BIOLOGY (BIOL)

BIOL 1010 - Essentials of Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Essentials of Biology is a non-majors general biology course without a laboratory. The topics that will be covered include biological molecules, cell structure and function, cellular metabolism, cell division, genetics, evolution, the diversity of life, and ecology.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1100 - Introduction to Biology
Credit(s): 4 Credits
This course will examine an introduction to the biochemistry of life, cellular biology and energy metabolism, development, genetics, and evolution. These biological principles will be introduced with an emphasis on the inquiry nature of the scientific process and the relevance of biology to students lives.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1200 - Ecological Issues and Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This SLU Inquiry course provides scientific insights into a variety of popular press topics and everyday decisions about ecological issues. Topics include population harvesting, lawn and garden decisions, and global warming. For non-science majors.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1240 - General Biology: Information Flow and Evolution
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is part of the two-semester Principles of Biology sequence, and is primarily focused on the core concepts of information flow and storage as well as evolution. Students will learn about the chemical and molecular basis of life, cell structure and function, gene structure, expression and heredity, reproduction, development, and evolution. As they learn concepts in biology, students will practice reasoning scientifically about real-world problems and applications.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1245 - Principles of Biology I Laboratory
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This course covers experimental approaches used in molecular and cellular biology, genetics, and animal physiology. Students will learn to use scientific instruments and techniques implemented in these fields. Students will propose and test hypotheses, collect and analyze data, represent data visually, and practice written and oral scientific communication skills.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1240* or BIOL 1931*)
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1260 - General Biology: Transformations of Energy and Matter
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is part of the two-semester Principles of Biology sequence, and is primarily focused on the core concept of transformations of energy and matter in a diversity of biological systems at all levels of organization. Students will learn about the chemical and molecular basis of life, cell structure and function, cellular metabolism, metabolism of multicellular organisms, homeostasis, regulation, and energy and matter transfer in ecosystems. As they learn concepts in biology, students will practice reasoning scientifically about real-world problems and applications.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1265 - Principles of Biology II Laboratory
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This course covers the basic experimental approaches used in studying evolution, ecology, and community biology. Students will be taught how to use scientific instruments and laboratory techniques implemented in these fields. Students will learn to propose and test hypotheses and to collect, analyze, and present data. In addition, they will gain experience in written and oral scientific communication skills.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 1260*
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1340 - Diversity of Life
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide an overview of the diversity of life on Earth, as well as the diversity of the human species. Important local, national, and international issues and policies related to biodiversity and conservation will be discussed. For non-science majors.
Attributes: International Studies-Health, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1375 - Introduction to Cellular Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the basic concepts of cellular biology and genetics, stressing molecular structure, cellular interactions, energy metabolism, and heredity. These principles will be introduced through the scientific method of research and applied to the relevance of biology to global issues. Interpretive and analytical skills explored through the scientific method can be applied to future academic course work and in professional settings.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Schl for Professional Studies college.
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

BIOL 1385 - Introduction to Ecology and Evolution
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the basic concepts of ecology and evolution, through phylogenetic relationships, organismal form and function, biological interactions and conversation biology. These principles will be introduced through the scientific method of research and applied to the relevance of biology to global issues. Interpretive and analytical skills explored through the scientific method can be applied to future academic course work and in professional settings.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Schl for Professional Studies college.
Attributes: International Studies-Health, Prof. Studies Students Only

BIOL 1405 - Biology of Health and Disease
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Topics include: nature of life, chemical basis of life, basic foodstuffs, vitamins, diseases caused by microbes, plants, and animals, drugs and the mind, and biology and the future of humanity.
Attributes: International Studies-Health, Prof. Studies Students Only

BIOL 1460 - Exercise and Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course will explore exercise metabolism, how the body responds and adapts to exercise, and the health implications of physically active and sedentary lifestyles. For non-science majors.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)
BIOL 1930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 1931 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits

BIOL 1980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 2600 - Human Physiology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Biomedical Engineering.  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 2800 - Biology for Education Majors  
Credit(s): 4 Credits  
This course is offered for elementary education majors. A variety of teaching methods will be used so that students with different learning styles may master the material. Curiosity and creativity are encouraged.  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 2930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 2980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3010 - Evolutionary Biology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course explores the principles of evolutionary biology through a discussion/lecture format. Topics covered include the theory of evolution, origin of new species, genetics of populations, relative roles of selection, drift, mutation, and migration in the evolutionary process, evolutionary rates, and pre-biotic evolution.  
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1120; (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))  
Attributes: Neuroscience-Biology-Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3020 - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course on cellular/molecular biochemistry includes the synthetic flow of genetic information from DNA to RNA to protein (replication, transcription and translation), RNA and protein structure and function, enzymology, and energy flow (metabolism). It is designed as a foundation course for subsequent upper division cellular/molecular biology courses, including Molecular Cell Biology II (BIOL 3040) and Genetics (BIOL 3030).  
Prerequisite(s): ((BIOL 1240 and BIOL 1260); (CHEM 1110 or CHEM 1130); (CHEM 1120 or CHEM 1140))  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3030 - Principles of Genetics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course covers the basic principles of genetics, including transmission genetics, molecular genetics, gene regulation, recombinant DNA technology and genomics. Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on the application of genetics to experimental and problem-solving situations.  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 3020 or CHEM 4620)  
Attributes: Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3040 - Cell Structure & Function  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Building on the principles introduced in BIOL-3020, this course explores how specific proteins, lipids, sugars and nucleic acids contribute to cellular processes and structure. The material covered here provides a good foundation for upper-level courses in Development, Physiology, Microbiology and Immunology.  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 3020)  
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.  
Attributes: Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3060 - Cell Structure & Function Laboratory  
Credit(s): 1 Credit  
Basic concepts in cell biology stressed in a laboratory setting. Protein and lipid components of biological membranes, DNA comparison of prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms, principles of protein synthesis, establishment of primary cell cultures, analysis of the cytoskeleton and the extracellular matrix. Techniques stressed will include microscopy (light/fluorescent), SDS-PAGE and protein determination, thin layer chromatography, receptor analysis and the application of sterile culture to the study of cells.  
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040; (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120  
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.  
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Lab, Bio-CB&P-Cell Biology Lab, Cellular/ Molecular Lab, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3100 - Experiments in Genetics Lab  
Credit(s): 1 Credit  
Advanced experiments in classical and molecular genetics will be conducted by the students. Data will be collected, analyzed, and reported.  
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3030  
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.  
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Lab, Bio-CB&P-Cell Biology Lab, Cellular/ Molecular Lab, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3120 - Biology of Invertebrates  
Credit(s): 4 Credits  
This course surveys the invertebrate phyla with emphases on evolution, comparative morphology, life cycles, physiology, and ecology.  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265); BIOL 1640  
Restrictions:  
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.  
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Systematic/Organismal Lab, Systematic/Organismal Biol
BIOL 3260 - Biology of Plants & Fungi
Credit(s): 4 Credits
An introduction to algae, fungi, and true plants comparing life cycles (alternation of generations) and functional anatomy/morphology. Half of the course emphasizes the four developmental stages in the life of seed plants: germination, establishment, maturation, and reproduction.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Morph/Phys/Dev Lab, Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol, Plant Science

BIOL 3280 - Ethnobotany
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A modern synthesis of plant biology and the principles of cultural anthropology to compare the use of domesticated and wild plants. A comparison of tropical and temperate zone 'cases' requires field trips to the Missouri Botanical Garden.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265); CHEM 1120

BIOL 3305 - The Biology of Plants and Animals
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the concepts of plant and animal biological interactions in the context of conservation and biodiversity. In addition to learning about plant and animal biology, students will learn how to read, analyze and interpret scientific research and data. They will also design ecological experiments and make predictions about how scientific research affects conservation efforts. The knowledge and analytic skills gained in this course can be applied to future academic work as well as in professional settings.
Prerequisite(s): 1 Course from BIOL 1000-1999
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Schl for Professional Studies college.
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

BIOL 3400 - Introduction to Neuroscience I: Cellular, Molecular and Systemic
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course teaches the fundamental anatomy and physiology of the nervous system. Clinical cases and neuroscience technologies will be discussed. The course covers cellular, molecular and organ-systemic aspects of the nervous system and relevant neuronal disorders.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3415 - Concepts in Ecology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will explore the fundamental concepts in ecology including organisms, populations, and ecosystems, adaptation and natural selection, changing environmental conditions, and the interactions among the myriad inhabitants of Earth. This course will strive to provide scientific insight into a variety of current issues and everyday decisions about ecological problems. The course will include discussions of the destruction of habitats by fire, pest outbreaks and control, habitat fragmentation, conservation, and global warming.
Prerequisite(s): 1 Course from BIOL 1000-1999
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

BIOL 3420 - Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates
Credit(s): 5 Credits
Evolution of chordate morphology. Laboratory consists of the study of the structures of each major group of chordates with emphases on the dogfish shark and cat.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.

BIOL 3440 - Exercise Physiology Laboratory
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This stand-alone laboratory course is designated to supplement and reinforce material presented in the BIOL-4540, but also covers topics beyond the scope of that syllabus, largely through computer-based interactive physiology programs, and the acquisition and analysis of cardiovascular, neuromuscular, and respiratory systems data using the PowerLab human physiology teaching system. Problems involving inquiry-based learning are also assigned.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 4540
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-CB&P-Physiology Lab, Morph/Phys/Dev Lab, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3470 - General Physiology Laboratory
Credit(s): 1 Credit
Using exercise biochemistry as a foundation, this course will examine the responses and adaptations to physical exercise and/or inactivity, with special emphases on health, energy metabolism, and endocrinology.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1240 and BIOL 1245)), (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3490 - Plant Physiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Principles of plant physiology. Growth, phytohormones, flowering, photosynthesis, water relations, mineral nutrition, translocation in higher plants.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Attributes: Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol, Plant Science
BIOL 3550 - Neuroscience Laboratory
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This course introduces to students basic neuroanatomy, as well as cellular and molecular neuroscience through hands-on laboratory exercises using a variety of techniques such as electrophysiology, computational neuroscience, immunohistochemistry, pharmacology, and cell culture. Students will design and conduct their own group projects.
Prerequisite(s): (NEUR 3400 or BIOL 3400)
*Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Bio-CB&P-Cell Biology Lab, Bio-CB&P-Physiology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3910 - Internship
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

BIOL 3930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 3980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4010 - Sex, Evolution, and Behavior
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is an in-depth examination of evolutionary theories concerning the sexual reproduction, parthenogenesis, mate choice, sexual selection, life history strategies, and sex allocation. Specialized topics such as pheromone communication will also be covered.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3010
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.

BIOL 4030 - Introduction to Genomics
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces core concepts, techniques and analytical methods of genomics. The topics of this course include: genome projects; structure, components and evolutionary dynamics of genomes; sequencing, mapping and assembly techniques; online resources, databases and analytical methods for genomic studies.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3030
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4050 - Molecular Technique Lab
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course will provide students with experience in the theory and practice of molecular biology techniques. Topics to be covered include DNA isolation, cloning, PRC, DNA sequencing, and bioinformatics.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020
*Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Lab, Bio-CB&P-Cell Biology Lab, Bio-EE&C-Tools Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4070 - Advanced Biological Chemistry
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to increase students' understanding of biochemical principles, current research questions, and biochemical strategies to answer these questions. Topics covered will include protein structure and function, enzymology, protein engineering, experimental design and interpretation of results.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3040
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Senior.
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4090 - Plant Ecology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Principles of plant autecology and synecology. The nature and properties of plant communities - structure, development, and distribution. The interaction of the individual plant with its environment.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Ecology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Plant Science, Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIOL 4100 - Natural History of Vertebrates
Credit(s): 4 Credits
Prominent morphological, behavioral, physiological and ecological features of fishes, amphibia, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Week-end field trips are required.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Lab, Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIOL 4120 - Field Botany
Credit(s): 5 Credits
This field-based course introduces students to the diversity of plant communities in the Ozark Mountain region of Missouri and to the tools scientists use to quantify that diversity. Class and laboratory activities will be conducted at Reis Biological Field Station and at nearby parks and natural areas.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Corequisite(s): BIOL 4130, BIOL 4140, BIOL 4980
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Evolution Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4130 - Field Mammalogy
Credit(s): 5 Credits
This course examines the evolution, physiology, ecology and behavior of mammals. Emphasis on field identification and field methods used to study the behavior and ecology of mammals. The course is taught at the Reis Biological Field station. Students cannot receive credit for this course and Biology of Mammals (BIOL-4380).
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Corequisite(s): BIOL 4120, BIOL 4140, BIOL 4980
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)
BIOL 4140 - Field Ornithology
Credit(s): 5 Credits
This course examines the evolution, physiology, ecology and behavior of birds. Emphasis on field identification and field methods used to study bird behavior and ecology. The course is taught at the Reis Biological Field station. Students cannot receive credit for this course and Biology of Birds (BIOL 4310).
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Ecology Elective, Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4150 - Nerve Cell Mechanisms in Behavior
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A comprehensive introductory neuroscience course which covers electrophysiology of action potentials and synapses, channels, neurotransmitters, sensory and motor systems, development, neuroanatomy, and integrative brain function.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Cellular/Molecular Biol, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4160 - Microbial Ecology and Molecular Evolution
Credit(s): 4 Credits
This course will actively engage students in the creative process of scientific inquiry, provide skills necessary for success in the modern research laboratory, and foster excitement about the discovery process central to research in microbial ecology and molecular evolution. Discussions will include critical evaluation of primary literature in the field.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020

BIOL 4190 - GIS in Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an introduction to the application of Geographic Information System (GIS) techniques to research in organismal biology. The goal of this course is to provide training in the spatial analysis of biodiversity using GIS software. The course will involve an integration of lectures, group discussions, and computer exercises.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Tools Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4200 - Aquatic Ecology
Credit(s): 4 Credits
An exploration of freshwater ecosystems in Missouri including springs, rivers, and lakes. The course will explore the diversity of living organisms, both animals and plants, found in these ecosystems. A major goal will be to understand how the physical and chemical properties of water affect the abundance and diversity of aquatic organisms. Week-end field trips are required. This course is also taught during the summer at the Reis Field Station.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Ecology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Lab, Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIOL 4250 - Neurobiology of Disease
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course takes a problem-based learning approach to study fundamental aspects of diseases affecting the nervous system. Students will gain an understanding of basic cellular and molecular concepts related to neurobiological disorders and the experimental approaches used to investigate them.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4260 - Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles
Credit(s): 4 Credits
Lecture three hours, laboratory four hours per week. This course is a survey of the diversity, natural history, evolution, and biology of amphibians and reptiles. Week-end field trips are required.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Systematic/Organismal Lab, Systematic/Organismal Biol

BIOL 4280 - Biology of Fishes
Credit(s): 4 Credits
Introduction of the study of fishes: systematics, ecology, behavior, evolution, and the economic importance of freshwater and marine fishes. Laboratory acquaints students with 80 of the 400 fish families. Week-end field trips are required to study the Missouri fish fauna.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Systematic/Organismal Lab, Systematic/Organismal Biol

BIOL 4320 - Cave Biology
Credit(s): 4 Credits
An introduction to the study of caves. Emphasis will be placed on the systematics of cave organisms and on the adaptations that cave organisms possess to exist in an energy poor environment. Field work will involve studying cave systems in the Ozarks of Missouri. This course is taught during the summer at the Reis Field Station.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 and CHEM 1120)
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Lab, Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIOL 4330 - Spring Flora of the Ozarks
Credit(s): 4 Credits
A field-based course designed to acquaint students with the spring flora of the Ozarks. Students will learn to recognize common Missouri plant families and to identify plant species using taxonomic keys. Includes discussion of the major phytogeographic areas of Missouri and the biotic factors that define them. Course is offered in May and is based at the Reis Field Station, but also includes off-site trips to state parks and conservation areas.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Organismal Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Plant Science, Systematic/Organismal Lab, Systematic/Organismal Biol
BIOL 4360 - Animal Behavior
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course surveys the vast diversity of behaviors among all taxa of animals, including humans. Topics covered: the mechanisms that produce and modify behavior at the genetic, endocrine, and neural levels; and how the environment interacts with the biology of species in order to modify behaviors that lead to optimized evolutionary fitness.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Ecology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol

BIOL 4370 - Animal Behavior Lab
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This laboratory course will introduce hypothesis testing, techniques, designing protocols, and statistical analyses used in the study of animal behavior in the laboratory and in the field.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 4360, (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Lab

BIOL 4410 - Comparative Animal Physiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Functional adaptations of vertebrates and invertebrates to their environment (e.g. desert, artic, high altitude, etc.).
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020

BIOL 4430 - Principles of Virology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class will explore the principles of: viral replication, viral spread within a host, viral maintenance within populations, viral pathogenesis, viral control by the immune system, and viral evolution. Students will learn the experimental and model systems that have been used to study viruses.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Elective, Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4440 - Vertebrate Histology: Structure and Function of Tissues
Credit(s): 4 Credits
Function and microscopic morphology of vertebrate tissues.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Bio-CB&P-Physiology Lab, Morph/Phys/Dev Lab, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol

BIOL 4480 - Conservation Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Fundamental principles of biodiversity maintenance through the management of ecosystems and populations. This course will examine conservation at the level of species, population, and ecosystems.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Ecology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIOL 4510 - Behavioral Endocrinology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The effects of hormones and neurotransmitters on reproductive, parental, aggressive, and social behavior; as well as on homeostasis, biological rhythms, learning, and mood. Introductory Endocrinology and Animal Behavior recommended but not required.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol

BIOL 4520 - Biochemical Pharmacology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to give students a good understanding of fundamental principles of pharmacology. Specifically, the course will focus on how drugs interact with various targets in the body and how body affects these compounds. The course begins with basic principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics such as sites of drug action, agonists and antagonists, receptor theories and dose response relationships, drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination. It also covers GPCR, cell excitation, nitric oxide, eicosanoid mediators and related drugs, intermediate metabolism and related drugs, chemotherapy of infectious diseases and tumor, RNA as new drug targets, and pharmacogenomics. (Offered every Spring)
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Elective, Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4540 - Human Systemic Physiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the mechanisms of organ system function in humans, including the general principles of homeostasis as they relate to basic endocrine, neural, muscle, cardiovascular, pulmonary and renal physiology.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4580 - Applied Population Genetics
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Population genetics is the study of the origin, amount, and distribution of genetic variation in populations, and the fate of this variation over time and across space. This course integrates population genetic theory, empirical studies derived from contemporary literature, and hands-on experience with software applications.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3010; BIOL 3030
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-EE&C-Evolution Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)
BIO 4600 - Developmental Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course investigates cellular and molecular mechanisms responsible for building multicellular organisms. Topics include fertilization, cleavage, gastrulation, axis specification, and organogenesis, with particular attention devoted to the experimental basis for current models. The connections between developmental biology and medical and environmental issues will also be considered. Textbook reading assignments will be supplemented by selected articles from the scientific literature.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3040
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Cellular/Molecular Biol, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S), Morph/Physiology/Dev. Biol

BIO 4630 - Foundations of Immunobiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The cellular and molecular basis of immune function. Topics include receptors on T, B, and antigen presenting cells, cytokine networking, complement, function of the major histocompatibility complex, hypersensitivity of the immune system, and infection by HIV.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3040
Attributes: Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Cellular/Molecular Biol, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4640 - General Microbiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
General introduction to the diversity, bioenergetics, growth, genetics, and ecology of microorganisms. Special emphasis will be placed on molecular and genomic methods used in the characterization of microorganisms.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3040

BIO 4650 - General Microbiology Laboratory
Credit(s): 2 Credits
Basic techniques in handling bacteria, identifying microorganisms and investigating microbial growth and metabolism.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3040; BIOL 4640
"Concurrent enrollment allowed.
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Lab, Bio-CB&P-Cell Biology Lab, Cellular/Molecular Lab, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4670 - Population Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers theoretical and empirical investigations at the population level. Major topics include population and growth dynamics, population regulation, the evolution of life, histones, ecological interactions between populations, and the evolutionary ecology of populations.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIO 4700 - Molecular Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A study of genes and genomes, and the processes that control their expression. Special emphasis will be placed on techniques used to analyze and manipulate nucleic acids and proteins, including bioinformatics approaches.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3030
Attributes: Bio-Chem/Molecular Elective, Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Cellular/Molecular Biol, Neuroscience-Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4720 - Cancer Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course focuses on the molecular, cellular, and genetic characteristics of cancerous tissues; cancer epidemiology, diagnosis, and therapies will also be discussed. The course is in lecture format with some classes reserved for student presentations and discussion of primary research articles.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3020; BIOL 3040
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Chem-Molecular Elective, Bio-Cell Bio/Phys Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4750 - General Ecology
Credit(s): 4 Credits
An introduction to the science of ecology: study of general theories, models, and problems in population, community, and ecosystem levels.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Lab, Population/Evolutionary Bio

BIO 4790 - Biometry
Credit(s): 4 Credits
This course is intended for students pursuing a biology major or minor. College-level algebra and general biology are required. The course will cover biological distributions and probabilities; the application of hypothesis testing; the relationship between biological and statistical hypothesis; the nature of biological data and sampling regimes, and how these fit within the scientific method.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120
Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biology.
Attributes: Bio-Chemical Biology Elective, Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4890 - Senior Inquiry: Comprehensive Examination
Credit(s): 1 Credit
Permission of department chairperson required.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1120; (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265))
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIO 4910 - Internship in Conservation
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits
(Repeatable for credit)
Students will work with professional conservation/environmental biologists to get practical experience. Students may work with conservation biologists associated with the EPA, Missouri Conservation Department, Corps of Engineers, or private environmental consulting firms. Environmental problems treated within the framework of fundamental ecological principles.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 4480
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S), Population/Evolutionary Bio
BIOL 4911 - Integrated Bioinformatics Internship  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits  
Students will work with laboratories conducting molecular biology/ 
bioinformatics research to gain practical experience. Internships will 
include research and development laboratories of local biotechnology 
companies, and in the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, 
Statistics or Computer Science.  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4912 - Internship in Plant Science  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Students work with professional plant scientists to gain practical 
experience. Students may work with scientists at botanical gardens 
or arboreta, the EPA, Missouri Department of Conservation, the Donald 
Danforth Plant Sciences Center, Monsanto, or other biotech firms.  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 1060 or (BIOL 1260 and BIOL 1265)); CHEM 1120  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 302; BIOL 303; BIOL 304  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4960 - Independent Research  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
This course provides an opportunity for first and second year students to 
carry out independent study and research. Permission of the Instructor 
required. Course goals, content and meeting times to be determined by 
the instructor.  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4970 - Library Project  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Permission of Instructor required.  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4975 - Advanced Independent Research  
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 4980 - Advanced Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Individual study and research.  
Prerequisite(s): (6.000 Credits from BIOL3000-4999)  
Attributes: Natural Science Req (A&S)

BIOL 5000 - Problems in Vertebrate Morphology  
Credit(s): 2-5 Credits  
Studies of the gross and microscope anatomy of the organs and organ 
systems of vertebrates. Gross dissection and histological preparation of 
selected structures in typical vertebrates of different classes.

BIOL 5030 - Genomics  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course introduces core concepts, techniques and analytical 
methods of genomics. The topics of this course include: genome 
projects; structure, components and evolutionary dynamics of genomes; 
sequencing, mapping and assembly techniques; online resources, 
databases and analytical methods for genomic studies.  
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 3030

BIOL 5050 - Molecular Techniques Lab  
Credit(s): 2 Credits  
Students will learn principles of molecular biology and recombinant DNA 
technology, and will gain hands-on experience with nucleic acid isolation, 
cloning, sequencing, and analysis.

BIOL 5070 - Advanced Biological Chemistry  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
An in-depth analysis of selected topics in biological chemistry. Topics 
may include for example, protein structure and function, and nucleotides 
and nucleic acids.

BIOL 5080 - Advanced Cell Biology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is designed to deepen students’ understanding of cell 
biology principles, experimental strategies, and current research 
questions. Topics covered will include how different categories of 
molecules regulate cellular activity and literature, experimental design 
and interpretation of results.

BIOL 5090 - Biometry  
Credit(s): 4 Credits  
This course is intended for graduate students in biology. The course will 
cover the description of biological distributions and probabilities; the 
application of hypothesis testing, including the relationship between 
biological and statistical hypothesis; the nature of biological data, 
samples and sampling regimes, and how these fit within the scientific 
method. Central to the course is the use of biological models and 
experiments.

BIOL 5110 - Advanced Sex, Evolution and Behavior  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course explores the patterns and processes of evolutionary 
reproductive and mating biology through a lecture/group interaction 
format. We will explore the theory, mechanisms, and outcomes of the 
evolution of sexual reproduction. Over the course of the class, you 
will also gain skills in formulating and testing hypotheses, connecting 
observations with theory, reading and interpreting scientific literature, 
understanding graphical representation of data, and judging the quality of 
popular science articles.

BIOL 5190 - Geographic Information Systems in Biology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits

BIOL 5350 - Current Topics in Cell Biology  
Credit(s): 2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 5080

BIOL 5400 - Problems in Genetics  
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits  
Advanced experimental work in selected areas of genetics.

BIOL 5430 - Advanced Principles of Virology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course is intended as an introduction to virology for the graduate 
biology student & other scientists who want to know more about viruses. 
This class will explore the basic principles of: viral replication, viral spread 
within a host, viral maintenance within populations, viral pathogenesis, 
viral control by the immune system, and viral evolution. We will examine 
the experimental and model systems that have been used to study 
viruses. The lectures will include videos, in-class activities relating to 
experimental design and analysis, and case study discussions. Students 
will also present primary journal articles in the field of virology.

BIOL 5480 - Conservation Biology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Fundamental principles of biodiversity maintenance through the 
management of ecosystems and populations are explored. Begins 
with the philosophical underpinnings of the conservation movement 
as developed in the writings of Leopold and moves on to extensive 
treatment of modern conservation practices directed toward preservation 
of imperiled systems.
BIOL 5520 - Biochemical Pharmacology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to give students a good understanding of fundamental principles of pharmacology. Specifically, the course will focus on how drugs interact with various targets in the body and how body affects these compounds. The course begins with basic principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics such as sites of drug action, agonists and antagonists, receptor theories and dose-response relationships, drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination. It also covers GPCR, cell excitation, nitric oxide, eicosanoid mediators and related drugs, intermediate metabolism and related drugs, chemotherapy of infectious diseases and tumor, RNA as new drug targets, and pharmacogenomics.

BIOL 5550 - Advanced Ecology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An in-depth treatment of the relationships between organisms and their environment via lecture, discussion and seminar formats plus occasional laboratory and field exercises.

BIOL 5560 - Advanced Evolution
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores aspects of natural selection, adaptation, gene flow, speciation, and evolutionary hypothesis testing at a level consistent with a modern graduate education containing a component of evolutionary theory. The format of the course includes both lecture and discussion of the topics outlined in the topical syllabus. Each week will include a set of readings from both historical/seminal writings in an area as well as current papers that treat the topics.

BIOL 5610 - Principles of Develop Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course investigates cellular and molecular mechanisms responsible for building multicellular organisms. Topics include fertilization, cleavage, gastrulation, axis specification, and organogenesis, with particular attention devoted to the experimental basis for current models. The connections between developmental biology and medical and environmental issues will also be considered.

BIOL 5630 - Concepts of Immunobiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Cellular and molecular basis of immune function. Topics include receptors on T, B and antigen presenting cells, cytokine networking, complement, function of the major histocompatibility complex, hypersensitivity of the immune system, and infection by HIV.

BIOL 5640 - Advanced Microbiology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course reviews the diversity, bioenergetics, growth, genetics and ecology of microorganisms. Special emphasis will be placed on contemporary issues and techniques used in the field of microbiology.

BIOL 5670 - Advanced Population Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers the theoretical and empirical investigations of population ecology and genetics. Major topics will include population growth and dynamics, population regulation, evolution of life histories, ecological interactions between populations, and evolutionary ecology of populations.

BIOL 5700 - Advanced Molecular Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Current problems in plant morphology and systematics. Library/laboratory phase stressed.

BIOL 5720 - Advanced Cancer Biology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Cancer occurs when the normal mechanisms that control cell proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, and death are disrupted. Cancer can be caused by accumulated mutations in the genes that regulate these processes, by environmental influences, or by viral infections that hijack normal cellular signaling pathways. In this course we will explore the molecular, cellular, and genetic characteristics of cancer; we will also examine cancer epidemiology, diagnosis, and therapies. (Offered in Fall)

BIOL 5780 - Molecular Phylogenetic Analysis
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to give students the knowledge and technical competence necessary for working with molecular phylogenetic data. Students will learn how to edit and align sequence data, and will explore how alternative alignments affect phylogenetic reconstructions. They will learn how to access and download data from online databases such as Genbank and Tree Base. Differing analytical approaches will be presented and discussed, including current and ongoing controversies in the primary literature. Students will gain experience using numerous software packages for analyzing data, testing constraints, choosing likelihood models, assessing support and exploring character evolution.

BIOL 5800 - Research Colloquium
Credit(s): 0-1 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
The course is designed to provide practice with oral communication of scientific studies. The format involves the design and execution of an oral presentation and students will be assessed by the instructor and classmates. Presentations on student research projects and proposals will be open to all members of the department.

BIOL 5810 - Department Seminar
Credit(s): 0-1 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Selected topics in Biology. Attendance and participation required for all M.S. and M.S.(R) students in Biology.

BIOL 5820 - Graduate Seminar in Cell and Molecular Regulation
Credit(s): 1-2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
In depth analysis of one or two topics of current importance to cellular and molecular biology and the regulation of biological processes will be developed each semester. Students will present a lecture building on some aspect of the topic being analyzed. The focus is on skills of literature analysis, lecture organization, and oral presentation as well as on learning about a specific discipline related topic.

BIOL 5840 - Graduate Seminar in Ecology, Evolution and Systematics
Credit(s): 2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Readings and discussions of current literature in areas related to ecology, evolution, and systematics. Students are encouraged to present research plans and report on research progress. Each semester several topics will be examined in depth.

BIOL 5850 - Floristic Taxonomy
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This weekly seminar provides an overview of Vascular Plants. The seminar will cover several crown orders of the monocots, including grasses and relatives, and begin the Eudicots. Weekly presentations include a summary of all relevant information (molecular, chemical, anatomical, embryological, morphological, ecological, geographical, historical/paleontological, etc.) about the plant group under consideration, review of the classification/phylogeny of the group, examination of fresh and/or preserved specimens, and discussion of relationships, human uses, and other relevant aspects of the biology of that group.
BIOL 5860 - Scientific Communication
Credit(s): 1 Credit
The course is designed to provide practice with written communication of scientific studies. The course includes assignments of documents that are commonly used in scientific discourse. The objectives of each assignment will be discussed in group meetings, and students will meet with the instructor individually to review the documents.

BIOL 5930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

BIOL 5970 - Research Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Prior permission of guiding professor and department/program chairperson required.

BIOL 5980 - Graduate Reading Course
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Prior permission of guiding professor and department/program chairperson required.

BIOL 5990 - Thesis Research
Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

BIOL 6150 - Neural Basis of Behavior
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Topics to be discussed include molecular biology and genetic analysis of channels, electrophysiology of synapses and transmitter amines, second messenger systems, molecular genetics of color vision, color blindness, sensory transduction, and development of neural circuitry.

BIOL 6810 - Departmental Seminar
Credit(s): 0-1 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Selected topics in biology. Attendance and participation required for all Ph.D. students in Biology.

BIOL 6930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

BIOL 6970 - Research Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Prior permission of guiding professor and department/program chair required. Offered every semester.

BIOL 6980 - Graduate Reading Course
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Prior permission of guiding professor and department/program chair required.

BIOL 6990 - Dissertation Research
Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)