

BIOLOGY

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Master of Arts in Biology

Admission to this program has been suspended.

BI0505. Transmission Electron Microscopy . 4 Credits.

This course has the format of a research project. Students are taught how to use the transmission electron microscope (TEM) as a research tool in the bio-medical disciplines. Students learn first hand the procedures associated with biological sample preparation: embedding, sectioning, staining, examination in the TEM and printing of the final electron photomicrographs.

BI0508. Scanning Electron Microscopy Annual/Spring . 4 Credits.

The principles of microscopy sciences with emphasis on the use and applications of the scanning electron microscope (SEM). The course examines the theoretical basis of biological scanning electron microscopy and provides a practical introduction to the operation of the SEM.

BI0509. Advanced Ornithology Alternate year/Spring . 4 Credits.

Birds of the world, their taxonomy, anatomy, geographic distribution, ethology, and ecology; laboratory devoted to anatomical studies; methods of photographing birds, recording of bird songs, uses of telemetry, bird behavior, life history studies, identification of local species.

BI0510. Fungal Biology . 4 Credits.

Morphology, development, physiology, and ecology of fungi, their significance in diseases, and their utilization by man.

BI0511. Advanced Vertebrate Zoology Alternate year/Fall . 4 Credits.

Morphology, physiology, geographical distribution, and evolution of vertebrates of the world. Field and laboratory work devoted to studying life cycles of selected species. Oral presentation and written research paper required.

BI0514. Plant Diseases . 4 Credits.

Nature and cause of disease in plants. Special emphasis on fungal diseases of plants.

BI0516. Molecular Biology Alternate year/Spring . 3 Credits.

Basic theory and techniques of molecular biology with the analysis of current molecular advances in diverse fields of study. Class discussions, independent literature research, written and oral presentations required.

BI0517. Molecular Biology Laboratory Alternate year/Fall . 3 Credits.

Current molecular techniques and theory. Cloning, PCR, DNA preparation, RNA preparation, Southern blots, Northern blots and tissue culture techniques will be employed and analyzed within the context of the immune system. Project required.

BI0519. Wetlands Ecology Alternate year/Fall . 4 Credits.

An introduction to the ecology of wetland ecosystems. Structure and function of different types of wetlands will be compared. Alteration and protection will be examined as well as methods used to study them.

BI0520. Advanced Entomology Alternate year/Fall . 4 Credits.

Major orders of insects with emphasis of life histories. Laboratory opportunity for individual studies of life histories and taxonomic studies of selected orders and families.

BI0522. Prin Human Biology. 3 Credits.

An overview of the major aspects of human biology, including physiology, genetics, reproduction, behavior and evolution. In depth coverage of recent advances in the understanding of human biology, including the application of modern technologies and methodologies, as well as evolutionary theory.

BI0525. Animal Communication . 3 Credits.

Theory and controversy in the study of animal communication. The various functions, mechanistic, adaptive and evolutionary approaches to communication, information theory, signal transmission, signal reception and human language will be explored. Examples of communication systems will be surveyed across a wide range of taxonomic groups. Examples of hypothesis testing and the analysis of signals will be the focus of class discussions.

BI0528. Endocrinology . 3 Credits.

An introduction to the basic principles of endocrinology followed by a study of the physiology and biological chemistry of endocrine tissue and their secretions.

BI0530. Human Genetics . 2 Credits.

Current status of human genetics, with emphasis on molecular aspects. Topics include pedigree analysis, gene mapping strategies, genome organization, chromosome abnormalities, mutations, genetic basis of cancer and the Human Genome Project.

BI0540. Immunology Alternate year/Spring . 3 Credits.

The genetic, cellular, molecular, developmental and biochemical aspects of the immune system will be covered. These aspects are discussed in relation to the disease process and experimental analysis. Discussions of current research are included.

BI0545. Cell Development and Differentiation . 3 Credits.

Emphasis is placed upon the mechanisms by which cells specialize during embryogenesis, wound healing, regeneration and transformation. Specific attention to the mechanisms of movement, shape acquisition, and biosynthesis as well as certain new ideas regarding their genetic control.

BI0546. Human Embryonic Development Annual/Fall . 3 Credits.

Focuses on the embryology and anatomy of human development. In addition the physiological changes in the pregnant woman are discussed with regard to the developing embryo and fetus.

BI0550. Recent Advances in Biology . 3 Credits.

Recent developments in a specialized field of biology. May be repeated for credit at five-year intervals for the same special field.

BI0561. Endangered Species . 3 Credits.

Focuses on the conservation of biological diversity. Topics include value of bio-diversity, threats to bio-diversity, vulnerability of species to extinction, conservation of populations and species, and protection of bio-diversity at international, national and local levels.

BI0562. Biotechnology . 3 Credits.

Underlying principles and recombinant DNA methods employed to produce genetically modified organisms for agricultural, environmental, industrial, pharmaceutical and biomedical purposes are covered. Discussions on societal and ethical issues involving biotechnology are included.

BIO563. Electron Microscopy . 5 Credits.

Theory and application of scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) are covered. Laboratory includes all aspects of specimen preparation and use of SEM, x-ray diffraction analysis and TEM. This is an advanced course and requires that students have the ability to work individually, taking precautions with hazardous chemicals and delicate equipment.

BIO590. Thesis in Biology. 3-6 Credits.

Writing and defense of a thesis under guidance of major professor. Required form available in the Records and Registration Office.

BIO593. Biology Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.

BIO594. Fieldwork In Biology. 1-12 Credits.

BIO595. Indep Study Biology. 1-12 Credits.

BIO599. Comprehensive Exam Workshop. 0 Credits.

Non-credit workshop for students who wish to devote the semester immediately following the completion of their coursework to prepare for the comprehensive exam.

BIO795. Indep Study Bio . 1-12 Credits.

BIO799. Continued Registration. 1-6 Credits.