Biology (BIO)

BIO Courses

BIO 111. General Biology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B3
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B4
Overview of fundamental concepts in biology and of scientific inquiry. Principles of cellular life and energetics, inheritance and genetic mechanisms, evolution and ecology. Emphasis on the relationship between biology and human affairs. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology or Marine Sciences. Not open to students who have completed BIO 161. 3 lectures, 1 lab. Fulfills GE Areas B2 and B3 (GE Areas B2 and B4 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

BIO 114. Plant Diversity and Ecology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B3
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B4
Plant diversity and ecology in aquatic and terrestrial plant communities including adaptations of plants to their environment. Identification of common, local native plants and plant communities, uses of native plants by Indigenous People, and human impacts on native plant communities. Field trip required. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories. Fulfills GE Areas B2 and B3 (GE Areas B2 and B4 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

BIO 123. Biology of Sex. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
Fundamental principles of biology related to sexual reproduction: genetics, physiology, behavior, ecology and evolution of sex in a broad range of organisms. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, or Marine Sciences. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area B2.

BIO 160. Diversity and History of Life. 4 units
Overview of the history, diversity and genetic relatedness of life on Earth; broad-scale evolutionary framework of the organization and expansion of life on Earth. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 161. Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B3
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B4
Recommended: CHEM 110 or CHEM 124 or CHEM 127.
Fundamentals of cellular biology with an emphasis on the molecular perspective of life: biomolecules, cellular energetics, cell structure and reproduction, molecular mechanisms of genetics and gene expression. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Fulfills GE Areas B2 and B3 (GE Areas B2 and B4 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

BIO 162. Introduction to Organismal Form and Function. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 161. Recommended: CHEM 110 or CHEM 111 or CHEM 124 or CHEM 127.
Fundamentals of the structure and physiology of tissues and organs of plants and animals: energy acquisition and food distribution, gas exchange and fluid transport, and sensing and responding to the environment. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-2 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.
Individual investigation, research, studies or surveys of selected problems. Intended for lower division students in the Biological Sciences Department. Total credit limited to 12 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter. Credit/No Credit grading only.

BIO 202. Orientation to Biotechnology. 2 units
Prerequisite: Completion of a course with a BIO, BOT or MCRO prefix and a course with a CHEM prefix.
Introduction to the diversity of fields in biotechnology. Applications in agriculture, nutrition, medicine and environmental problems. 1 lecture, 1 activity. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 202.

BIO 211. Biology of Plants and Animals. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 111; for Liberal Studies majors only. Recommended: STAT 130 or STAT 217.
Plant and animal anatomy, physiology, diversity and life cycles. How plants and animals acquire nutrients, reproduce, and adapt to environments. Emphasis on hands-on activities and model organisms suited for the elementary classroom. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, or Marine Sciences.

BIO 213. Life Science for Engineers. 2 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2

BIO 222. Biodiversity of California. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
Recommended: Completion of GE Area A.

BIO 223. Marine Science. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
Recommended: CHEM 110 or BIOL 110.
BIO 227. Wildlife Conservation Biology. 4 units
2020-21 or later catalog: GE Area B2
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B2
Recommended: Completion of GE Area A2.


BIO 231. Human Anatomy and Physiology I. 5 units
Prerequisite: BIO 111 or BIO 161; CHEM 110, CHEM 111, CHEM 124, CHEM 127, or PSC 102.

Structure and function of the skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, and integumentary systems. Molecular, cellular, and organ system levels of organization. Lab includes study of prosected human cadavers. Not open for major credit to Biological Sciences majors. 4 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 232. Human Anatomy and Physiology II. 5 units
Prerequisite: BIO 111 or BIO 161; CHEM 110, CHEM 111, CHEM 124, CHEM 127, or PSC 102.

Structure and function of the circulatory, immune, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive systems. Molecular, cellular, and organ system levels of organization. Lab includes study of prosected human cadavers. Not open for major credit to Biological Sciences majors. 4 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 253. Health Professions Shadowing. 1 unit
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Observation in a healthcare setting. Students will shadow healthcare practitioners on campus or in a community setting. Specific placement depend on practitioner availability. Total credit limited to 2 units with a maximum of 1 unit per quarter. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 activity. Priority to BIO and MCRO majors.

BIO 263. Introductory Ecology and Evolution. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 160 or BIO 161.

Basic concepts in ecology and evolution. Relationships among organisms in populations, communities and ecosystems, structures and dynamics of populations, communities and ecosystems, ecosystem inputs and energy flows, nutrient cycling, biogeography, population genetics, evolution, patterns of biodiversity and issues in conservation biology. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

BIO 300. Research Experience for Undergraduates. 1-2 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Recommended: STAT 218.

Laboratory, field, or biology education research experience. Development of research skills and techniques. Interested students consult with a faculty member prior to enrolling to clarify expectations and deliverables. Total major credit limited to 6 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter. Total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

BIO 301. Service Learning in the Health Professions. 3 units
Prerequisite: BIO 161 or MCRO 221 or MCRO 224; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; one course in GE Area D2 (or in GE Area D3 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and consent of instructor.

Framework for understanding the implications of service in different health-related settings through discussion and participation in a local service project. Social determinants of health, cultural competency and unconscious bias, identity/intersectionality, and health needs of different populations. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 302. Human Genetics. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area B
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B5, B6, or B7
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one course in GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one of the following courses: ASCI 112, BIO 111, BIO 123, BIO 161, BIO 213, or BOT 121. Recommended: STAT 217, STAT 218, STAT 251, STAT 305, STAT 312, STAT 321, or STAT 350.

Basic principles of human inheritance, including the transmission of genetic traits, chromosomal abnormalities and their effects, gene structure and function, mutations and mutagenic agents, cancer genetics, population genetics, and principles of genetic counseling. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, or Marine Sciences. Not open to students with credit in BIO 303 or BIO 351. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area Upper-Division B (GE Areas B5, B6, or B7 for students on the 2019-20 catalog).

BIO 303. Survey of Genetics. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 111 or BIO 161 or BOT 121. Recommended: STAT 218.

Principles of heredity and variation. Transmission genetics; molecular mechanisms of inheritance and gene expression. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, or Marine Sciences. Not open to students with credit in BIO 351. Credit will be granted in only one of the following courses: BIO 302 or BIO 303. 4 lectures.
BIO 305. Biology of Cancer. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area B
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B5, B6, or B7
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one BIO or MCRO course in GE Area B2; completion of GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs).

Introduction to the causes, characteristics and treatment of human cancer. Effects of carcinogens and radiation; the genetics of cancer; molecular, cellular and physiological changes in common cancers; conventional chemotherapy and new treatments. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Marine Sciences, or Biochemistry. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE Area Upper-Division B (GE Areas B5, B6, or B7 for students on the 2019-20 catalog).

BIO 308. Genetic Engineering Technology. 4 units
2020-21 or later: Upper-Div GE Area B
2019-20 or earlier catalog: GE Area B5, B6, or B7
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; and completion of GE Areas B1 through B4, with a grade of C- or better in one course in GE Area B4 (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one of the following courses: CHEM 110, CHEM 124, or CHEM 127.

Principles of genetics and genetic analysis, including underlying ethical questions. Not open for major credit in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Marine Sciences, or Biochemistry. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 308. Fulfills GE Area Upper-Division B (GE Areas B5, B6, or B7 for students on the 2019-20 catalog).

BIO 321. Mammalogy. 4 units
Prerequisite: one of the following: BIO 162, BIO 263, NR 306 or ASCI 239.

Principles of ecology as applied to the study of wild vertebrates and their habitats. Emphasis on techniques for collecting and analyzing field data and how these data apply to the study and management of wildlife. Use of the literature, inventory of plants and animal populations, use of maps and databases, quantifying diet and habitat use, determining sex and age and nutritional condition, capture and marking techniques, non-invasive sampling methods. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 329. Vertebrate Field Zoology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; BIO 162 or BIO 263 or BIO 427 or ASCI 239.

Identification and natural history of terrestrial vertebrates, with emphasis on field studies and local species. Field trips may require meeting in the morning before scheduled lab time. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

BIO 330. Extended Field Biology Activity. 1-3 units
Corequisite: Enrollment in corresponding field biology course.

Principles of ecology as applied to the study of wild vertebrates and their habitats. Emphasis on techniques for collecting and analyzing field data and how these data apply to the study and management of wildlife. Use of the literature, inventory of plants and animal populations, use of maps and databases, quantifying diet and habitat use, determining sex and age and nutritional condition, capture and marking techniques, non-invasive sampling methods. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 335. General Entomology. 4 units
Prerequisite: AEPS 313, BIO 160, or BIO 211. Recommended: BIO 162.

Ecology, behavior, physiology, functional morphology, and evolution of mammals. Classification and identification of mammals, with emphasis on California species. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

BIO 336. Invertebrate Zoology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; one BIO or MCRO course in GE Area B2; completion of GE Area B4 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B1 for students on the 2019-20 or earlier catalogs); and one of the following courses: CHEM 373, or to Biological Sciences, Marine Sciences, or Microbiology majors. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 308. Fulfills GE Area Upper-Division B (GE Areas B5, B6, or B7 for students on the 2019-20 catalog).

Principles of genetics and genetic analysis, including underlying molecular mechanisms. Subjects include gene structure and function, inheritance patterns, regulation of gene expression, mutation, recombination, recombinant DNA technology, and an introduction to population genetics. 5 lectures.
BIO 363. Principles of Conservation Biology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263 or NR 306, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Foundational concepts in the conservation of wild organisms and their habitats. Quantification and valuation of biological diversity, current threats to diversity, and approaches to better understand and address these threats, across terrestrial, freshwater, and marine environments. 4 lectures. Formerly BIO 401.

BIO 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-2 units
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Recommended: STAT 218.

Investigation, research, studies, or surveys of biological problems by students working with faculty. Interested students should consult with a faculty member prior to enrolling to clarify expectations and deliverables. Total major credit limited to 6 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter. Total credit limited to 12 units.

BIO 405. Developmental Biology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 161, BIO 162, and BIO 303 or BIO 351 or CHEM 373.

Events and mechanisms of embryonic development, including fertilization, morphogenesis, cell differentiation, and organogenesis, with emphasis on differential gene expression in model organisms. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 406. Advanced Anatomy and Physiology: Neuroscience. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 361; CHEM 331 or STAT 218; PHYS 123 or PHYS 133; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Anatomy and physiology of nervous systems including electrophysiology, molecular and cellular mechanisms of neurotransmission, interactions between the nervous system and other body systems, and comparative anatomy of vertebrate nervous systems, especially humans. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 407. Advanced Anatomy and Physiology: Endocrinology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 361; CHEM 331 or STAT 218; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Anatomy and physiology of the endocrine system and hormones, with an emphasis on humans and other vertebrates. 4 lectures.

BIO 408. Advanced Anatomy and Physiology: Cardiorespiratory and Renal. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 361; CHEM 331 or STAT 218; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular, respiratory, and renal systems, with an emphasis on humans and other vertebrates. Discussion of health and disease states and responses to exercise and environmental factors. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 409. Advanced Anatomy and Physiology: Muscle and Locomotion. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 361; CHEM 331 or STAT 218; PHYS 121 or PHYS 141; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Anatomy and physiology of musculoskeletal systems, including energetics and biomechanics of locomotion. Discussion of invertebrates and vertebrates with emphasis on humans. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 410. Functional Histology. 4 units
Prerequisite: ASCI 229 or BIO 231 or BIO 232 or BIO 361 or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Functional microscopic anatomy of principal tissues and organs of vertebrates, including humans. Structural studies to determine mechanisms underlying physiological processes and their clinical applications in medicine. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

BIO 413. Evolutionary Medicine. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263; and BIO 303 or BIO 351. Recommended: MCRO 224.

Principles and mechanisms of biological evolution in the context of human health. Microevolutionary and macroevolutionary processes, adaptation, phenotypic plasticity, biogeographic patterns of allele frequencies, tradeoffs. Focus on human health including host-pathogen coevolution, cancer, mental health, obesity, drug metabolism, evolutionary history. 4 lectures. Not open to students with credit in BIO 414.

BIO 414. Evolution. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263; and BIO 303 or BIO 351. Recommended: BIO 327, BOT 326, or MSCI 300.

Principles, theories and mechanisms of biological evolution of plants, animals and microorganisms. Core principles include microevolutionary and macroevolutionary processes, adaptation, phenotypic plasticity, biogeographic patterns of allele frequencies, tradeoffs. Not open to students with credit in BIO 413. 4 lectures.

BIO 415. Biogeography. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263 or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Plant and animal distribution patterns in terrestrial and aquatic systems in relation to past and present physical and biotic factors. Methods to determine local and global distribution patterns of biota. Role of humans in past, present and future distributions of organisms. 4 lectures.

BIO 419. Analytical Methods in Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: STAT 218 or graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: one of the following: BIO 263, BIO 327, BOT 326, MSCI 300 or NR 306.

Introduction to quantitative methods used in ecology with an emphasis on the design and analysis of field studies. Population estimates, sampling design and analysis, and the determination of community structure. 3 seminars, 1 activity.

BIO 421. Wetlands. 4 units
Prerequisite: BOT 121 or BIO 162; CHEM 127; and SS 120 or SS 130. Recommended: one of the following: BIO 327, BOT 313, BOT 326, MSCI 300, NR 304, NR 305, or NR 306.

BIO 424. Organizing and Teaching Science. 4 units
Prerequisite: Admission to the Single Subject Credential Program.

Techniques, aims and objectives in the teaching of physical and life sciences at the secondary level. Selection and organization of teaching material, including strategies for English language learners (ELL) and special needs students. Evaluation of results. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Crosslisted as BIO/PSC 424.

BIO 425. Clinical Experience in Teaching Science Seminar. 2 units CR/NC
Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Single Subject Credential Program in Science. Concurrent: EDUC 469 or EDUC 479.

Principles and practices in effective teaching of science at the middle and high school level, learning theories, curriculum content and structure, classroom issues, and the teaching profession. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 4 units. 2 seminars. Crosslisted as BIO/PSC 425.

BIO 426. Immunology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 351 or CHEM 373. Recommended: CHEM 313 or CHEM 371.

Principles of molecular and cellular immunology. Emphasis on molecular regulation of immune cell development, including generation of unique receptors, lymphocyte signal transduction and selection, programmed cell death and regulation of immune responses. Discussion and demonstration of roles of immunology in disease and as diagnostic tools. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 427. Wildlife Management. 4 units
Prerequisite: One of the following upper-division ecology courses: BIO 327, BIO 363, BIO 401, BIO 444, BOT 326, MSCI 300, or NR 306, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Important habitats, such as riparian, wetlands, and habitat features important to wildlife, such as vegetation types and snags. Basic concepts of wildlife management. Emphasis on planning and designing habitats to meet the needs of wildlife. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 428. Hematology. 4 units
Prerequisite: one of the following: BIO 351, BIO 302, BIO 303, CHEM 373, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: BIO 361 or ZOO 332 or BMED 460; and CHEM 313 or CHEM 371.

Development and function of blood as a tissue. Composition, function, and mechanisms of formation and destruction of blood components in health and disease. Methods for examination of blood. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 429. Parasitology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 160 and BIO 161; or MCRO 221; or MCRO 224; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

External and internal parasites of man and animals. Life history. Parasite-host relationships. Control and recognition of species of clinical importance. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

BIO 434. Environmental Physiology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 162, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: BIO 263.

Comparative physiological mechanisms involved in the regulation of oxygen uptake, water and ion balance, and temperature regulation in animals. Emphasis is placed on physiological adaptations which maintain or restore homeostasis in animals which are subjected to environmental changes. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 435. Plant Physiology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BOT 121 or BIO 162. Recommended: BIO 161 or BIO 303; CHEM 312 or CHEM 216.

Consideration of the principal physiological and biochemical processes of plants with emphasis on water relations, mineral nutrition, photosynthesis, and the physiology of plant development. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 441. Bioinformatics Applications. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 302, BIO 303, BIO 351, or CHEM 373.

Introduction to new problems in molecular biology and current computer applications for genetic database analyses. Use of software for: nucleic acid, genome and protein sequence analysis; genetic databases, database tools; industrial applications in bioinformatics; ethical and societal concerns. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 441.

BIO 442. Behavioral Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Behavioral adaptations of animals to their environment and way of life. Analysis of behavior patterns, use of patterns in clarifying evolutionary and ecological relationships. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 444. Population Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263 or NR 306.

Growth, fluctuations, balance, and natural mechanisms controlling wild populations, and methods for assessing their interconnectedness. Field trip may be required. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 445. Community Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 160, BIO 162, BIO 263, and STAT 218; or graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: BIO 327, BIO 363, BIO 401, BOT 326, or MSCI 300.

Principles of ecology at the community level including the mechanisms that structure ecological communities, and the quantitative methods used to study community ecology such as diversity metrics, community composition analyses, interaction strengths and the application of statistics to field and experimental studies. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 446. Ecosystem Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263, BOT 326, or NR 306; and STAT 218, or Graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: BIO 327, BIO 363, BIO 401, MSCI 300, SS 120, or SS 121.

Advanced ecosystem ecology and biology, and the interactions of biological communities with the abiotic environment. Emphasis on climate change, ecosystem services, and major fluxes and pools of organic elements. 4 lectures.
BIO 447. Spatial Ecology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 263; GEOG 318 or NR/LA 218; and STAT 218; or
graduate standing in Biological Sciences. Recommended: BIO 327, BOT
326, or MSC 300; and STAT 313 or STAT 513.

Effect of geographical space on distribution and abundance of
organisms. Analysis of movement, home ranges, connectivity, range
limits, and factors that shape these processes. Survey of available tools
and data to answer questions in the discipline. 3 lectures, 1 lab.

BIO 450. Undergraduate Laboratory Assistantship. 1-4 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor and department chair.

Assisting the instructor in teaching and supervising undergraduate
laboratories in the Biological Sciences Department. Total credit limited to
8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter. Credit/No Credit grading
only.

BIO 452. Cell Biology. 4 units
Prerequisite: BIO 351 or CHEM 373; and CHEM 216, CHEM 312 or CHEM
316. Recommended: CHEM 313 or CHEM 371.

Introduction to cell structure and function, energy conversions, protein
sorting, signaling, cytoskeleton, cell adhesion, and the cell cycle. 3
lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 461. Senior Project - Research Proposal. 2 units
Prerequisite: Completion of GWR; STAT 218; and junior standing.

Guided course with group meetings, leading to completion of a written
research proposal. Review of scientific literature and analysis of existing
experimental results from published peer-reviewed articles in biology.
Includes oral presentations. 2 activities.

BIO 462. Senior Project Research Experience. 2 units
Prerequisite: Completion of GWR; STAT 218; junior standing; and consent
of instructor. Recommended: BIO 400.

Completion of research, data analysis, or other substantial project
as a capstone for the major. Student identifies faculty mentor before
enrolling to develop project proposal and clarify deliverables. Typically
a continuation of BIO 400. Written project report and/or presentation
required.

BIO 463. Honors Research. 2 units
Prerequisite: BIO 461 or BIO 462; and consent of instructor.

Continuation of research experience leading to completion of advanced
research in the biological sciences. Topic selected and conducted in
consultation with a faculty mentor. Results presented as a written report
and/or oral presentation in a public forum.

BIO 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to
undergraduate and graduate students. The Class Schedule will list topic
selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

BIO 471. Selected Advanced Laboratory. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group laboratory study of selected topics for advanced students.
Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Class Schedule will
list topics selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 laboratories.

BIO 472. Current Topics in Biological Research. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Applications of biological research topics. Discussions of how selected
discoveries in biological research formed the basis for, and were
developed into, practical applications, currently accepted theories,
generally utilized techniques or decisions affecting society and political
policies. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to
8 units. 1 to 4 seminars.

BIO 475. Molecular Biology Laboratory. 3 units
Prerequisite: BIO 161, and grade of C- or better in BIO 351 or CHEM 373 or
consent of instructor.

Introduction to techniques used in molecular biology and biotechnology;
DNA extraction, characterization, cloning, Southern blotting, reverse
transcription, polymerase chain reaction, and sequencing analysis. 1
lecture, 2 laboratories. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 475.

BIO 476. Gene Expression Laboratory. 3 units
Prerequisite: BIO/CHEM 475 with a grade of C- or better or consent of
instructor; CHEM 313 or CHEM 371, or graduate standing in Biological
Sciences.

Heterologous gene expression of a recombinant protein in a microbial
system: gene cloning, construction of expression plasmid, DNA sequence
analysis, transformation of microbial host, selection and analysis of
transformed host cells, expression and purification of recombinant
protein. 1 lecture, 2 laboratories. Crosslisted as BIO/CHEM 476.

BIO 485. Cooperative Education Experience. 6 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor.

Part-time work experience in business, industry, government, and other
areas of student career interest. Positions are paid and usually require
relocation and registration in course for two consecutive quarters. Formal
report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Major credit limited to
4 units; total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

BIO 495. Cooperative Education Experience. 12 units
CR/NC
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor.

Full-time work experience in business, industry, government, and other
areas of student career interest. Positions are paid and usually require
relocation and registration in course for two consecutive quarters. Formal
report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Major credit limited to
4 units; total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.
BIO 500. Individual Study. 1-4 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences and consent of instructor.

Advanced study planned and completed with the approval of and under the direction of a member of the department faculty. A written scholarly presentation of the results of each BIO 500 project must be included in the graduate student's departmental file. Total degree credit limited to 3 units. Total credit limited to 12 units.

BIO 501. Molecular & Cellular Biology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences or consent of instructor.

Principles of molecular and cellular biology including gene function and regulation, energetics, protein trafficking, cytoskeleton, signaling, adhesion, and the cell cycle. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 502. Biology of Organisms. 4 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences, or consent of instructor.

Principles of and current topics in organismal biology, with an emphasis on physiology (including organ systems), behavior, and responses to the environment. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 503. Population Biology. 4 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences or consent of instructor.

Considerations of theory and practice in population ecology, evolutionary biology, and biosystematics. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BIO 509. Communicating Biology to General Audiences. 1 unit
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Key issues for scientists communicating with the general public. Introduction to principles, examination of case studies, and practical application in outreach projects. Intended for graduate students in biology and related disciplines. 1 activity.

BIO 524. Developmental Biology Seminar. 2 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences or consent of instructor. Recommended: BIO 501.

Principles and selected topics in developmental biology. Issues of differentiation, morphogenesis, and pattern formation; specific topics chosen by participants. 2 seminars.

BIO 534. Principles of Stem Cell Biology. 2 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, or Agriculture, or consent of instructor. Recommended: BIO 452 or BIO 501.

Principles of stem cell biology including characteristics, types, roles in development, therapeutic uses, historical perspectives and ethical issues. 2 seminars.

BIO 537. Advanced Behavioral Ecology. 2 units
Prerequisite: BIO 442 or graduate standing.

Function and evolution of behavioral traits as they relate to ecological phenomena. Behaviors include habitat selection, migration, spacing mechanisms, mating strategies, foraging, aggression, parasitism, altruism, communication, and comparative social systems. Examples from the primary literature. Includes oral presentations. 2 seminars.

BIO 560. Graduate Professional Seminar. 2 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Preparation for a successful career in biology within or outside of academia through skills development in professional communication and presentation, the peer-review process, mentorship, scientific ethics. 2 seminar.

BIO 561. Proposal Writing for Biological Research. 3 units
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences or consent of instructor.

Written and oral presentations of a proposal for research in biology including a literature review. 3 seminars.

BIO 562. Data Management and Visualization in Biology. 3 units
Prerequisite: STAT 218 and graduate standing in Biological Sciences; or consent of instructor. Recommended: Experience with Excel and R.

Data management and visualization tools for research. Introduction to data management in menu driven applications. Extensive work with data management in code-driven applications. Advanced visualization techniques for data presentation and publication. 3 seminars.

BIO 564. Teaching Strategies for College Biology Laboratories. 1 unit
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences.

Concepts of teaching and learning related to instructor performance in college biology laboratory classes. Introduction to teaching strategies, managing a classroom, writing exam questions, and science education research for the laboratory class setting. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 activity.
**BIO 575. College Biology Teaching Practicum. 1-2 units**  
CR/NC  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; Department Chair and Graduate Coordinator approval required.  
Supervised teaching-related activities associated with undergraduate classes in the Biological Sciences Department including assessment, curriculum development, implementing novel teaching approaches. Total credit limited to 2 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

**BIO 583. Research Experience for Regenerative Medicine Students. 2 units**  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the Specialization in Regenerative Medicine for the MS in Biological Sciences; or Specialization in Regenerative Medicine for the MS in Biomedical Engineering; or the Animal Science Specialization for the MS in Agriculture.  
Independent research experience in biological or biomedical research. Proposal writing and literature review; experimental design, implementation and troubleshooting; oral and poster presentations.  
1 seminar and supervised work. Crosslisted as ASCI/BIO/BMED 583.  
Formerly ASCI/BIO/BMED 594.

**BIO 585. Cooperative Education Experience. 6 units**  
CR/NC  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences and consent of instructor.  
Advanced study, analysis and part-time work experience in student’s career field; current innovations, practices, and problems in administration, supervision, and organization of business, industry, and government. Must have demonstrated ability to do independent work and research in career field. Total credit limited to 6 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

**BIO 590. Seminar in Biology. 1-2 units**  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences or consent of instructor.  
Critical evaluation of primary literature on a specific topic in biology. Includes oral and/or written presentation of critiques. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 1 to 2 seminars.

**BIO 591. Biology Colloquium. 1 unit**  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences.  
Recent trends in the field of biology for graduate students in the Biological Sciences master’s degree program. Overview of current research with presentations from visiting scholars and Cal Poly faculty. Total credit limited to 4 units. 1 activity.

**BIO 593. Regenerative Medicine Internship. 3-5 units**  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the Specialization in Regenerative Medicine for the MS in Biological Sciences; or the Specialization in Regenerative Medicine for the MS in Biomedical Engineering; or the Specialization in Animal Science for the MS in Agriculture.  
Supervised graduate research and/or development in stem cell science or regenerative medicine and engineering. Provides students with an off-campus industrial or university internship. Total credit limited to 10 units. Crosslisted as ASCI/BIO/BMED 593.

**BIO 595. Cooperative Education Experience. 12 units**  
CR/NC  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences and consent of instructor.  
Advanced study, analysis and full-time work experience in student’s career field; current innovations, practices, and problems in administration, supervision, and organization of business, industry, and government. Must have demonstrated ability to do independent work and research in career field. Total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

**BIO 599. Thesis. 1-3 units**  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biological Sciences.  
Individual research under the general supervision of the faculty, leading to a graduate thesis of suitable quality. Total credit limited to 9 units.