

BIOLOGY BS Requirements

Course offerings are subject to change.

Lower Division Requirements

Calculus:	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 16A or 11A or MATH 19A	&	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 16B or 11B or MATH 19B
General Chem:	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 3A: General Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 3B&3BL: General Chemistry w/Lab <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 3C&3CL: General Chemistry w/Lab	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 4A&4AL: Advanced General Chemistry: Molecular Structure and Reactivity w/Lab <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 4B&4BL: Advanced General Chemistry: Molecular Structure and Reactivity w/Lab
Biology:	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 20A: Cell and Molecular Bio (FWS)	&	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 20B: Development and Physiology (FWS) & <input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 20C: Ecology & Evolution (FWS) & <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 20L: Experimental Bio Lab (FWS)
Organic Chem:	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 8A: Organic Chemistry (FW) <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 8L: Organic Chemistry Lab (FW)	&	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 8B: Organic Chemistry (WS)
Statistics:	<input type="checkbox"/> STAT 5: Statistics (FWS)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> STAT 7: Stats for the Biological, Environmental, and Health Sciences & (FWS) <input type="checkbox"/> STAT 7L: Stats Lab (FWS)
Physics:	<input type="checkbox"/> PHYS 6A: Introductory Physics I & (FWS) <input type="checkbox"/> PHYS 6L: Introductory Physics 1 Lab (FWS)	&	<input type="checkbox"/> PHYS 6B: Introductory Physics II (FWS) & <input type="checkbox"/> PHYS 6C: Introductory Physics III (FW)

After passing the above qualification courses shaded green with a C or better, you can submit your [request to declare your major](#) via your [my.ucsc.edu](#) portal. All qualification courses must be completed by the end of the 5th quarter and students must petition to declare by the 6th quarter deadline.

 Declared
Upper Division Requirements**CORE COURSES:**
 BIOL 105: Genetics (FWS)

 BIOL 100: Biochemistry (WS) & BIOL 101: Molecular Biology (FS)

OR

 BIOC 100A: Biochemistry & Molecular Bio (F) & BIOC 100B: Biochemistry & MB (W) & BIOC 100C: Biochemistry & MB (S)

* Note that you must apply to enroll in BIOC 100A and complete the entire series of one or the other - no mixing and matching

 BIOL 101L: Molecular Biology Lab (FWS) OR CUREs Lab: BIOL 102L: Toxic RNA Lab II /BIOL 107L: Synthetic Gene Regulation Lab/BIOL 122K: Phage Biology Lab (W)/CHEM 160K: Biochemistry Research Laboratory (W)/CHEM 161K: Chemical Biology Research Laboratory (W)

 BIOE 107: Ecology (FWS)

 BIOE 109: Evolution (FWS)

 BIOL 110: Cell Biology (FWS)
UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVES: CHOOSE A MINIMUM OF 3 (Classes shaded below count toward BOTH the Upper Div Elective and the DC)
 BIOC 100C: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (S)

 BIOE 108: Marine Ecology

 BIOE 112/L: Ornithology/Lab

 BIOE 114/L: Herpetology/Lab

 BIOE 117/L: Systematic Botany/Lab *

 BIOE 120/L: Marine Botany/Lab

 BIOE 122/L: Invertebrate Zoology/Lab

 BIOE 124/L: Mammalogy/Lab

 BIOE 127/L: Ichthyology/Lab

 BIOE 129/L: Marine Mammals/Lab

 BIOE 131/L: Animal Physiology (lab optional)

 BIOE 133/L: Exercise Physiology/Lab

 BIOE 134/L: Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy/Lab

 BIOE 135/L: Plant Physiology/Lab

 BIOE 137/L: Molecular Ecology/Lab*

 BIOE 139: Mathematical Modeling and Data Science In Ecology and Evolution

 BIOE 140: Behavioral Ecology

 BIOE 145: Plant Ecology

 BIOE 147: Community Ecology

 BIOE 149: Disease Ecology

 BIOE 155: Freshwater Ecology

 BIOE 161: Kelp Forest Ecology

 BIOE 163/L: Ecology of Reefs, Mangroves & Seagrasses/Lab

 BIOE 165: Marine Conservation Biology

 BIOE 172: Population Genetics

 BIOL 111A: Immunology

 BIOL 112: Principles of Virology

 BIOL 114: Cancer Cell Biology

 BIOL 115: Eukaryotic Molecular Biology

 BIOL 118: Principles of Human Genetics

 BIOL 120: Developmental Biology

 BIOL 125: Intro to Neuroscience

 BIOL 130: Human Physiology

 METX 100: Introduction to Microbiology

 METX 133: Medical Microbiology

 METX 135/L: Anatomy of the Human Body/Lab

 METX 140: Molecular Biology and Microbial Genetics

 METX 150: Applied and Environmental Microbiology

DC Requirement:	2 OF THE FOLLOWING BIOE COURSES:	OR	1 OF THE FOLLOWING 5-UNIT LABS:	OR	CUREs Lab (SPRING QUARTER ONLY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 108: Marine Ecology*		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 105L: Eukaryotic Genetics Lab		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 103L: Toxic RNA Lab II
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 114/L: Herpetology/Lab**		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 106L: Eukaryotic Genetic Engineering Lab		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 108L: Synthetic Gene Regulation Lab III
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 117: Systematic Botany**		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 109L: Yeast Molecular Genetics Lab		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 122L: Phage Biology Lab III
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 120/L: Marine Botany/Lab**		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 115L: Eukaryotic Molecular Biology Lab		<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 160L: Biochemistry Research Laboratory
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 122/L: Invertebrate Zoology/Lab**		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 120L: Developmental Biology Lab		<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 161L: Chemical Biology Research Laboratory
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 127/L: Ichthyology/Lab**		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 121L: Environmental Phage Biology Lab		
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 128L: Large Marine Vertebrates Field Course		<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 186L: Undergraduate Research in MCD Biology		
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 129/L: Marine Mammals*		<input type="checkbox"/> METX 100L: Microbiology Lab		
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 137: Molecular Ecology**				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 141L: Behavioral Ecology Field Course				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 145: Plant Ecology				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 145L: Field Methods in Plant Ecology				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 150L: Ecological Field Methods				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 151B/ENVS 109B: Ecology and Conservation in Practice Supercourse: Ecological Field Methods Lab				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 153C: Disciplinary Communication for Biologists				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 158L: Marine Ecology Lab				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 159A: Marine Ecology Field Quarter: Marine Ecology with Lab				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 161L: Kelp Forest Ecology Lab				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 171: Disciplinary Communication for Biologists				
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOE 172: Population Genetics*				
<p>*For 2-credit BIOE lab courses listed above that are taken concurrently with 5-credit lectures, both courses must be passed to receive one half of the DC requirement. BIOE 117 and BIOE 137 require concurrent enrollment in 2-credit labs, BIOE 117L and BIOE 137L, but these are not part of the DC requirement.</p>					
<p>**Shaded courses below count for both the DC and Upper Div Elective requirements</p>					
<p>COMPREHENSIVE REQUIREMENT IS SATISFIED BY COMPLETING TWO UPPER-DIVISION LAB OR FIELD COURSES (BIOL or BIOE course identified with an "L").</p>					
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 101L OR BIOL 102L OR BIOL 107L OR BIOL 122K OR CHEM 160K OR CHEM 161K				
	<input type="checkbox"/> One upper-division BIOE lab/field course (from above DC lists only)				
<p>Please refer to your 2024-25 UCSC General Catalog for more information or clarification</p>					