Lower Division

BIOL 100 Perspectives in Biology (5)
Topics and issues in modern biology and their relevance to society. Four hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Lab fee required. GE B2/B3

BIOL 103 Principles of Ecology (5)
Basic ecological relationships of organisms to each other and to their physical environment. Topics include limiting factors, population dynamics, and evolutionary processes. Emphasis is placed on applications to the human condition. Four hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Lab fee required. GE B2/B3

BIOL 201 Introductory Biology - Cells (5)
Cell structure and function with emphasis on molecular aspects. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 and completed or exempt from MATH remediation. Lab fee required. NOTE: Students are encouraged to take BIOL 100 before BIOL 201 if they lack a firm background in biology because a grade of C- or better in BIOL 201 is required to advance into upper division Biology courses.

BIOL 202 Introductory Biology - Animals (5)
Function, form, and diversity of animals. Emphasis placed on the solutions to problems of survival and reproduction and the evolutionary relationships among various animal groups. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 and completed or exempt from MATH remediation. Lab fee required.

BIOL 203 Introductory Biology - Plants (5)
Plant structure, function, and diversity with emphasis placed on ecological and evolutionary aspects of seed plants. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 and completed or exempt from MATH remediation. Lab fee required.

BIOL 220 Current Health Problems (3)
A study of selected factors pertaining to current public health problems, with emphasis on the physiological and sociological effects of the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs; developing self-awareness for health by appropriate utilization of the health system, wellness as a life-long concept through health information services; fostering physical fitness and knowledge of nutrition, especially for children and young adults; and thorough stress management. Three hours lecture. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Prerequisite: Completion of General Education Area B. Fulfills requirement for teaching credential.

BIOL 250 Human Anatomy (5)
Major structures of the human body with an emphasis on the integration of histology and gross anatomy of the skeletal, muscular, nervous, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, excretory, reproductive and endocrine systems. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisite: Completed or exempt from MATH remediation.

BIOL 255 Human Physiology (5)
Functions of major body systems with emphasis on mechanics, control, and integration. Discussion of the nervous, muscle, circulatory, respiratory, urinary, reproductive, gastrointestinal and endocrine systems. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Five hours lecture. Prerequisites: BIOL 250 or 201 and CHEM 150 or higher.

BIOL 256 Laboratory in Human Physiology (1)
Laboratory investigations into the functions of major systems of the human body. Experiments dealing with the physiology of muscles, the circulatory and respiratory systems, metabolism and body fluids are included. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Three hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Co-requisite: BIOL 255.

BIOL 260 Microbiology (5)
Physiochemical organization and function of microorganisms including bacteria, viruses, protozoa, helminths, and fungi. Concepts of pathogenic microbiology are emphasized in both lecture and laboratory. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: Completed or exempt from MATH remediation. Lab fee required.

BIOL 270 Principles of Nutrition (3)
Fundamentals of human nutrition based on the chemical and physiological processes of nutrient selection, digestion, absorption, and metabolism. Principles of nutrition information encountered in the public domain with emphasis on weight management. Selected coverage of nutritionally influenced disease processes across the life span. The special nutritional needs of children, pregnant women, and athletes are discussed. Three hours lecture. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Prerequisite: Satisfaction of General Education Area B.

BIOL 289 Experiential Prior Learning (variable units)
Evaluation and assessment of learning that has occurred as a result of prior off-campus experience relevant to the Biology curriculum. Requires complementary academic study and/or documentation. Available by petition only, on a credit, no-credit basis. Not open to post-graduate students. Interested students should contact the Biology Department office.
Upper Division

Biol 301 Research Design and Analysis (5)
Construction of basic experimental designs based upon literature and data analyses. Students develop and participate in experimental designs of selected research projects including measurements, statistical analyses, and interpretation of data. Special emphasis placed upon the written presentation of the investigation. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Recommended for all upper division elective courses. Prerequisites: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better), 202 and 203. Recommended: MATH 140 or higher.

Biol 304 General Genetics (4)
Physical and chemical basis of inheritance in cells, individuals, and populations, including molecular mechanisms of heredity. Four hours lecture. Prerequisites: CHEM 150 or 211, 211L and BIOL 201 (with a C- or better) and 202 or 203 or CHEM 150 or 211, 211L and BIOL 201 (with a C- or better), 255 and 260.

Biol 305 General Physiology (4)
General aspects of cellular and organismic function in animals and plants with special emphasis on physical and chemical properties that regulate physiological processes. Topics include biological solutions, membrane characteristics, fluid dynamics, gas flow, material exchange, energy acquisition and utilization, and heat exchange. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: CHEM 150 or 211, 211L and BIOL 201 (with a C- or better) and 202 or 203 or CHEM 150 or 211, 211L and BIOL 201 (with a C- or better), 255 and 260.

Biol 306 General Ecology (4)
Relationships between organisms and their environment with emphasis placed on evolutionary mechanisms and terrestrial ecosystems. Topics will illustrate ecological principles and methods. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better), 202 and 203 and CHEM 150 or 211, 211L.

Biol 312 General Microbiology (5)
A comprehensive overview of the biology of microorganisms. Topics include microbial cell structure and function, physiology, metabolism, genetics, diversity, and ecology. Applied aspects of microbiology are also covered such as biotechnology, the role of microorganisms in environmental processes, food, and medical microbiology. Laboratory emphasizes methods in bacteriology, microbial diversity, and a research project. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and CHEM 150 or 211, 211L.

Biol 316 Parasitology (4)
Biology of animal parasites of humans including their transmission and control; epidemiology of parasitic diseases and zoonosis and their impact on human welfare; laboratory methods of collection, examination, preparation, and identification of parasites. Three lectures and one three-hour laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better) and 202 or 250.

Biol 317 Medical Mycology (3)
Elementary principles of mycology. Isolation and identification techniques of the more common medically important human fungal parasites. Two hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisite: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better).

Biol 318 Immunology (4)
Study of organs, cells, and molecules responsible for the recognition and disposal of foreign materials that enter the body. Practical considerations and applications. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better); BIOL 319 recommended.

Biol 319 Hematology (4)
Study of formed elements of blood: hematopoiesis, maturation, and cell function. Introduction to blood dyscrasias. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better).

Biol 321 Plant Diversity (5)
Phylogeny and classification of vascular plants with emphasis on field recognition and identification of important plant families and genera characterizing the major floristic regions of California. Lectures review taxonomic diversity, evolutionary relationships, and eco-geographic patterns of western floras. Laboratory includes weekend field trips for which a fee is required. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better) and 203.

Biol 322 Vertebrate Diversity (5)
Diversity, evolution, and biology of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, with special emphasis on the biology and identification of local species. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 301.

Biol 323 Studies in Animal Rehabilitation (5)
Study and practicum of the repair, care, and release of injured animals; studies of the life histories, ecology, and biology of birds, particularly raptors. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 301 or consent of instructor.
BIOL 323L Practicum in Animal Rehabilitation (2)
Practicum in the repair, care and release of injured animals; present conservation programs to schools and groups. Six hours laboratory. Can be repeated. Not applicable to the major or minor. Credit/No Credit. Prerequisite: BIOL 323 or consent of instructor.

BIOL 324 Insect Biology and Diversity (5)
Comparative study of aquatic and terrestrial insects with emphasis placed on terrestrial insect diversity. Laboratory focuses on comparative morphology, phylogeny, classification, and student projects. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 201 (with a C- or better) and 202. Lab fee required.

BIOL 330 Molecular Genetics (5)
Evolution and molecular organization of the cell, macromolecules of organisms and gene expression. Emphasis placed on recombinant DNA techniques, genetic engineering and biotechnology. Five hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 304.

BIOL 342 Cell Physiology (5)
Discussions of current topics in cellular physiology with emphasis placed on bioenergetics, enzyme kinetics and regulation of cellular activity. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 301.

BIOL 351 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy (5)
Classical anatomy and the analysis of form in terms of the phylogenetic history of the major vertebrate groups: fishes, amphibians, turtles, lizards and snakes, birds and mammals. A survey of the vertebrate groups is followed by the study of the skeletal, muscular, digestive, respiratory, circulatory, urogenital, nervous and sensory systems. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 301. Lab fee required.

BIOL 355 Human Pathophysiology (5)
Human physiology with emphasis on the mechanisms of disease. Topics include physical responses to injury, disturbances of homeostasis in major body systems, and both physical and chemical stressors. Five hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 255 or 357.

BIOL 357 Human Physiology (5)
Human physiology with an integrative approach to organ system function. Topics include the nervous, muscle, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, renal, reproductive, and endocrine systems. Laboratory emphasis will be placed on quantitative measurement of physiological responses in the major organ systems. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and either 250 or 305.

BIOL 360 Bioinformatics (5)
Introduction to basic concepts, methods and tools used in bioinformatics and their application to biological sequence and structure data analysis. Topics include (but not limited to) bioinformatics databases, sequence and structure alignment, motif and domain finding, gene, RNA and protein structure prediction, protein-protein interaction, microarray technology and data analysis, genome annotation and comparative genomics. Three hours lecture six hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 330.

BIOL 362 Plant Physiology (5)
Terrestrial plant physiology at the molecular, cellular, and organ scales relating to plant physiological and structural traits that facilitate the maintenance of homeostasis, determine productivity, and that represent key adaptations among vascular plants. Central topics covered include issues of scale, transport, water balance, energy metabolism, growth and development, regulation, and reproduction. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 301. Lab fee required.

BIOL 365 Biochemistry (5)
Advanced study of biochemistry. Emphasis includes metabolic pathways in living systems, structure and function of enzymes, regulation of enzyme activity, and coenzymes and cofactors. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 306.

BIOL 377 Special Topics in Biology (1-5)
Topics of current interest in biology. Although repeatable, a maximum of five units may be applied toward the major or minor, subject to advisor approval. Not necessarily restricted to Biology majors.

BIOL 404 Conservation Biology (5)
Study of problems related to biological conservation, including endangered species issues, environmental laws, and mitigation solutions required by regulations. Includes site visits to conservation areas, collection of biological data, preparation of assessment reports, and study environmental impact reports. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 306.

BIOL 406 Advanced Ecology (5)
Advanced study of ecology. Emphasis includes evolutionary perspectives of physical and biological environments, population dynamics, and ecosystem stability. Laboratory emphasis will be placed on analytical methods used in the field. Laboratory includes weekend field trips. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 306. Field trip fee required.

BIOL 412 Microbial Physiology (5)
This course focuses on the study of microbial structure and function. In particular, students will learn about fermentation procedures, bioremediation with the help of microbes, composting, and detection of antibiotic producing microbes, use of microbes to supply fresh drinking water, safe disposal of sewage, and how microbes are used in food, beer and wine production. Two hours lecture nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 312.
BIOL 414 Medical Microbiology (5)
Isolation and identification procedures and the clinical significance of medically important microorganisms (mainly bacteria). Key points of these organisms' epidemiology and pathogenic mechanisms will be discussed. Skills concerning the isolation and identification of medically important bacteria are emphasized in laboratory. Three hours lecture and six hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisite: BIOL 260 or 312.

BIOL 424 Evolutionary Genetics (5)
Contributions of molecular genetics to the understanding of evolution. Emphasis is placed on the processes of mutation, selection, and random genetic events as they affect the genetic architecture of natural populations and the process of speciation. Topics include quantitative inheritance, population genetics, phylogenetics, conservation genetics, and bioinformatics. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 304.

BIOL 430 Advanced Molecular Genetics (5)
Advanced concepts of molecular genetics, including DNA damage and repair, homologous recombination, transposition, alternative splicing and posttranscriptional regulation of gene expression. Additional topics that contribute to an understanding of gene expression will include recent advances in genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 304.

BIOL 433 Developmental Biology (5)
Development and growth of organisms from fertilization to the establishment of organ systems. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 304. Lab fee required.

BIOL 440 Honors Practicum in the Teaching of Biology (3)
Theory and practice in teaching biology at the undergraduate level. Regular meetings with the faculty sponsor and supervised experience in course design, lecturing, tutoring, laboratory preparation and delivery, administering and scoring examinations, and leading classroom discussions. Two hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisites: Open to biology majors by faculty invitation only, Senior status and a GPA above 3.2.

BIOL 451 Functional Analysis of Vertebrate Structure (5)
Anatomy of vertebrates interpreted in terms of function including support, running, jumping, digging, climbing, swimming, flying and feeding. These functions are studied in their environmental context and as evolutionary adaptations. Independent student project will focus on one of these adaptations. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 351. Lab fee required.

BIOL 455 Physiological Measurements (5)
Physiological measurement techniques focusing on data collection and analysis of selected vertebrate organ systems. Discussion topics include electrical properties of nerve, cardiac and skeletal muscle tissues, pulmonary and metabolic function, and sensory physiology. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the mechanisms of how each system works and the benefits and limitations of the measurement techniques currently available. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 255 or 357, BIOL 301 and 305. Lab fee required.

BIOL 462 Physiological Plant Ecology (5)
The physiological basis of growth, reproduction, survival, abundance, and geographical distribution of plants. The ecological context of these processes will be examined by considering how plants are affected by interactions with the physical, chemical, and living components of their environment. Topics include the adaptive significance and evolutionary origins of plant functional traits. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 301 and 305. Lab fee required.

BIOL 470 Evolution (5)
Study of the processes of organic evolution. Five hours lecture. Prerequisites: Open only to senior Biology majors who have completed BIOL 301, 304, 305, and 306.

BIOL 477 Special Topics in Biology (1-5)
Contemporary or interdisciplinary problems of current interest. Typical topical areas might include pollution, population or integrative biological phenomena. Although repeatable for different topics, a maximum of five units may be applied toward the major or minor, subject to advisor approval. Not necessarily restricted to Biology majors.

BIOL 480 Research (1-5)
Independent research: the student formulates a problem and research design in consultation with the faculty, conducts the investigation, compiles and analyzes the data, and presents the findings in written form. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Although repeatable, a maximum of five units may be applied towards the major or minor. Available by consent of instructor.

BIOL 489 Experiential Prior Learning (variable units)
Evaluation and assessment of learning which has occurred as a result of prior off-campus experience relevant to the curriculum of the department. Requires complementary academic study and/or documentation. Available by petition only, on a credit, no-credit basis. Although repeatable, a maximum of five units may be applied toward the major or minor. Not open to post-baccalaureate students. Interested students should contact the department office.
**BIOL 490 Senior Seminar (3)**
Student original research presentations and discussion of current topics in biology. Three hours discussion. Prerequisites: Open only to senior Biology majors who have completed BIOL 301 and 40 units of Biology courses.

**BIOL 490B Senior Seminar (3)**
Student presentation of original research: Open only to senior Human Biological Sciences majors who have completed 30 units of upper division coursework specific to the major.

**BIOL 496 Internship in Biology (1-5)**
Internships may be arranged by the department with various agencies, businesses, or industries. The assignments and coordination of work projects with conferences and readings, as well as course credits, evaluation, and grading are the responsibility of the faculty liaison (or course instructor) working with the field supervisor. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Department will determine credits and application of credit. Although repeatable, a maximum of five units may be applied toward the major or minor.

**BIOL 497 Cooperative Education (variable units)**
The Cooperative Education program offers a sponsored learning experience in a work setting, integrated with a field analysis seminar. The field experience is contracted by the Cooperative Education office on an individual basis, subject to approval by the department. The field experience, including the seminar and reading assignments, is supervised by the cooperative education coordinator and the faculty liaison (or course instructor), working with the field supervisor. Students are expected to enroll in the course for at least two quarters. The determination of course credits, evaluation, and grading are the responsibility of the departmental faculty. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Department will determine application of credit.

**Graduate Courses**

**BIOL 505 Current Topics in Biology (3)**
Current topics of special interest to graduate students in Biology. Topics and content will vary as announced but will include contemporary or interdisciplinary areas of interest. Two hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Repeatable. A maximum of 21 units allowed. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor and an upper division course appropriate to the topic.

**BIOL 540 Graduate Practicum in the Teaching of Biology (3)**
Theory and practice in teaching biology at the undergraduate level. Regular meetings with the faculty sponsor and supervised experience in course design, lecturing, tutoring, laboratory preparation and delivery, administering and scoring examinations, and leading classroom discussions. One hour lecture and six hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

**BIOL 557 Advanced Topics in Biology (5)**
Laboratory or field-based graduate level biological topics in a specialized area of contemporary biology, such as genetics, ecology, microbiology, physiology, behavioral biology, systematics, or molecular biology. Topics will be announced. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Two hours lecture and nine hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor and an upper division course appropriate to the topic. Lab fee required.

**BIOL 580 Research (1-8)**
Independent research: the student formulates a problem and research design in consultation with the faculty, conducts the investigation, compiles and analyzes the data, and presents the findings in written form. Repeatable. Although repeatable, a maximum of five units may be applied towards the Master’s degree. Available by consent of the advisor.

**BIOL 605 Seminar in Biology (3)**
Student presentation and discussion of reviews and reports focusing on current literature and scientific research in the areas of Biology. Two hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Available by consent of the instructor.

**BIOL 680 Non-Thesis Examination (1)**
Comprehensive examination of graduate-level breadth administered by the Departmental Graduate Committee. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.

**BIOL 690 Thesis (1-8)**
Laboratory, field investigation, or a combination of both investigating a research problem. Repeatable. Although repeatable, a maximum of eight units may be applied towards the Master’s degree. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.

**BIOL 691 Thesis Defense (1)**
Preparation, completion (including final submission to the library), and oral defense of a written thesis approved by the Thesis Committee and the Departmental Graduate Committee. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.