

BIOLOGY

Lower Division

BIOL 1009 Perspectives in Biology (3)

Topics and issues in modern biology and their relevance to society. Two hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Lab fee required. Satisfies general education requirement B2.

BIOL 1039 Principles of Ecology (3)

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. Two hours lectures and three hours laboratory. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Lab fee required. Satisfies general education requirement B2.

BIOL 2010 Introductory Biology – Cells (4)

Cell structure and function with emphasis on molecular aspects. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: ENGL 1109 or equivalent and MATH 1050 or equivalent. Lab fee required. NOTE: Students are encouraged to take BIOL 1009 before BIOL 2010 if they lack a firm background in biology because a grade of C- or better in BIOL 2010 is required to advance into upper division Biology courses.

BIOL 2110 Introductory Biology – Animals (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: ENGL 1109 or equivalent and MATH 1050 or equivalent completed or exempt from Math remediation. Lab fee required.

BIOL 2120 Introductory Biology – Plants (4)

Plant structure, function, and diversity with emphasis placed on ecological and evolutionary aspects of seed plants. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: ENGL 1109 or equivalent and MATH 1050 or equivalent. Lab fee required.

BIOL 2210 Human Anatomy (4)

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. Two hours lecture, three-hour laboratory, and one-hour discussion. Prerequisites: Completed or exempt from Math and English remediation. Lab fee required.

BIOL 2220 Human Physiology (4)

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. 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 lecture and three-hour laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 2210 or 2010 and CHEM 1000 or equivalent.

BIOL 2230 Microbiology (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisite: CHEM 1000 or equivalent, completed or exempt from Math and English remediation, BIOL 2010 recommended. Lab fee required.

BIOL 2240 Principles of Nutrition (2)

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. Two hours lecture. Not acceptable for the BS in Biology degree or the Biology minor. Prerequisite: Satisfaction of General Education Area B.

BIOL 2600 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. Two hours lecture. Not acceptable for the major or minor. Prerequisite: Completion of General Education Area B. Fulfills requirement for teaching credential.

BIOL 2901 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 3010 General Genetics (3)**

Physical and chemical basis of inheritance in cells, individuals, and populations, including molecular mechanisms of heredity. Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: CHEM 1000, BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), and 2110 or 2120 or for BA Human Biological Sciences majors CHEM 1000, BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230.

BIOL 3020 General Physiology (3)

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. Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: CHEM 1000, BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110, and 2120 or for BA Human Biological Sciences majors CHEM 1000, BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230.

BIOL 3110 General Ecology (3)

Relationships between organisms and their environment with emphasis placed on evolutionary mechanisms and terrestrial ecosystems. Topics will illustrate ecological principles and methods. Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110, and 2120 and CHEM 1000.

BIOL 3120 Research Design and Analysis (4)

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, three hours laboratory, and one-hour discussion. Recommended for all upper division elective courses. Prerequisites: BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110 and 2120. Recommended: MATH 1209 or higher.

BIOL 3210 Human Ecology (3)

Ecological relationships of organisms to each other and to the environment with particular focus on the effect that humans have on the natural world. Topics include degradation of ecosystems, pollution, and global climate change. Efforts to protect these systems and conserve the biota of the world will be presented. Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: BIOL 2210, 2220, and 2230.

BIOL 3220 Human Pathophysiology (4)

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. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: BIOL 2220 or 3550.

BIOL 3410 General Microbiology (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisites: CHEM 1000, and BIOL 3120, or CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230.

BIOL 3420 Food Microbiology (4)

Microorganisms of importance in foods, their metabolic activities, and the kinetics involved. Source of microbial contamination during food production, processing and storage. Microbial spoilage; foods as vectors of human pathogens. Conversions of raw foods by microorganisms into food products. Microbiological standards for regulatory and trade purposes. Laboratory focuses on developing skills in detecting and quantifying microorganisms and their toxins in foods. Application of colony and direct microscopic counts, most probable numbers, enzyme immunoassays, nucleic acid probes and computer modeling are used to understand the numbers and types of microorganisms or microbial end products in foods. Three hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 2010 and 2110.

BIOL 3430 Parasitology (3)

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 hours lecture. Prerequisite: CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110, and 2120, or CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230.

BIOL 3530 Immunology (3)

Study of organs, cells, and molecules responsible for the recognition and disposal of foreign materials that enter the body. Practical considerations and applications. Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110, and 2120, or for the BA in Human Biological Sciences CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230. BIOL 3540 recommended.

BIOL 3540 Hematology (3)

Study of formed elements of blood: hematopoiesis, maturation, and cell function. Introduction to blood dyscrasias. Four hours lecture. Prerequisite: CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2110, and 2120, or for the BA in Human Biological Sciences CHEM 1000, and BIOL 2010 (with a C- or better), 2220, and 2230.

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BIOL 3550 Human Physiology (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and either BIOL 2210 or 3020.

BIOL 3700 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 4100 Evolution (3)

Study of the processes of organic evolution. Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: Open only to senior Biology majors who have completed BIOL 3010, 3020, and 3110 or 3210.

BIOL 4200 Medical Microbiology (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Lab fee required. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3410 or for the BA in Human Biological Sciences BIOL 2230 and 3220.

BIOL 4310 Conservation Biology (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3110.

BIOL 4320 Advanced Ecology (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3110. Field trip fee required.

BIOL 4330 Behavioral Ecology (4)

Animal behavior in an evolutionary and ecological context. Topics include: The comparative method, foraging and decision-making theory, anti-predator behavior, animal communication, social behaviors and systems, competition, cooperation, altruism, deceit, honesty, mating systems, parent-offspring conflict, kin selection. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3110.

BIOL 4340 Chemical Ecology (4)

This course focuses on the ecological interactions of organisms involving chemical communication. Specifically, students will learn about chemical involvement in inter/intraspecific communication in regards to feeding, pollination, host-plant selection, microbial interactions, defense, mate finding, and social communication. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3110.

BIOL 4350 Environmental Microbiology (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120, 3110, and 3410 or for the BA in Human Biological Sciences BIOL 2230, 3210, and 3220.

BIOL 4410 Entomology (4)

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 3120. Lab fee required.

BIOL 4420 Plant Diversity (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3110.

BIOL 4430 Vertebrate Diversity (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3110.

BIOL 4440 Molecular Genetics (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3010 or BIOL 3010 and 3220.

BIOL 4450 Bioinformatics (4)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3201 and 3010.

BIOL 4460 Evolutionary Genetics (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3010.

BIOL 4510 Comparative Vertebrate Structure (4)

Comparative study of both structure and function in vertebrate systems. This course will cover skeletal, muscular, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, excretory, nervous, and sensory systems in an evolutionary and adaptive context. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3020. Lab fee required.

BIOL 4520 Physiological Measurements (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 2220 or 3550, BIOL 3120 and 3020. Lab fee required.

BIOL 4530 Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology (4)

This course presents organisms and the physical characteristics of the environment as an interacting and integrated system. Topics covered are the climate and geologic factors that affect ecosystems. The central processes that govern ecosystem function are covered including water, carbon, and nutrient cycles. An emphasis will be placed on how ecosystems are perturbed by environmental changes. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3110. Lab fee required.

BIOL 4540 Physiological Plant Ecology (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120, 3020, and 3110. Lab fee required.

BIOL 4550 Plant Structure and Function (4)

Anatomy of plants as related to plant function. Topics include development and reproduction, the capture of light and nutrients, transport of water and solutes, storage of water and carbohydrates, and biomechanics. The evolutionary history and ecological context of these traits will also be examined as well as the use of plant structure in predicting plant function. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: BIOL 3120 and 3020.

BIOL 4560 Plant Pathology (4)

Introduction to the main groups of pathogens that cause plant disease (bacteria, fungi, oomycetes, nematodes, viruses), how they are spread, and how they affect plant health, growth and development. Additional topics include: plant disease diagnosis, plant disease control, factors influencing disease development, and examples of how plant pathogens have influenced human history and culture. 150 minutes lecture/150 minutes laboratory. Prerequisite: BIOL 3120 and 3410.

BIOL 4700 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.

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BIOL 4880 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 invitation of instructor.

BIOL 4860 Internship in Biology (1-5) (BIOL 496)

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 4870 Cooperative Education (1-5) (BIOL 497)

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.

BIOL 4910 Senior Seminar (1)

Student original research presentations and discussion of current topics in biology. One-hour discussion. Prerequisites: Open only to senior Biology majors who have completed BIOL 3120 and 40 units of Biology courses.

BIOL 4920 Senior Seminar (1)

Student presentation of original research. One-hour discussion. Open only to senior Human Biological Sciences majors who have completed 30 units of upper division coursework specific to the major.

BIOL 4931 Experiential Prior Learning (1-3)

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.

Graduate Courses

BIOL 5010 Current Topics in Biology (2)

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. Repeatable. A maximum of 16 units allowed. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and an upper division course appropriate to the topic.

BIOL 5100 Advanced Experimental Design and Analysis (3)

Course covers how to effectively communicate biological science to the scientific community, effective methodology in experimental design, proposal writing, including writing specific aims and creating a budget. Note, writing is an important component of this course and students are expected to be prepared for Master's level writing course content and requirements. Two hours lecture, one-hour discussion, and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

BIOL 5710 Advanced Topics in Biology (4)

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. Three hours lecture and three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor and an upper division course appropriate to the topic. Lab fee required.

BIOL 5901 Research (1-3)

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 5 units may be applied towards the Master's degree. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the advisor.

BIOL 5911 Graduate Practicum in the Teaching of Biology (2)

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 three hours laboratory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

BIOL 6010 Seminar in Biology (2)

Student presentation and discussion of reviews and reports focusing on current literature and scientific research in ecology and evolutionary biology. Two hours discussion. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.

BIOL 6901 Non-Thesis Examination (1)

Comprehensive examination of graduate-level breadth administered by the Departmental Graduate Committee. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.

BIOL 6911 Thesis (1-3)

Laboratory, field investigation, or a combination of both investigating a research problem. Repeatable. Although repeatable, a maximum of 5 units may be applied towards the Master's degree. Prerequisites: Approved petition for advancement to candidacy.

BIOL 6921 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.