Department of Biological Sciences

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A major revolution is occurring in the field of biological sciences. Biology is undergoing unprecedented technological advances in biochemistry, biophysics, cell biology, genetics, molecular biology, developmental biology, neuroscience and computational biology. Carnegie Mellon’s Department of Biological Sciences is nationally recognized as one of the outstanding departments in these areas. Advances in basic research are already being used to solve problems, not only in medicine and public health, but also in areas such as agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and in industrial and pharmaceutical manufacturing processes. The department provides its students with an education that has both intellectual breadth and depth of exposure to modern research biology. This education can be used to gain employment immediately after graduation in government, industry or academic research laboratories, or to pursue graduate studies in a variety of areas such as science, medicine, public health, law, or business. A degree in biological sciences provides excellent preparation for medical school or other graduate programs in the health professions. These students are aided by the Carnegie Mellon Health Professions Program (HPP), an advisory and resource service for all Carnegie Mellon students who are considering careers in the health care field. (See the HPP site (http://coursescatalog.web.cmu.edu/aboutcmu/undergraduateoptions/healthprofessionsprogram) section in this catalog or www.cmu.edu/hpp (http://www.cmu.edu/hpp) for more information.)

The department offers a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Biological Sciences. This program has a distinctive core curriculum that provides a foundation in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and physics. In addition to the core courses, the program includes six biology electives, free electives as well as humanities, social science and fine arts electives. With these electives, students can shape a degree program according to their own interests and career goals. For students who have a particular interest in a particular field of biology and wish to have a specialized focus, the department offers options in biochemistry, biophysics, cell biology, computational biology, developmental biology, genetics, molecular biology and neuroscience that provide the relevant training in each area. The options are especially recommended for students who are considering graduate school in one of these areas.

In this exciting era that includes the influence of biology and the life sciences on many fields from medicine to law, the in-depth exposure to multiple disciplines provides opportunities for students to prepare for involvement at the forefront of emerging new fields, markets, and policy changes. The Department of Biological Sciences at Carnegie Mellon is working at these new interfaces through interdisciplinary research and educational programs. Innovative interdisciplinary degrees which are offered by the department include the inter-college B.S. degree in Neuroscience as well as the unified B.S. degree in Biological Sciences and Psychology. Students also pursue interests at the interface between the arts and sciences through the Bachelor of Science and Arts (B.S.A.) degree program combining biological sciences or neurobiology with a discipline in the College of Fine Arts. A stand-alone Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree is available for students who wish to expand their educational training into other fields. Many students choose to broaden their education by pursing minors and additional majors in disciplines throughout the university, not just within the Mellon College of Science.

One of the most important features of the Department of Biological Sciences is the opportunity for undergraduate students to interact with faculty. Providing a solid foundation to scientific practice is critical; therefore, the department offers first-year students a variety of inquiry-based, hands-on courses that incorporate a wide range of topics and interests within Biological Sciences. These courses kick-start the transformation of science students to scientists. We encourage our students to get to know their faculty through one of these courses, or through mentored, independent research projects in the faculty laboratories. Our faculty members are prominent research scientists who also teach beginning and advanced courses. The upper level teaching laboratories are located in the same building as the faculty research laboratories and share scientific equipment. We encourage students to make themselves aware of the research areas of the faculty and to develop research projects with faculty. While such research is usually most important in the senior year, it may begin earlier in a student’s undergraduate training. The department has an Honors Program in Research Biology to facilitate a more intensive involvement in research for eligible students. During the past four years, more than 85 percent of the undergraduate biology majors have worked with faculty on their research and, in some cases, have been co-authors of research papers and have given presentations at national meetings.

Since the fall of 2011, the Department of Biological Sciences has offered a B.S. degree in Biological Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University in Doha, Qatar. Students enrolled in either of these degree programs will also complete the requirements outlined below. One of the required courses for the CMU-Qatar program is offered through a collaboration with the Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar. For a listing of how the degree requirements are fulfilled for students enrolled in Doha, please consult the CMU-Qatar website (www.qatar.cmu.edu/curriculum-bs (https://www.qatar.cmu.edu/curriculum-bs/)).

Program Outcomes

Upon graduation recipients of the B.S. or B.A. degree in Biological Sciences will:

• Use the basic concepts and experimental, computational, and theoretical methods of the core fields of science, mathematics and technology.
• Use foundational knowledge from the natural sciences and mathematics for advanced work in the discipline.
• Understand and apply the scientific method.
• Apply disciplinary knowledge toward solving problems.
• Use modern methods for finding and sharing current scientific information and primary literature.
• Convey information including scientific content in written and oral formats within Biological Sciences.
• Work in multidisciplinary and culturally diverse teams.
• Demonstrate proper values and ethics within Biological Sciences, the University, and the larger scientific community.

B.S. Biological Sciences

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biological Sciences is built around a core program and elective units as detailed in the following section.

Degree Requirements:

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<td>03-xxx Biological Sciences Electives ¹</td>
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Total Biology units: 131

¹ Details on electives can be found in the "Biological Sciences Electives" section (see below).

Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science

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<td>21-120 Differential and Integral Calculus</td>
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<td>33-121 Physics I for Science Students</td>
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<td>or 33-141 Physics I for Engineering Students</td>
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The following specifications apply to Biological Sciences electives:

- Majors entering CMU and majoring in Biological Sciences (or affiliated majors) in the Fall of 2015 or beyond will fulfill the MCS Technical Breadth Requirements as follows:

  1. Life Sciences: any courses in this category except for the 03-xxx courses.
  2. Physical Sciences: 09-105, 09-106, 33-121 and 33-122
  3. Math/CS/Stats: 21-120 and (21-122 or 21-124)
  4. STEM Elective: will be filled by courses above or any STEM course from the approved list.

- Up to three interdisciplinary electives may count as biology electives.
- Up to 18 units of 03-445 Undergraduate Research and/or 03-545 Honors Research may count as general biology electives; a maximum of 36 units can count for the minimum units required for graduation.
- Courses in biology taken through cross-registration or study abroad at another university may count as electives if prior permission is obtained from the Carnegie Mellon Department of Biological Sciences advisor.

### Total Chemistry units

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<td>09-207</td>
<td>Techniques in Quantitative Analysis</td>
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### MCU Technical Breadth Requirements

- Majors entering CMU and majoring in Biological Sciences (or affiliated majors) in the Fall of 2015 or beyond will fulfill the MCS Technical Breadth Requirements as follows:

- **Life Sciences:** any courses in this category except for the 03-xxx courses.
- **Physical Sciences:** 09-105, 09-106, 33-121 and 33-122
- **Math/CS/Stats:** 21-120 and (21-122 or 21-124)
- **STEM Elective:** will be filled by courses above or any STEM course from the approved list.

### Biological Sciences Electives

The following specifications apply to Biological Sciences electives:

- At least 18 units must be at the 03-3xx level or above, exclusive of 03-445 and 03-545.
- Up to three interdisciplinary electives may count as biology electives.
- Up to 18 units of 03-445 Undergraduate Research and/or 03-545 Honors Research may count as general biology electives; a maximum of 36 units can count for the minimum units required for graduation.
- Courses in biology taken through cross-registration or study abroad at another university may count as electives if prior permission is obtained from the Carnegie Mellon Department of Biological Sciences advisor.

### Departmental Electives Group

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<td>Evolution</td>
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<td>Basic Science to Modern Medicine</td>
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<td>Neurobiology of Disease</td>
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<td>Structure and Function of the Human Body</td>
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<td>Molecules to Mind</td>
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### Interdisciplinary Electives Group

Up to three of the following courses may count as biology electives:

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<td>Automation of Scientific Research</td>
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<td>Bioimage Informatics</td>
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<td>Bioorganic Chemistry: Nucleic Acids and Carbohydrates</td>
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<td>Bioorganic Chemistry: Peptides, Proteins and Combinatorial Chemistry</td>
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<td>09-521</td>
<td>Metals in Biology: Function and Reactivity</td>
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<td>09-535</td>
<td>Applied topics in Macromolecular and Biophysical Techniques</td>
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<td>09-803</td>
<td>Chemistry of Gene Expression</td>
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<td>Concepts of Mathematics</td>
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<td>Biological Foundations of Behavior</td>
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### Options for the B.S. in Biological Sciences

Students who wish to specialize in a particular area of biology can do so through a set of departmentally defined options. Options are not required and need not be declared. The elective courses required for each of the options are listed below.
Biochemistry Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-740 Advanced Biochemistry 12
21-259 Calculus in Three Dimensions or 21-260 Differential Equations 9
Any ONE of the following courses:
09-518 Bioorganic Chemistry: Nucleic Acids and Carbohydrates 9
09-519 Bioorganic Chemistry: Peptides, Proteins and Combinatorial Chemistry 9
09-521 Metals in Biology: Function and Reactivity 6
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-442 Molecular Biology 9
03-534 Biological Imaging and Fluorescence Spectroscopy 9
03-439 Introduction to Biophysics 10
03-871 Structural Biophysics 12

Biophysics Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-740 Advanced Biochemistry 12
03-439 Introduction to Biophysics 10
21-259 Calculus in Three Dimensions or 21-260 Differential Equations 9
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-534 Biological Imaging and Fluorescence Spectroscopy 9
03-871 Structural Biophysics 12

Cell Biology Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-350 Developmental Biology 9
03-741 Advanced Cell Biology 12
Any ONE of the following courses:
03-362 Cellular Neuroscience 9
03-390 Molecular and Cellular Immunology 9

Computational Biology Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-711 Computational Molecular Biology and Genomics 12
15-210 Parallel and Sequential Data Structures and Algorithms 12
Any ONE of the following courses:
36-247 Statistics for Lab Sciences 9
21-260 Differential Equations 9
21-241 Matrices and Linear Transformations 10
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-512 Computational Methods for Biological Modeling and Simulation 9
15-451 Algorithm Design and Analysis 12
09-560 Computational Chemistry 12

Developmental Biology Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-350 Developmental Biology 9
03-442 Molecular Biology 9
03-751 Advanced Developmental Biology and Human Health 12
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-326 Evolution of Regulatory Genomics 4.5
03-741 Advanced Cell Biology 12

Genetics Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-326 Evolution of Regulatory Genomics 4.5
03-327 Evolutionary Bioinformatics: Trees, Sequences and the Comparative Method 9
03-442 Molecular Biology 9
03-730 Advanced Genetics 12
6 Minimum grade of B in 03-330 or 03-220 required.
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-391 Microbiology 9

Molecular Biology Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-442 Molecular Biology 9
09-518 Bioorganic Chemistry: Nucleic Acids and Carbohydrates 9
03-726 Evolution of Regulatory Genomics 6
03-727 Evolutionary Bioinformatics: Trees, Sequences and the Comparative Method 12
Recommended Biology Electives:
03-390 Molecular and Cellular Immunology 9
03-391 Microbiology 9
03-730 Advanced Genetics 12

Neuroscience Option
Required Biology Electives:
03-362 Cellular Neuroscience 7 9
03-363 Systems Neuroscience 7 9
Any ONE of the following courses:
03-133 Neurobiology of Disease 9
03-350 Developmental Biology 9
03-365 Neural Correlates of Learning and Memory 9
03-366 Neuropharmacology: Drugs, Brain and Behavior 9
03-534 Biological Imaging and Fluorescence Spectroscopy 9
42-202 Physiology 9
85-219 Biological Foundations of Behavior 9
7 One of these courses must be completed at the Graduate Level (Complete either 03-762 or 03-763).

B.S. Biological Sciences/Neuroscience Track
The Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences/Neuroscience Track provides an option for those Biological Sciences majors who are interested in an intensive curricular focus in neuroscience. The requirements of the Track are the same as those listed for the B.S. in Biological Sciences with the following changes to the biological sciences elective requirements:

Degree Requirements:
03-362 Cellular Neuroscience 9
03-363 Systems Neuroscience 9
03-765 Advanced Neural Correlates of Learning and Memory 12

Plus three of the following electives:
03-133 Neurobiology of Disease 9
03-350 Developmental Biology 9
03-360/02-319 Genomics and Epigenetics of the Brain 9
03-366 Neuropharmacology: Drugs, Brain and Behavior 9
03-534 Biological Imaging and Fluorescence Spectroscopy 9
15-385 Introduction to Computer Vision 6
15-386 Neural Computation 9
42-202 Physiology 9
85-211 Cognitive Psychology 9
**B.S. Neuroscience**

The Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience is listed in the Intercollege Programs (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/intercollegeprograms/#bachelorofscienceinnerviscience) section of this catalog. It is a joint degree program offered between the Mellon College of Science and the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Current MCS students interested in pursuing this degree should contact Biological Sciences Undergraduate Programs Office (bio-ungrad@andrew.cmu.edu).

**B.S. Biological Sciences and Psychology**

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This major is intended to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of current research in the fields of biology and psychology, as well as the national trend in some professions to seek individuals broadly trained in both the social and natural sciences.

**Note:** Students entering from the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences will earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Biological Sciences. Students in the Mellon College of Science will earn a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Biological Sciences.

Depending on a student’s home college (DC or MCS), General Education (GenEd) requirements will be different. GenEd requirements for DC (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/schools-colleges/districtcollegeofhumanitiesandsocialsciences/genssgeneraleducationprogram160) and MCS (http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/schools-colleges/melloncollegeofscience/) are found on their respective Catalog pages.

**Degree Requirements:**

- **Biological Sciences**
  - 03-151 Honors Modern Biology [10 units]
  - 03-121 Modern Biology [9 units]
  - 03-220 Genetics [9 units]
  - or 03-221 Genomes, Evolution, and Disease: Introduction to Quantitative Genetic Analysis [9 units]
  - 03-231 Honors Biochemistry [9 units]
  - 03-320 Cell Biology [9 units]
  - 03-343 Experimental Techniques in Molecular Biology [12 units]
  - 03-411 Topics in Research [1 unit]
  - 03-412 Topics in Research [1 unit]
  - 03-xxx General Biology Elective [9 units]
  - 03-xxx Advanced Biology Elective [1 unit]

  **Total Biology units:** [78 units]

  [1] Please see description and requirements for electives under the B.S. in Biological Sciences section of this Catalog.

- **Chemistry**
  - 09-106 Modern Chemistry II [9 units]
  - 09-217 Organic Chemistry I [9 units]
  - 09-218 Organic Chemistry II [9 units]
  - 09-207 Techniques in Quantitative Analysis [9 units]
  - 09-208 Techniques for Organic Synthesis and Analysis [9 units]

  **Total Chemistry units:** [56 units]

  * Excluding 85-261 Psychopathology

- **Mathematics, Statistics, Physics and Computer Science**
  - 21-120 Differential and Integral Calculus [10 units]
  - 21-124 Calculus II for Biologists and Chemists [10 units]
  - 21-212 Integration and Approximation [9 units]
  - 36-247 Statistics for Lab Sciences [9 units]
  - or 36-200 Reasoning with Data [9 units]
  - 36-309 Experimental Design for Behavioral & Social Sciences [9 units]
  - or 85-309 Statistical Concepts and Methods for Behavioral and Social Science [9 units]
  - 33-121 Physics I for Science Students [12 units]
  - or 33-141 Physics I for Engineering Students [12 units]
  - 15-110 Principles of Computing [10 units]
  - or 15-112 Fundamentals of Programming and Computer Science [12 units]
  - 99-101 Computing @ Carnegie Mellon [3 units]

  **Total Science units:** [63-65 units]

- **Psychology Courses**
  - 85-102 Introduction to Psychology [9 units]
  - 85-219 Biological Foundations of Behavior [9 units]
  - 85-2xx Survey Psychology Courses [9 units]
  - 85-310 Research Methods in Cognitive Psychology [9 units]
  - or 85-314 Cognitive Neuroscience Research Methods [9 units]
  - or 85-320 Research Methods in Developmental Psychology [9 units]
  - or 85-330 Analytic Research Methods [9 units]
  - or 85-340 Research Methods in Social Psychology [9 units]
  - 85-3xx Advanced Psychology Electives [18 units]

  **Total Psychology units:** [63 units]

  * Excluding 85-261 Psychopathology

- **Additional Advanced Elective**
  - 9 units

  (Choose one of the following courses)
  - 85-3xx Advanced Psychology Elective [9 units]
  - or 03-xxx Advanced Biology Elective [9 units]

- **Additional Laboratory or Research Methods**
  - 9-12 units

  (Choose one of the following courses)
  - 03-344 Experimental Biochemistry [12 units]
  - 03-345 Experimental Cell and Developmental Biology [12 units]
  - 03-346 Experimental Neuroscience [12 units]
  - 85-310 Research Methods in Cognitive Psychology [9 units]
  - 85-314 Cognitive Neuroscience Research Methods [9 units]
  - 85-320 Research Methods in Developmental Psychology [9 units]

  **Total Elective units:** [69-84 units]

**Minimum number of units required for degree:** **360 units**

**B.A. Biological Sciences**

The Department of Biological Sciences offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree that is intended for students who wish to combine their interest in science with their interest(s) in other discipline(s) across campus. The requirements for the B.A. degree are distributed as follows:

**Degree Requirements:**

- **Biological Sciences**
  - 03-151 Honors Modern Biology [10 units]
  - or 03-121 Modern Biology [9 units]
  - 03-201 Undergraduate Colloquium for Sophomores [2 units]
  - 03-220 Genetics [9 units]
  - or 03-221 Genomes, Evolution, and Disease: Introduction to Quantitative Genetic Analysis [9 units]
  - 03-211 Honors Biochemistry [9 units]
  - or 03-222 Biochemistry I [9 units]
  - 03-320 Cell Biology [9 units]
  - 03-343 Experimental Techniques in Molecular Biology [9 units]
  - or 03-124 Modern Biology Laboratory [12 units]

  **Total Science units:** [63-65 units]
### Minor in Biological Sciences

All university students are eligible to pursue a minor in biological sciences in conjunction with a major in any other department in the university. A minimum of six biological sciences courses (and two chemistry prerequisites) must be completed to fulfill the minor in biological sciences. The curriculum includes four required courses and two elective courses as specified below. Units awarded for undergraduate research are not applicable to elective courses. Courses taken in other departments or colleges will be considered on an individual basis.

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### Minor in Neuroscience

The curriculum within the Neuroscience minor will allow students from various disciplines to gain fundamental knowledge of neuroscience concepts. The interdisciplinary nature of the coursework reflects the nature of the field itself; students will select courses from the natural, social, and computer sciences. Neuroscientists not only require foundational knowledge of molecular, cellular, and systems neuroscience, but they also should understand the behavioral significance and appreciate how computational work and imaging techniques can aid in clarifying normal and abnormal functioning of these fundamental processes.

Students pursuing the minor in Neuroscience will:
- Acquire foundational knowledge of the basic biological foundations of the nervous system, from the cellular through systems levels.
- Understand the effects of basic neurological function on behavior, including cognition.
- Gain an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of the field of neuroscience.

**NOTE:** Because the curriculum within this minor may overlap with some degree requirements, no more than 2 courses fulfilling Neuroscience Minor requirements may count towards the requirements of a student's major or other minor.

### Course Requirements

Minimum units required for Neuroscience minor 63

Required courses (4):

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<td>03-121 Modern Biology</td>
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<td>85-219 Biological Foundations of Behavior</td>
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<td>or 03-161 Molecules to Mind</td>
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### Distribution Requirements:

Three courses, including at least 1 from each of the following categories:

- Approaches to Neuroscience Category
- 15-386 Neural Computation
- 15-883 Computational Models of Neural Systems
- 85-412 Cognitive Modeling
- 85-414 Cognitive Neuropsychology
- 85-429 Cognitive Brain Imaging
- 85-435 Biologically Intelligent Exploration

- Cognitive Neuroscience Category
- 03-133 Neurobiology of Disease
- 03-365 Neural Correlates of Learning and Memory
- 03-366 Neuropharmacology: Drugs, Brain and Behavior
- 85-211 Cognitive Psychology
- 85-370 Perception
- 85-406 Autism: Psychological and Neuroscience Perspectives

*NOTE: 85-213 may be used instead of 85-211 when offered*

### Masters Degrees

Students who are interested in more advanced training in the intersection of biology and computation or biology and engineering may want to consider the Department of Biological Science’s Masters programs: the Master of Science in Quantitative Biology and Bioinformatics (https://www.cmu.edu/bio/graduate/ms_quant_bioinformatics/), the Master of Science in Computational Biology (https://www.cm.edu/ms-compbio/)(joint with the Department of Computational Biology), or the Master of Science in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Engineering (https://www.cmu.edu/ms-biotech-pharma/)(joint with the Department of Chemical Engineering). For more information about these programs, contact the Biological Sciences Graduate Programs Office (bio-graduate-office@andrew.cmu.edu).
Honors Program in Research Biology

The departmental Honors Program offers an opportunity to become extensively involved in research. The program requires students to conduct an independent project and to prepare a formal thesis that is written and defended in the senior year. This program does not preclude a student from completing any of the options within the department nor is it the only way in which students can participate in undergraduate research, although it is excellent preparation for graduate studies.

Transfer credit for Modern Biology

Students wishing to transfer credit for 03-121 Modern Biology from another institution must meet the following requirements:

1. The course in question should have at least an 80% match in topics with 03-121. Topics in 03-121 cover the genetic, molecular, cellular, developmental, and evolutionary mechanisms that underlie biological processes and include: Cell theory; Cell chemistry; Cell structure; Function and structure of proteins, DNA, RNA, lipids and carbohydrates; Cell respiration and fermentation; The cell cycle; Cell-cell interactions and communication; Transcription; Translation; RNA processing in Eukaryotes; DNA replication; DNA mutation and repair; Meiosis; Mitosis; and Regulation of Gene Expression. This information is sometimes available in the course description, but more detail is often found in a course syllabus.


3. Introductory level courses that focus on other biology areas (i.e. anatomy, physiology, ecology, evolution, and/or development) will not be accepted for 03-121 credit. These courses may receive credit for a general biology elective.

4. Students should contact their departmental academic advisor for the transfer credit approval process in their college.

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