

# BIOLOGY

Degrees: Bachelor of Science  
 Specializations: General Biology  
 Microbiology  
 Molecular Biology,  
 Pre-Professional  
 Fast Track Master's  
 Minor: Biology  
 Certificates: Evolutionary Biology  
 Fisheries and Aquacultures  
 Molecular Science  
 Physiology  
 Plant Science  
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 Semester Hours Required for Degree: 120

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Technological breakthroughs in areas such as biochemistry, botany, ecology, genetics, microbiology, molecular biology, and physiology are being used to solve problems in agriculture, environmental toxicology, forestry, medicine, public health, and pharmaceutical industry. The Department of Biology focuses on areas of modern biology and biotechnology offering the degree in four specializations: General Biology, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, and Pre-Professional. The specializations include a series of five core courses fundamental to all areas of biology. A fast-track program leading to a B.S. and M.S. is available to highly qualified students who have earned an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public institution. Students from other institutions may be required to take additional courses.

Another fast-track program in Biological Chemistry is also available. See the Undergraduate Chemistry section of this *Catalog*.

Elective courses emphasize theoretical and practical aspects within the chosen specialty. Graduates are prepared to gain employment in industry, government, health professions, and research laboratories or to pursue advanced degrees in the biological sciences, professional schools (medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, veterinary), and public health. Prospective students need to be aware that some biology lab courses involve use of live animals. Students may wish to seek details from course instructors before enrolling.

Contact the department for additional information concerning certificates. Courses used for certificates must be taken during or after Fall 2002.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.S. in Biology must meet the requirements listed below.

A grade of "C" or better is required in each of the five biology core courses.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirements and common prerequisites.

### General Studies (36 sh)

Biology majors should satisfy the mathematics (6 sh) and science (7 sh) components of General Studies with course work taken from the common prerequisites shown below. Other biology majors should take ANT 2000 or PSY 2012 to satisfy the social science/behavioral perspectives component of General Studies.

For additional information see the General Studies section of this *Catalog*.

### Common Prerequisites (31-32 sh)

State mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program.

Graduation requirements for the B.S. degree in Biology include the successful completion of the common prerequisites.

Since it will be difficult to incorporate all prerequisites into the 60 sh Lower Division Curriculum, students are advised to complete the following common prerequisites. Courses in brackets indicate substitutes from Florida public community/junior colleges and universities.

+CHM 2045/L	General Chemistry I/Lab..... 4 [CHM X045/CHM X045/L, or CHM X045C]
+CHM 2046/L	General Chemistry II/Lab..... 4 [CHM X046/CHM X046/L, or CHM X046C]
+MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry & Calculus I ..... 4 [MAC X311, X233, X253, X281]
+PCB 2131/L	Cell Biology/Lab ..... 4 [PCB X010/L, X011/L, X021/L, X131/L, BSC X010/BSC X010/L, BSC X040/L, X012/L, X010C]
+STA 2023	Elements of Statistics ..... 3-4 [MAC X312, X234, X254, X282, STA X122, X014, X023, X024, X321]
<i>Choose one:</i>	
+BOT 2010/L	General Botany/Lab ..... 4 [BOT X010/L, X013/L, BSC X041/L]
+ZOO 1010/L	General Zoology/Lab..... 4 [ZOO X010/L, BSC X041/L, X011/L]
<i>Choose one:</i>	
<i>Option 1</i>	
CHM 2210/L	Organic Chemistry I/Lab..... 4 [CHM X021/X210/L, or CHM X210C]
CHM 2211/L	Organic Chemistry II/Lab..... 4 [CHM X211/X211/L, or CHM X211C]

*Option 2 (Preferred Option)*

+PHY 2053/L	General Physics I/Lab.....	4
	[PHY X048/L, PHY X053/L]	
+PHY 2054/L	General Physics II/Lab.....	4
	[PHY X049/L, PHY X054/L]	

+ Indicates common prerequisites which can be used to satisfy General Studies requirements.

**Lower Division Electives (0-6 sh)**

Sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4999) to meet this elective requirement.

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**GENERAL BIOLOGY  
SPECIALIZATION**

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**Biology Core (20 sh)**

BCH 3033/L	Biochemistry I/Lab .....	4
BCH 3034/L	General Biochemistry: Metabolism/Lab .....	4
MCB 3020/L	Microbiology/Lab.....	4
PCB 3063/L	Genetics/Lab.....	4
PCB 4043/L	Ecology/Lab .....	4

**General Biology Specialization (12 sh)**

*Choose one:*

BOT 4503/L	Plant Physiology/Lab.....	4
PCB 4723/L	Comparative Animal Physiology I/Lab .....	4

*Choose one:*

BOT 4374/L	Plant Developmental Biology/Lab.....	4
PCB 3253/Ls	Developmental Biology/Lab.....	4

*Choose one:*

BOT 4734/L	Plant Biotechnology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4524/L	Molecular Biology/Lab.....	4

**General Biology Subcore (14 sh)**

3000/4000 level Biology electives ..... 14  
Up to 2 sh of Directed Study credit may be applied to electives. Students must confer with advisor in selecting electives.

May include any upper division course in biology except ZOO 3733. At least two upper division botany courses must be included in the program.

**Major-Related (14 sh)**

STA 4173	Biostatistics.....	3
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*Choose one:*

BSC 4434	Introduction to Bioinformatics .....	3
CGS 3464	Programming Using Visual Basic for Non-Majors .....	3

*Students must take 8 sh of the following that were not completed as part of the Common Prerequisites in the lower division:*

BOT 2010/L	General Botany/Lab .....	4
CHM 2210/L	Organic Chemistry I/Lab .....	4
PHY 2053/L	General Physics I/Lab.....	4
ZOO 1010/L	General Zoology/Lab.....	4

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

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**MICROBIOLOGY SPECIALIZATION**

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**Biology Core (20 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

**Microbiology Specialization (12 sh)**

*Choose one:*

BOT 4503/L	Plant Physiology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4723/L	Comparative Animal Physiology I/Lab.....	4

*Choose one:*

BOT 4374/L	Plant Development/Lab .....	4
PCB 3253/L	Developmental Biology/Lab .....	4

*Choose one:*

BOT 4734/L	Plant Biotechnology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4524/L	Molecular Biology/Lab .....	4

**Microbiology Subcore (14 sh)**

PCB 4233/L	Immunology with lab.....	4
Electives chosen with advisor .....		10

*Choices from the following are recommended:*

MCB 4276	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases.....	3
MCB 4603	Microbial Ecology .....	3
MCB 4710	Biology of the Protists .....	3
MCB 4733/L	Marine Microbiology/Lab.....	4
MLS 4460/L	Diagnostic Microbiology I/Lab .....	4
MLS 4462/L	Medical Microbiology/Lab .....	4
ZOO 3233/L	Parasitology/Lab .....	4
MCB 3/4905	Directed Study (maximum of 2 hrs allowable) .....	2

**Major-Related (14 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

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**MOLECULAR BIOLOGY  
SPECIALIZATION**

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**Biology Core (20 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

**Molecular Biology Specialization (12 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

**Molecular Biology Subcore (14 sh)**

PCB 4233/L	Immunology/Lab.....	4
3000/4000 level Biology course or Directed Study .....		2-3
(2 sh maximum for Directed Study)		

*Choose one course not taken under Specialization:*

BOT 4734/L	Plant Biotechnology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4524/L	Molecular Biology/Lab .....	4

*Choose one:*

PCB 4521/L	Molecular Genetics/Lab .....	4
PCB 4522	Genetic Engineering.....	3

**Major-Related (14 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

See also the Professional Program-Medical Sciences in this *Catalog*.

### **Biology Core (20 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

### **Pre-Professional Biology Specialization (12 sh)**

PCB 3253/L	Developmental Biology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4723/L	Comparative Animal Physiology I/Lab.....	4

Choose one:

BOT 4734/L	Plant Biotechnology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4524/L	Molecular Biology/Lab.....	4

### **Pre-Professional Biology Subcore (14 sh)**

Electives chosen with advisor .....

Choices from the following are recommended:

HSC 3555	Pathophysiology .....	3
MCB 4276	Epidemiology of Infectious Disease .....	3
MLS 4305/L	Hematology I/Lab.....	4
MLS 4462/L	Medical Microbiology/Lab.....	4
MLS 4625/L	Clinical Chemistry I/Lab .....	4
MLS 4630/L	Clinical Chemistry II/Lab .....	4
PCB 3663	Human Genetics.....	3
PCB 4233/L	Immunology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4521/L	Molecular Genetics/Lab .....	4
PCB 4522	Genetic Engineering .....	3
ZOO 3233/L	Parasitology/Lab.....	4
ZOO 4753/L	Histology/Lab.....	4
Directed Study (2 hours maximum allowable).....		2

Choose the course not selected as part of the Common Prerequisites or Major-Related:

PHY 2054/L	General Physics II/Lab.....	4
or		
*CHM 2211/L	Organic Chemistry II/Lab .....	4

\*Organic Chemistry II/Lab (Required for Pre-Vet students; may be required for some Pre-Med students - See Advisor)

### **Major-Related (14 sh)**

Same as General Biology Specialization.

### **Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**

## FAST TRACK BACHELORS/MASTER'S SPECIALIZATION

The Fast Track Bachelors/Master's Specialization is designed for students who have already earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a public institution in Florida. The following lower division courses offered by local community colleges, which may be part of the AA, must be included in the program and include the statewide common prerequisites:

BOT 1010/L	General Botany/Lab.....	4
BSC 1931	Special Topics in Biology .....	2
BSC 2010/L	Integrated Principles of Biology/Lab.....	4
CGS 1050	Electronic Access to Information.....	1
CHM 1045/L	General Chemistry I/Lab .....	4

CHM 1046/L	General Chemistry II/Lab.....	4
CHM 2210/L	Organic Chemistry I/Lab.....	4
ENC 1101	English Composition I.....	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II.....	3
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I.....	4
PHY 1053/L	General Physics I/Lab .....	4
PHY 1054/L	General Physics II/Lab .....	4
SPC 1006C	Basic Speaking & Listening Skills .....	1
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics .....	3
ZOO 1010/L	General Zoology/Lab.....	4
Hist/Behav/Hum general education courses.....		6
Lit/Hum general education courses .....		9
PCB 2905	Directed Study in either Marine Biology or Biotechnology at UWF* .....	3
	(Thesis Assessment)	

\* The directed study course will include a survey of research labs within the area of the student's interest and an assessment of opportunities for possible thesis projects. Students will work with graduate students in the labs in which they are interested to identify an area and a professor for their graduate work. Prior to taking this directed study course, a student must have selected a professor in marine biology or biotechnology with whom they will conduct their graduate work. All subsequent courses will be taken at UWF.

### **Core Courses (25 sh)**

MCB 3020/L	Microbiology/Lab .....	4
PCB 2905	Directed Study (Thesis Development) .....	2
PCB 3063/L	Genetics/Lab .....	4
PCB 3253/L	Developmental Biology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4043/L	Ecology/Lab .....	4
STA 4173	Biostatistics .....	3

Choose one:

BOT 4503/L	Plant Physiology/Lab.....	4
*PCB 4723/L	Comparative Animal Physiology I/Lab .....	4
	*PCB 4723 preferred for Marine Biology Track.	

### **Specialization (26-32 sh)**

Choose one track:

#### **Biotechnology Track (26 sh)**

BCH 3033/L	Biochemistry I/Lab.....	4
BCH 3034/L	General Biochemistry: Metabolism/Lab .....	4
MCB 4653/L	Applied Microbiology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4233/L	Immunology/Lab.....	4
PCB 4524/L	Molecular Biology/Lab .....	4

Choose one:

BSC 4434	Introduction to Bioinformatics .....	3
CGS 3464	Programming Using Visual Basic for Non-Majors .....	3

Choose one:

MCB 4905	Directed Study.....	3
PCB 4905	Directed Study.....	3

#### **Marine Biology Track (32 sh)**

BCH 3033/L	Biochemistry I/Lab.....	4
BOT 4404/L	Aquatic Botany/Lab .....	4
MCB 4710	Biology of the Protists.....	3
PCB 4364/L	Marine Ecological Physiology/Lab .....	4
PCB 4673	Principles of Evolution .....	3
ZOO 4254/L	Marine Invertebrate Zoology/Lab .....	4
ZOO 4304/L	Marine Vertebrate Zoology/Lab .....	4
ZOO 4485	Marine Mammalogy .....	3
Advisor-approved Marine elective .....		3

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Since this program encompasses a Master's Degree in Biology, students are required to be admitted to the program during the summer of the third year in the program.

In addition to the general University academic requirements, students seeking the M.S. degree in Biology must meet the following departmental requirements:

- A. Hold a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Biology or a related field from an accredited College or University;
- B. Applicants applying with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Biology, or a B.S. degree in another area must have satisfactorily completed all upper and lower division core classes (or equivalents) required of UWF biology undergraduates;
- C. Applicants must have a cumulative total undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a combined quantitative and verbal score of 1000 on the General Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
- D. Applicants must have a faculty member who has agreed to provide laboratory space and serve as the applicant's major advisor. Applicants are urged to speak with prospective faculty advisors prior to the application deadline date;
- E. Individual faculty members may request exemptions from some of the requirements listed above for specific students; and
- F. Successful completion of the following five biology courses for admission into the track in Biotechnology - BCH 3033/L, BCH 3034/L, MCB 3020/L, PCB 3063/L and PCB 3253/L; or completion of the following five biology courses for admission into the track in Marine Biology - MCB 3020/L, PCB3063/L, PCB 3253/L, PCB 4043/L, and PCB 4673.

Prospective students must submit the following materials by the first Monday in March to be considered for admission in the fall semester or by the first Monday in September to be considered for spring admission.

- A. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate the student's academic ability;
- B. Official GRE scores;
- C. Official transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended;
- D. A letter describing the student's area of interest within biology, relevant to past experience, future objectives, and the names of UWF faculty with whom they have spoken regarding the MS program; and
- E. UWF Graduate Admission Application.

The completed application will be reviewed by the faculty and by the graduate program committee. Conditional admission may require the student to complete the appropriate foundation courses with grades of "B" or

better. Designated University deadlines for admission will apply for consideration for department financial assistance. Only complete applications will be reviewed. Students must also complete a departmental data sheet as part of their admission process. Students will be notified of the final decision on their admission to the program.

Following acceptance into the program, students seeking the M.S. degree in biology must meet the following departmental requirements:

- A. Select a thesis advisory committee composed of a chairperson and at least two additional faculty members, including the major professor selected prior to the initial directed study (thesis assessment) course at UWF.
- B. Meet with the thesis advisory committee and complete a written plan of study that specifies courses and other work necessary for the program. Fifteen hours must be at the 6000 level and may include 6 hours of thesis.
- C. Submit the written research proposal (completed in the directed study course - thesis development - in which the student was enrolled) acceptable to the thesis supervisory committee and demonstrate by oral examination that the proposed research is feasible.
- D. Complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of credit approved by the thesis committee.

### ***The Master's Program in Biology at UWF***

The student must complete 33 sh of credit, including 18-19 sh from among the courses listed below. Fifteen of these hours must be at the 6000 level and may include 6 sh of thesis. Eight sh of credit in undergraduate courses may be approved as part of the program.

#### **Graduate Core and Thesis (16 sh)**

BSC 6002L	Contemporary Laboratory Skills.....	4
BSC 6840	Professional Development in Biology .....	3
PCB 6074	Experimental Design in Biology .....	3
PCB 6971	Thesis.....	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

*Choose one specialization:*

#### **Biotechnology Specialization (18 sh)**

Choose 18 sh from among the following courses. Six of these 18 sh may be chosen from among the courses listed under the Marine Biology Specialization.

BSC 5459	Introduction to Bioinformatics.....	3
MCB 5273	Epidemiology of Infectious Disease .....	3
MCB 5402	Marine Biotechnology .....	3
PCB 5235/L	Immunology/Lab.....	4
PCB 5505	Virology .....	3
PCB 5525	Genetic Engineering .....	3
PCB 5526	Molecular Genetics.....	4

#### **Marine Biology Specialization (19 sh)**

Choose 19 sh from the following aquatic/marine electives, including at least one botany course (3-4 sh) with aquatic/marine emphasis. Six of these 19 sh may be chosen from among the courses listed under the Biotechnology Specialization.

BOT 5407/L	Marine Algae/Lab .....	4
MCB 5402	Marine Biotechnology .....	3

MCB	5735/L	Marine Microbiology/Lab.....	4
PCB	5480C	Quantitative Ecology.....	4
ZOO	5452	Elasmobranch Biology.....	3
ZOO	5458	Fish Physiology.....	3
ZOO	5514	Animal Behavior.....	3
ZOO	5881C	Fisheries Biology.....	4

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**MINOR**

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A 20 sh Minor in Biology is available for students in a wide variety of majors. It provides the opportunity to add value to the major degree and to expand their opportunities for employment. It is especially appropriate for students who plan to work in administrative or other nonresearch-related areas of the biomedical, environmental, pharmaceutical, and other biological science-related industries.

A minimum of 14 sh must be taken at UWF, including at least 9 sh of 3000/4000 course work taken in residence at UWF. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all courses used to satisfy the minor. Neither directed study nor credit by exam (AP, CLEP, etc.) may be applied toward the minor. Contact the Academic Advisor for the Department of Biology for assistance in choosing courses to meet specific needs. Biology, Marine Biology, Medical Technology, and Zoo Science majors may not earn this minor.

PCB	2131/L	Cell Biology/Lab.....	4
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*Choose one:*

BOT	2010/L	General Botany/Lab.....	4
ZOO	1010/L	General Zoology/Lab.....	4

Students should assess the prerequisites for upper division courses they wish to take to complete the minor.  
 3000/4000 level Biology (BCH, BOT, BSC, MCB, MLS, OCE, PCB, and ZOO) courses which includes at least one 4 sh lab courses..... 12