

Courses offered by the Biology Department- a 4-year plan

(updated September 2022)

- Please note that this is a tentative plan. Changes will be made in years to come, but this list can hopefully serve you well when planning your courses
- 600- classes are not posted here
- “Every semester = falls and springs. Summers are not represented in this document.

Highlighted are cross-listed courses that are owned by other departments

Introductory Courses

Number	Course	How often
101/L	Principles of Biology/Lab	Every semester
101H	Principles of Biology (Honors)	Fall
102L	Principles of Biology Lab (<i>CURE course</i>)	Every semester
117	Pre-Health Thrive-1: Considering Health Professions (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Every Fall
118	Pre-Health Thrive-2: Pursuing Health Professions (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Every Spring

Core Courses

Number	Course	How often
201	Ecology and Evolution	Every semester
202	Molecular Biology and Genetics	Every semester
202H	Molecular Biology and Genetics (Honors)	Spring
205	Cellular and Developmental Biology	Every semester
205H	Cellular and Developmental Biology (Honors)	Spring

Teaching, Research and CURE courses

Number	Course	How often
102L	Principles of Biology Lab (<i>CURE</i>)	Every semester
221/L	Introduction to Research in Biology- Seafood forensics (<i>CURE</i>)	Fall
255H/L	Honors Evolution of Extraordinary Adaptations Lab (Honors) (<i>CURE</i>)	Every other Spring
293	Biology Internship (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Every semester
295	Undergraduate research in Biology education (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Every semester
395/395H/495	Undergraduate Research	Every semester
692H	Senior Honors Thesis in Biology	Every semester

Cell and Developmental Biology

Number	Course	How often
431	Biological Physics	Fall
439	Introduction to Signal Transduction	Fall
440	Stem Cell Biology	Fall
442	Self-Assembly in Biology	Fall
443	Developmental Biology	Fall
447/L	Lab in Cell Biology/Lab	Every other Spring
448	Advanced Cell Biology	Fall
514H	Evolution and Development (Honors)	Fall
542	Light Microscopy	Fall
543H	Cardiovascular Biology	Fall
545	Exploring Gut, Brain, and Immunity	Fall
544L	Lab in Diseases of the Cytoskeleton	Fall

Physiology, Microbiology, and Disease

Number	Course	How often
117	Pre-Health Thrive (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Fall
118	Pre-Health Thrive (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Spring
252/L	Human Anatomy and Physiology /Lab	Every semester
252H	Human Anatomy and Physiology (Honors)	
253/L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology /Lab (<i>not counting towards the major</i>)	Spring
290	Environmental Microbiology	Fall
402	Infectious Disease in the Developing World	Every other Spring
422/L	Microbiology/Lab	Fall
445	Cancer Biology	Spring
449	Immunology	Fall
451/L	Comparative Physiology/Lab	Spring
453	Molecular Control of Metabolism & Metabolic Disease	Spring
523	Sex Differences in Human Disease	Spring
546	Biology of Aging	Spring

Genetics, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Number	Course	How often
221/L	Introduction to Research in Biology- Seafood forensics (<i>CURE</i>)	Fall
405	Human reproduction in social context	Varies
425	Human Genetics	Fall
427	Human Diversity and Population Genetics	Fall
430	Introduction to Biochemistry	Every semester
434	Molecular Biology	Fall
454	Evolutionary Genetics	Fall
525/L	Computational Analyses and Resources in Genomics/Lab	Fall
528/L	Systems Biology of Genetic Regulation/Lab	Spring
590	The Genome Editing Revolution	Every other Spring

Neurobiology and behavior

Number	Course	How often
278/L	Animal Behavior/Lab	Every semester
450	Neurobiology	Every other Spring
455	Behavioral Neuroscience	Spring
547	Synaptic Plasticity	Spring

Plant Biology

Number	Course	How often
271/L	Plant Biology/Lab	Every other Spring
272/L	Local Flora/Lab	Fall
436H	Plant Genetics, Development, and Biotechnology (Honors)	Spring

Animal Biology

None	Course	How often
278/L	Animal Behavior/Lab	Every semester
350	Oceanography	Every semester
451/L	Comparative Physiology/Lab	Spring
456	Marine Phytoplankton	
457	Marine Biology	Spring
474/L	Evolution of Vertebrate Life/Lab	Fall
475/L	Biology of Marine Animals/Lab	Every other Spring
476/L	Avian Biology/Lab	Every other Spring

Ecology and Evolution

Number	Course	How often
214H	Mathematics of Evolutionary Processes (Honors)	Every other Spring
255H/L	Honors Evolution of Extraordinary Adaptations Lab (Honors) (CURE)	Every other Spring
290	Environmental Microbiology	Fall
454	Evolutionary Genetics	Fall
462	Marine Ecology	Every other Fall
465	Global Biodiversity & Macroecology	Fall
469	Behavioral Ecology	Fall
471/L	Evolutionary Mechanisms/Lab	Spring
474/L	Evolution of Vertebrate Life/Lab	Fall
514H	Evolution and Development (Honors)	Fall
553/L	Mathematical & Computational Models in Biology/Lab	Fall
568	Disease Ecology & Evolution	Spring

Quantitative Biology

Number	Course	How often
214H	Mathematics of Evolutionary Processes (Honors)	Every other Spring
224H/L	Mathematics of Life (Honors)/Lab	Every other Spring
431	Biophysics	Fall
454	Evolutionary Genetics	Fall
465	Global Biodiversity & Macroecology	Fall
522	Programming in Biology <i>(counting only as a programming/comp class)</i>	
525/L	Computational Analyses and Resources in Genomics/Lab	Fall
528/L	Systems Biology of Genetic Regulation/Lab	Spring
553/L	Mathematical & Computational Models in Biology/Lab	Fall
534	Mathematical Modeling in Biology	
542	Light Microscopy	Fall
Comp 555	Bioalgorithms	

Courses that will probably not be offered in the near future

Number	Course	Comments
213	Evolution & Life	
217	The Physician's Garden	
222	Programming in Biology	
226/L	Mathematical Methods for QBiol	
256	Mountain Biodiversity	Probably not in the near future (ENEC 256)
294H	Service learning - APPLES	
273/L	Horticulture	
274/L	Plant Diversity/Lab	
277/L	Vertebrate Field Zoology	
410	Principles and Methods of Teaching Biology	
423/L	Laboratory Experiments in Genetics	
424	Microbial Ecology	
441/L	Vertebrate Embryology/Lab	
444	Molecular Basis of Disease	
446	Unsolved Problems in Cellular Biology	
453	Animal societies	

458	Sensory Neurobiology	
461	Fundamentals of Ecology	
463	Field Ecology	
464	Global Change Ecology	
472/L	Plant Taxonomy	
473/L	Mammalian Morphology and Adaption	
478/L	Invertebrate Paleontology	
501	Ethical Issues in the Life Sciences	
522	Bacterial genetics	
524	Host-Microbe Interactions	
526H	Computational Genetics (Honors)	
529	Clinical Aspects of Human Genetics	Probably not in the near future (GENT 635)
535	Lab in Molecular Biology Techniques	
537	Biotechnology and Synthetic Biology	
551	Comparative Biomechanics	
552	Behavioral Endocrinology	
554	Introduction to Computational Neuroscience	
555/L	Paleobotany	
556	Evolution of Animal Flight	
561	Ecological Plant Geography	
562	Statistical Analysis in Environmental Science	
563	Statistical Analysis in Ecology and Evolution	
567	Evolutionary Ecology	