Major Qualification Policy for Catalog Year 2016-17

The Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology has a qualification policy that applies to the molecular, cell and developmental biology B.S. and neuroscience B.S. majors.

To qualify for any of the majors, students must pass (with a grade of C or better) the following courses or their equivalents:

- 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;

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

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

When assessing qualification:

- 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.
- 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.

The Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology has a qualification policy that applies to the human biology B.S. major. To qualify for the human biology major, students must pass the following courses or their equivalents (with a grade of C+ or better):

- 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

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

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

When assessing qualification:

- 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.

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. For more information about the appeal process see the Appeal Process website at http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/mcdb/qualifying/appeal-process.html.