phenotypic Variation
6. Selective Mechanisms – Sexual and Artificial Selection
7. Quantitative Genetics and Evolution
8. Game Theory and Evolutionary Patterns



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### **BIO 250 Introduction to Environmental Science (3)**

This course introduces the interrelationships among the natural environment, humans, and the human environment. The focus is on building a scientific framework to understand current environmental challenges while incorporating an understanding of interdisciplinary perspectives when considering potential solutions. Students will examine issues such as air and water pollution, global climate change, energy, agriculture, and biodiversity loss.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Apply the principles in environmental science to real-world situations such as whether to support environmental initiatives, how to best preserve biodiversity, and how to feed the world without destroying the environment.
2. Accurately Integrate ideas and communicate your understanding about biology with others in a format which
  - a. is adapted to particular circumstances and audiences,
  - b. addresses issues in the context of the larger community and environment, and
  - c. allows for application of societal ethics to scientific inquiry and findings,
3. Identify and evaluate valid sources of scientific information. Discern and analyze the information to make everyday decisions.
4. Learn about yourself and learn to work effectively with others in a group and develop and cultivate an interest in current science issues. And
5. Learn to accurately identify locally occurring species in a variety of taxa.

#### **Course Topics**

1. The study of environmental science
2. Biodiversity
3. Population growth
4. Human populations
5. Waste management
6. Food and agriculture
7. Water resources and pollution
8. Energy
9. Climate



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### **BIO 300 Biostatistics (3)**

Students will cover the use of statistical analysis methods to address biological problems. Emphasis is placed on hypothesis development, statistical testing and interpretation of statistical outputs in R, communication of results in proper scientific format, and the production of figures to graphically display data. Prerequisites: BIO 110 or 111, or instructor consent.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Identification and proposal of legitimate research questions
2. Understanding the types of data needed to answer research questions, and how to frame hypotheses about that data
3. Use of R statistical software to conduct numerous types of statistical tests on data, depending on the research question being examined
4. Interpretation of the findings of statistical tests
5. Visualization of data in figure and table form
6. Proper choice of statistical testing for different types of data scenarios
7. Propose appropriate statistical tests to use on a dataset independently

#### **Course Topics**

1. Use of Excel, Introduction to R
2. T-Tests
3. Analysis of Variance
4. Correlation and Regression
5. Non-Parametric Tests
6. Using R to generate figures
7. Non-linear Regressions



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## BIO 303 Ecology (5)

Ecology is a quantitative science that focuses on the diverse interactions between organisms and their biotic and abiotic environment. This course examines factors that control energy and nutrient cycling in ecosystems, population dynamics of organisms, and the structure and function of biological communities, as well as principles that govern ecological responses to anthropogenic changes such as global climate change and habitat fragmentation. The class meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory period per week. This course satisfies the ecology/evolution elective area for students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. Prerequisites: BIO 111, 300, and C- or better in BIO 111, or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

### Student Learning Outcomes

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate how a systems-thinking approach in which the structures, functions, relationships, and emergent properties of living systems are explicitly described can help explain ecological patterns and processes.
2. Show how models—including mathematical, graphical, and conceptual models—can be used to generate testable, often quantitative predictions about system dynamics.
3. Employ the scientific method in the investigation of ecological patterns and processes.
4. Demonstrate how predictions derived from clear hypotheses can be evaluated with ecological data.

### Course Topics

1. Ecosystem Ecology
2. Life History
3. Population Growth
4. Invasive Species
5. How Disease Spreads
6. Competition
7. Consumer-Resource Interactions
8. Community Dynamics
9. Biogeography



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## **BIO 303L Ecology Lab (0)**

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Identify common plants (dominants or constants, including where relevant, grasses & sedges) in order to map habitats and identify standard habitat types,
2. identify common species from one or more taxonomic groups,
3. identify the characteristic or indicator species from one or more taxonomic groups and be familiar with some of the less familiar species or 'critical' genera,
4. independently carry out surveys of a range of simple habitats,
5. properly preserve specimens from at least one large taxon,
6. possess practical field skills associated with
  - a. identification of potential safety hazards,
  - b. knowledge of relevant laws and regulations, and
  - c. adherence to ethical guidelines, and
7. successfully execute the process of scientific inquiry within an ecological context,
8. practice providing constructive feedback and criticisms, and
9. have fun with dirt and bugs.

### **Course Topics**

1. Field and lab work in a prairie ecosystem
2. Field and lab work in an aquatic ecosystem
3. Investigation within disease ecology



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### **BIO 308 and BIO 308L Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab (5)**

This course provides an in-depth study of the muscular, skeletal, nervous, endocrine, and reproductive systems. For each organ system, anatomy, physiology, and role within the whole organism are discussed concurrently. Gross anatomy is explored in lab utilizing dissections and/or models; characteristics of tissues and cells is investigated with microscopy. Function of each organ system is investigated in lab by physiological observation and experimentation. This course satisfies the organismal elective area. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and two two-hour laboratory periods per week. Prerequisite: BIO 101 or 110. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Identify the anatomy of a cell, including biomolecules composing each organelle
2. Describe how the cell produces each biomolecule
3. Describe how molecules enter and exit cells
4. Identify anatomical differences among tissue types
5. Identify and label features for each body system covered
6. Describe functions of each feature for each body system covered
7. Predict how changes in the structures (due to disease or other damage) would affect function for each body system covered

#### **Course Topics**

1. Review of cell biology
2. Histology
3. Integumentary System
4. Skeletal systems
5. Endocrine system
6. Nervous system
7. Muscular system
8. Reproductive system



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### **BIO 309 AND BIO 309L Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab (5)**

This course provides an in-depth study of the cardiovascular, respiratory, immune, digestive, and urinary systems. For each organ system, anatomy, physiology, and role within the whole organism are discussed concurrently. Gross anatomy is explored in lab utilizing dissections and/or models; characteristics of tissues and cells is investigated with microscopy. Function of each organ system is explored in lab by physiological observation and experimentation. This course satisfies the organismal elective area. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and two two-hour laboratory periods per week. Prerequisite: BIO 101 or 110. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Identify the anatomy of a cell, including biomolecules composing each organelle
2. Describe how the cell produces each biomolecule
3. Describe how molecules enter and exit cells
4. Identify anatomical differences among tissue types
5. Identify and label features for each body system covered
6. Describe functions of each feature for each body system covered
7. Predict how changes in the structures (due to disease or other damage) would affect function for each body system covered

#### **Course Topics**

1. Review of cell biology
2. Histology
3. Respiratory System
4. Digestive systems
5. Urinary system
6. Cardiovascular system
7. Lymphatic system



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### **BIO 311 Microbiology (5)**

This course deals with the morphology, genetics, physiology, and ecology of bacteria and other microbes. In the laboratory, microbiological techniques and applications are stressed. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and two two-hour laboratory periods per week. This course satisfies the cellular/molecular elective area. Prerequisites: BIO 110, CHE 105, 106, or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the major principles and concepts of microbiology, including
  - a. knowledge of the major members of the microbial world
  - b. requirements for, factors affecting, and how to measure growth of microbes.
  - c. transformations of matter and energy that are within the context of microbes.
  - d. the control of microorganisms.
  - e. the immunological mechanisms protecting the human body from microbial pathogens.
  - f. the constitution of the human microbiome.
2. Demonstrate the relationship of microbiota to the world around us and the importance of microbiota to humankind.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in basic microbiological laboratory techniques.

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 311L Microbiology Laboratory (0)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Learn the basics of microbiological media preparation
2. Learn and successfully utilize aseptic technique for the transfer and inoculation of bacteria into microbiological media
3. Learn how microorganisms (including viruses) are grown and maintained in the laboratory
4. Utilize various techniques for the isolation and successful cultivation of pure cultures of bacteria in the laboratory
5. Utilize various specialized microbiological media for the identification of bacteria
6. Perform experiments that demonstrate the basic principles of control of microorganisms
7. Perform activities that demonstrate the importance of microorganisms in the food industry and in clinical laboratories

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 313 Cellular Biology (4)**

This course is an introduction to the biology of all cells with an emphasis placed on eukaryotic cells. Organelles will be studied with attention to their composition, organization, and function. Additional topics to be covered are protein structure/function, bioenergetics, protein sorting, cell communication, and regulation of the cell cycle. The laboratory will emphasize various methods used by cell biologists as powerful tools for examining cell function. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week and one three-hour laboratory per week. This course satisfies the cell/molecular elective area for students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. Prerequisites: BIO 110, CHE 105, 106, and junior standing, or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate a good working knowledge of eukaryotic cell structure
2. Demonstrate the ability to describe the structure, function, and importance of proteins
3. Demonstrate the importance of membranes and why their structure and function is critical to cells
4. Demonstrate the wide variety of transport mechanisms used by cells
5. Demonstrate how cells communicate chemically and otherwise
6. Demonstrate the nature of the cytoskeleton as far as its role in support and well as movement
7. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the cell cycle and more importantly how it is controlled

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 313L Cellular Biology Laboratory (0)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Review microscopy and demonstrate proficiency with regards to visualization and measurement of cell properties
2. Demonstrate proficiency with basic calculations and techniques commonly used in the cell biology laboratory
3. Produce a pH buffer and utilize that buffer to measure the concentration of proteins in solution
4. Use an experimental approach to analyze the stability of biological membranes
5. Utilize techniques such as centrifugation, protein assay, and SDS-PAGE to investigate mammalian red blood cell plasma membranes
6. Learn how to extract proteins from biological tissue
7. Learn how biological assays can quantify the activity of cellular enzymes
8. Utilize biological databases to investigate various aspects of proteins such as structure and functional relationships
9. Determine kinetic parameters of an enzyme,  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 320 Conservation Biology (3)**

This course examines issues related to understanding and preventing the decline of populations and extinction of species. Lectures will discuss fundamental principles of biodiversity maintenance at the level of species, population, and ecosystems. Students will develop knowledge of both ecological and evolutionary principles related to the topic. This course satisfies the ecology/evolution elective area. Prerequisite: BIO 111.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Be able to identify and discuss the most pressing current conservation issues
2. Engagement in productive and data-based discussion of solutions to these issues
3. Communication of scientific knowledge through several modes of delivery (papers, presentations, discussion, and the like)

#### **Course Topics**

1. Principles of Biodiversity
2. Ecosystem Services and Economics
3. Extinction
4. Habitat Destruction
5. Overexploitation
6. Invasive Species
7. Climate Change



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### **BIO 325 and 325L Field Botany and Lab (4)**

This is a field-oriented course that surveys local vascular flora and habitats. Field exploration focuses on identification and techniques, with emphasis given to the taxonomy, ecology, evolution, and systematics of native and naturalized plants. This course meets for two three-hour periods per week that will be divided between lecture and laboratory work. This course satisfies either the organismal or ecology/evolution elective area. Prerequisite: BIO 111 or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Identify environmental attributes of local habitats, including prairies, forests, and old field communities;
2. Predict and investigate how such environmental variables impact plant distribution and success;
3. Identify local flora by family;
4. Identify common local flora to genus and species;
5. Successfully utilize both dichotomous keys and field guides for botanical identification;
6. Execute skills in botanical collection and preservation;
7. Identify the importance of plants in the environment and in society;
8. Identify local invasive species and their impact on native species;
9. Contribute to local habitat preservation.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Plant Nomenclature
2. Plant Identification
3. Plant Reproduction
4. Common Families
5. Invasive Species
6. Collection Protocol
7. Habitat Types



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### **BIO 335 Fish Biology and Conservation (4)**

This course will provide a broad overview of numerous aspects of fish biology, including anatomy, physiology, taxonomy, evolution, and ecology. In addition, the course will also examine management strategies for preserving aquatic ecosystems, with an emphasis on the conservation and management of fish populations targeted by recreational and/or commercial fishing. The laboratory portion of the course will be partially field-based, providing students with the opportunity to sample fishes using techniques employed by natural resources managers. The course will also provide background in the process of identifying local fish species, for the purpose of population assessment and environmental monitoring. This course satisfies the ecology/evolution elective requirement. Prerequisites: BIO 111, 202.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Students will be able to identify contemporary issues facing fish populations.
2. Students will be able to, based on course information as well as additional sources, propose quality management solutions to fisheries issues.
3. Students will be able to identify local species of fish
4. Students will be able to describe the natural history of fish, including the evolutionary relationships among major groups
5. Students will be able to identify and describe the major anatomical features of fish, and how they function physiologically.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Types of Fisheries
2. Evaluating Fisheries
3. Types of Fishing Gears
4. Population size and assessment
5. Fish Recruitment Patterns
6. Agnathans – Hagfish and Lamprey
7. Chondrichthyes – Cartilaginous Fish
8. Osteichthyes – Bony Fish
9. Fish Anatomy and Physiology



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### **BIO 340 Developmental Biology (3)**

This course focuses on the fundamental events of embryonic development, with an emphasis on genetic and molecular approaches used in modern experimental embryology. As modern developmental biology employs information and techniques from many different fields of biology, this course provides the challenge of learning and integrating diverse topics in biology including cell biology, genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, and evolution. We explore the common features of development that are shared by different kinds of organisms and emphasize how diverse organisms use the same signaling and regulatory molecules during embryogenesis. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week. This course satisfies either the ecology/evolution or cell/molecular elective area. Prerequisites: BIO 110, 211, CHE 105, 106, or instructor consent.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Describe how cellular signaling affects differentiation of cell types and cellular mobility.
2. Identify model organisms and explain experimental techniques used to study development in each of these.
3. Describe similarities and differences in the major stages of development among classes of organisms.
4. Access, read, and interpret primary journal articles in developmental biology.
5. Suggest mechanisms behind observations in developmental biology. Students will be able to write hypotheses to explain a mechanism behind observations in developmental biology and write methods for testing these hypothesis.
6. Evaluate the validity of conclusions derived from experimental results.

#### **Course Topics**

1. History of developmental theory
2. Comparison across species at cleavage and gastrulation
3. Cell specification, fate maps, and differential gene expression
4. Morphogenesis and cell to cell communication
5. Stem Cells
6. Model organisms
7. Reading in current literature; experimental methods with model organisms
8. Neurulation
9. Somitogenesis



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### **BIO 350 Animal Behavior (3)**

This course will examine the evolutionary (ultimate) and mechanistic (proximate) underpinnings of animal behavior in a number of contexts including foraging, fighting, learning, mating, parental care, and social behavior. Throughout this course, students will also examine principles and methods of scientific investigation and communication. This course meets for three hours of lecture per week. This course satisfies the ecology/evolution elective area. Prerequisite: BIO 111.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Learn the nature of behavior, and how the environment can impact behavior
2. Determine how intrinsic factors (genetics, metabolism, hormonal balance, body condition) can impact behavior, and in turn how behavioral choices themselves can feed back on those factors.
3. Recognize the evolutionary roots of behavior. What drives behavioral differences amongst species? Populations? Individuals within the same population?
4. Identify behavioral modifications made by animals in response to human activity

#### **Course Topics**

1. Physiological and Evolutionary Roots of Behavior
2. Mating Behavior and Mate Choice
3. Social Behavior
4. Predation and Predator Avoidance
5. Learning in Animals
6. Habitat Choice
7. Territoriality and Migration
8. Inter-Individual Differences in Behavior



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### **BIO 410 Animal Physiology (4)**

This course provides an introduction to the structure and function of physiological systems in animals. The primary emphasis is on vertebrates, with comparisons drawn from the entire animal kingdom. Topics include a general introduction to principles of physiology, an overview of physiological processes, and the integration of physiological systems. This course meets for three hours of lecture and one three-hour laboratory session per week. This course satisfies the cell/molecular elective area. Prerequisites: BIO 110, CHE 105, 106, or instructor consent. Recommended: CHE 205. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Students will describe key physiological processes within animals
2. Students will use an evolutionary framework to explain differences in physiology amongst differing groups

#### **Course Topics**

1. Stress and Physiological State
2. Metabolic Physiology
3. Oxygen Intake
4. Properties of Blood
5. Functionality of Nerves, Muscles, and Skeletons
6. Movement and Performance
7. Sensory Physiology
8. Temperature Regulation



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### **BIO 420 Animal Physiology (5)**

This course examines the anatomical and physiological adaptations of vertebrates from an evolutionary perspective using lectures and laboratory exercises. Vertebrate diversity is studied by examining all major living clades. An organ systems approach is used to illustrate general structural and functional patterns across different vertebrates. The laboratory portion of the course requires the dissection of several representative vertebrates. This course meets for three hours of lecture and for two two-hour laboratory sessions per week. This course satisfies the ecology/evolution elective area. Prerequisites: BIO 110, 111, 220, or instructor consent. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Students will develop the ability to identify major anatomical features of vertebrate taxa, and describe them within an evolutionary perspective (i.e. how structures have changed through time between taxa, and the evolution of analogous structures to serve similar functions in different animals)
2. Students will develop an understanding of the evolutionary history of vertebrates, and the relationships among taxa surviving today
3. Students will develop the ability to recognize and accurately identify local species, particularly those which you may encounter frequently while hiking, fishing, walking around town, etc.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Evolutionary Basics
2. Non-vertebrate Chordates
3. Fish
4. Amphibians
5. Reptiles (Lepidosauria – Snakes and Lizards; Testudines – Turtles)
6. Reptiles (Archosauria – Dinosaurs, Crocodiles)
7. Avian Archosaurs (Birds)
8. Mammals



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### **BIO 430 Biotechnology (4)**

Modern genetic techniques have revolutionized the biological sciences, and an understanding of genetics is essential to the fields of biotechnology. This course builds upon students' basic understanding of genetics to develop new molecular genetic skills, a better understanding of experimental approaches, and the ability to access and organize genetic information from the burgeoning bioinformatics databases. The class meets in the laboratory for two two-hour periods per week. In addition, students may be required to work in the laboratory outside of scheduled class time, depending on the nature of the experiments conducted. This course satisfies the cell/ molecular elective area. Prerequisites: BIO 210, CHE 105, 106. Recommended: CHE 205. A student must pass the laboratory portion of any science course to pass the entire course.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the biotechnology industry. This includes knowing what it is, who uses it, the industry and its research efforts, governmental regulation, industry practices, and careers.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in the laboratory and research skills, techniques, and activities covered in the course.
3. Learn and demonstrate proper record keeping using a laboratory notebook.
4. Apply and demonstrate critical thinking skills.
5. Apply and demonstrate scientific research skills including hypothesis generation, proper experimental design, data collection, data analysis (including basic statistical analysis), and oral and written communication of research findings.

#### **Course Topics**



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### **BIO 455 Biology Research Methods (2)**

This is the capstone course in biology. It will provide an overview of topics important to biological research and allow students to apply information they have learned throughout the biology curriculum in a research setting. This course focuses on critical analysis of primary literature and data, as well as scientific communication in the form of both writing and presentations. Prerequisites: Biology major and senior standing, or instructor consent.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Integrate biological knowledge through the application of the scientific method, including successful execution of
  - a. Literature analysis
  - b. Data analysis: interpretation, analysis and presentation of data
  - c. Collaboration with scientific peers
  - d. Oral communication to broader communities
  - e. Written communication

#### **Course Topics**

1. Finding and summarizing the literature
2. Reviewing a sub-topic; writing and presenting
3. Developing 3 proposal aims with methods
4. Predicting results
5. Writing and defending a proposal



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### **BIO 470 Internship in Biology (3-8)**

No more than four hours of internship may be counted toward a major in biology.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of theory, concepts, and/or skills through practical application within a professional setting.
2. Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate current best practices within a professional setting.
3. Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate their experience within a professional setting.
4. Uphold the highest level of professionalism (i.e. attendance, behavior, dress, etc.) within a professional setting.
5. Develop professional and interpersonal relationships with co-workers and supervisors.
6. Develop knowledge about the professional area

#### **Course Topics**

1. Journal Logs
2. Research connections
3. Supervisor Evaluations
4. Student reflection and discussion of evaluation
5. Summary essay



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### **BIO 480 Independent Study (1-4)**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Locate and use information from published studies to build a novel question
2. Design experiments with appropriate controls to address a specific question
3. Keep a log of activities within the laboratory
4. Collect data and organize data into tables
5. Represent data with appropriate figures
6. Use data to defend a conclusion



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### **BIO 492 Biopsychology Capstone (1)**

This course is the capstone experience for biopsychology majors. The goals are to provide students the opportunity to learn about biopsychology topics and engage with current research in the field. An emphasis will be placed on field trips and guest speakers to allow for greater lifelong learning. Same as PSY 492. Prerequisite: PSY 275.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

*Students will:*

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the career tracks in Biopsychology. Discipline-Specific Competence.
2. Know the biological, cognitive, and behavioral signatures underlying common disorders and diseases.
3. Understand and appreciate individual differences in human biology, cognition, and behavior. Diverse Perspectives.
4. Develop written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills through class assignments. Effective Communication.
5. Learn the skills needed to become desirable job and graduate school candidates. Lifelong Learning.
6. Learn and abide by the ethical standards central to biopsychological professions. Personal and Social Responsibility.
7. Develop the professional skills needed for success after graduation. Professional Development.

#### **Course Topics**

1. Group collaboration and presentation
2. Parts of a primary journal article
3. Interpreting and communicating scientific findings
4. Current topics in the field