

Major Qualification Policy for 2019-2020

To qualify for the Molecular, Cell, & Developmental BS, Neuroscience BS, or Biology BS majors, students must complete the following six qualification courses, or their equivalents, with a grade of C (2.0) or better. These courses must be completed prior to submitting a declaration petition (see note below about exception to this policy that is made during Spring Quarter - or your 6th quarter - to help students meet their declaration deadline):

Chemistry 1A, General Chemistry

Chemistry 1B, General Chemistry

Chemistry 1C, General Chemistry

Biology (BIOL) 20A, Cell and Molecular Biology

Biology: (BIOE) 20B, Development and Physiology

Biology: (BIOL) 20L, Introductory Biology Laboratory*

*Starting for freshmen entering in Fall 2017; note: admitted transfer students from California Community Colleges have automatically met the BIOL 20L (lab) requirement

Students with two or more grades of NP, C-, D+, D, D-, or F in the policy courses are not qualified to declare.

To qualify for the Human Biology BS Major, students must complete the following six qualification courses or their equivalents with a grade of C+ or better. These courses must be completed prior to submitting a declaration petition (see note below about exception to this policy that is made during Spring Quarter - or your 6th quarter - to help students meet their declaration deadline):

Chemistry and Biochemistry 1A, General Chemistry

Chemistry and Biochemistry 1B, General Chemistry

Chemistry and Biochemistry 1C, General Chemistry

Biology: Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology (BIOL) 20A, Cell and Molecular Biology

Biology: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BIOE) 20B, Development and Physiology

Biology: Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology (BIOL) 20L, Introductory Biology Laboratory*

*Starting for freshmen entering in Fall 2017; note: admitted transfer students from California Community Colleges have automatically met the BIOL 20L (lab) requirement

Students with two or more grades of NP, C-, D+, D, D-, or F in the policy courses are not qualified to declare. Students receiving a C in any qualification course are not qualified to declare and must submit an appeal.

When assessing qualification:

All qualification courses must be completed by the campus major declaration deadline.

NOTE: An exception to this policy is made during Spring Quarter - or your 6th quarter - to help students meet their declaration deadline. During Spring Quarter - or your 6th quarter - ONLY, you may submit your petition to declare while enrolled in your last qualification course(s). Major declaration petitions will be held until the end of the quarter to verify that the qualification criteria has been met.

All courses must be taken for a letter grade, see Letter Grade Policy.

Students with AP credit for Biology: Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology (BIOL) 20A, Biology: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BIOE) 20B, and/or Chemistry and Biochemistry 1A need only pass the remaining qualification policy courses.

Students with non-grades (I, IP, DG, etc.) in any of the policy courses will not be eligible to declare until a grade has been assigned.

Every student who satisfies the major qualification requirements and who petitions to declare the major by the campus major declaration deadline (i.e. before enrolling in their 3rd year or the equivalent) will be admitted to the major. Students enrolled in their final qualification policy course at the major declaration deadline may submit the petition, but will not be declared until satisfactory grades have been posted. Students who satisfy the major admission requirements, but who petition to declare the major after the campus major declaration deadline will be considered on a case-by-case basis for admission to the major; admission is not guaranteed.

APPEALING: Students who are informed that they are not eligible to declare the major may appeal this decision by submitting a letter to the Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology Faculty Adviser within 15 days from the date the notification was mailed. Within 15 days of receipt of the appeal, the department will notify the student and their college of the decision.