

**Below is the qualification policy for 2015-16 catalog year**

**To qualify for a Molecular, Cell, & Developmental BS, Neuroscience BS, or Biology BS** major students must complete the following five 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.

- CHEM 1A, General Chemistry
- CHEM 1B, General Chemistry
- CHEM 1C, General Chemistry
- BIOL 20A, Cell & Molecular Biology
- BIOE 20B, Development and Physiology
- Students with two or more grades of NP, D, or F in the policy courses are NOT qualified to declare. All courses must be taken for a letter grade.

**To qualify for a Human Biology BS** major students must complete the following five qualification courses, or their equivalents, with a grade of C+ (2.3) or better. These courses must be completed prior to submitting a declaration petition.

- CHEM 1A, General Chemistry
- CHEM 1B, General Chemistry
- CHEM 1C, General Chemistry
- BIOL 20A, Cell & Molecular Biology
- BIOE 20B, Development and Physiology
- Students with two or more grades of NP, D, or F in the policy courses are NOT qualified to declare. All courses must be taken for a letter grade.

**Determining qualification:**

- Students who are enrolled in the last course(s) required for qualification may submit a petition to declare by the quarterly declaration deadline date. This option is only available to students who have reached the quarter in which they are required to declare. The campus major declaration deadline is before a student enrolls in their 3rd year or the equivalent; for most students, this will be the declaration deadline in spring quarter of their sophomore year. Declaration petitions will be evaluated at the end of the quarter to determine if the qualification criteria has been met.
- Students who meet the qualification policy criteria and petition to declare by the campus declaration deadline will be admitted to the major.
- Students who meet the qualification criteria, but who petition to declare after the campus major declaration deadline, will be considered on a case-by-case basis; admission is not guaranteed and is only by appeal.
- Students who will not be able to complete the qualification courses prior to their declaration deadline should discuss their situation with their college advisor. If your college extends your major declaration deadline, it does not guarantee that you will be admitted to the major once you have completed the qualification courses. We strongly recommend that students, who do not complete the major qualification requirements by the campus major deadline, seek advice about alternative majors and the appeal process from a biology advisor or faculty member as soon as possible.

Students who have *completed the five qualification courses with grades of C or better*, but do not meet the qualification policy criteria may appeal by writing a letter to the Molecular, Cell, & Developmental Biology Faculty Undergraduate Advisor. For more information about the appeal process, see our Appeal Process page.