Transfer Checklist

Biology (B.A.) at UNC

Are you a junior transfer student interested in majoring in Biology (B.A.) while at UNC Chapel Hill? Here are a few helpful tips:

Major Requirements // If you plan to transfer with junior status and graduate two years after transferring to UNC, these are courses that we recommend be completed prior to transfer.

☐ BIOL 101 & 101 Lab (Principles of Biology)
☐ CHEM 101 & 101 Lab (General Descriptive Chemistry I)
☐ MATH 130 (Precalculus Mathematics) and/or
☐ MATH 231 (Calculus of Functions of One Variable I)

Major Courses // These are courses that need to be completed at UNC-Chapel Hill.

☐ Seven biology courses beyond BIOL 101 (Principles of Biology)
☐ BIOL 201 (Ecology and Evolution)
☐ BIOL 202 (Molecular Biology and Genetics)
☐ BIOL 205 (Cellular and Developmental Biology)
☐ Organismal with lab
☐ Four electives (at least 2 with labs, and 2 must be >400)
☐ CHEM 102 & 102 Lab (General Descriptive Chemistry II)
☐ STOR 155 (Introduction to Statistics)
☐ One Quantitative Reasoning course chosen from: COMP 110 (Introduction to Programming), COMP 116 (Introduction to Scientific Programming), MATH 152 (Calculus for Business and Social Sciences), STOR 215 (Introduction to the Decision Sciences)
☐ Four allied science electives in addition to general education requirements

More information for the Biology (B.A.) Program

Biology is the study of life from both basic and applied perspectives across a broad range of analytical levels, from the molecule and cell to the organism and ecosystem. Departmental majors gain a firm foundation in essential areas of biology through the core curriculum and have ample opportunity to specialize in animal behavior, biomechanics, botany, cell biology, developmental biology, ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, genomics, marine biology, microbiology, molecular biology, neurobiology, organismal biology, physiology, and plant biology. There are many opportunities for mentored undergraduate research and internships. (UNC-Chapel Hill Undergraduate Bulletin, 2012-2013)

Does it matter if I get a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts?
What matters are the courses taken, the grades and other pertinent experiences. It is an individual decision to select a B.A. or a B.S. For more information and guidance, please consult with Academic Advising.

Important Links
Undergraduate Bulletin: unc.edu/ugradbulletin/depts/biol.html
Resources for Student Success: studentsuccess.unc.edu
Transfer Resources: transfers.unc.edu
Summer School at UNC: summer.unc.edu
What Can I Do with This Major? careers.unc.edu/students/explore-majors-and-careers

Connect with the Biology Department on Facebook (UNC Biology Undergrads) and online at bio.unc.edu

“Our department is considered to be a premiere department in one of the most highly ranked public universities in the nation. It was formed in 1980 by the merger of the Departments of Zoology and Botany and thus includes a remarkable diversity of disciplines in the Biological Sciences. As undergraduates, you will have the opportunity to learn from some of the top scholars in virtually any field of Biology, not only in the classroom, but in the field and in the laboratory as well.” Professor and Chair, Victoria L. Bautch