Biology (BIOL)

BIOL 101 Perspectives in Biology
1 credit
Open only to majors. Intro to the disciplines in the fields of biology; current research topics.

BIOL 102 Biology and Society
3 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Not open to majors or for minor cr. Principles of biology and their relationship to social issues. Three lecture and one 3-hour lab a week.

BIOL 102L Biology and Society Lab
1 credit
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Not open to Biology majors or for minor credit. Principles of biology and their relationship to social issues. Three lectures and one 3-hour lab a week.

BIOL 114 Organisms and Environments
4 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
The evolution of diversity, the biology of plants and animals, and their environments. Three lectures and one 3-hour lab a week.

BIOL 115 Cells & the Evolution of Life
3 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
The cell, heredity and evolutionary processes.
Prereq or Coreq: CHEM 101 and CHEM 101L or CHEM 111 and CHEM 111L.

BIOL 115L Cells and the Evolution of Life Laboratory
1 credit
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Laboratory for introductory biology; experiments are designed to teach problem solving, scientific methods and the aspects of biology related to the cell.
Coreq or Prereq: BIOL 115.

BIOL 120 Human Anatomy
4 credits
Study of the anatomy of the major organ systems of the human body; lab consists of studying human gross anatomy models and prosected cadavers. Three lec and one 3-hr lab a wk. (Fall only)

BIOL 121 Human Physiology
4 credits
Study of the physiology of the major organ systems of the human body. Three lectures and one 3-hour lab a week. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 120.

BIOL 151 Intro to Health Professions
1 credit
This course is primarily for first- and second-year students, but all students interested in healthcare careers are welcome. The primary content of this course is centered on a series of presentations by guests from a variety of health professions, ranging from occupational therapy to dentistry. Students will learn about the presenters’ educational process and personal journey to become a professional in their chosen field, as well as the responsibilities, professional interactions, joys, and challenges of working in that field. Discussions and assignments are designed to broaden the perspective of the healthcare field for the student, and to begin preparing them to be successful applicants in their chosen field. This is a dynamic course and the content varies from one year to the next due to the availability of guest speakers and number of students registered.

BIOL 154 Introductory Microbiology
3 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Carries no credit after BIOL 250. May be taken by microbiology majors, but carries no credit after BIOL 250. Introduction to microorganisms and their role in disease, health, foods, and the environment; current topics in microbiology. (Spring only)

BIOL 155 Introductory Microbiology Laboratory
1 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
May be taken by microbiology majors but carries no credit after BIOL 255. Introductory laboratory training in basic microbiology; includes sterile technique, bacterial enumeration methods, culturing techniques, yogurt preparation and analysis, recombinant DNA techniques. Three hrs lab a wk. (Spring only)
Coreq: BIOL 154.

BIOL 204 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

BIOL 213 Principles of Biological Structure and Function
4 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Principles of physiology in plants and animals (homeostasis, hormonal and neural control systems, organismal physiology). Three lectures and one 3-hour lab a week. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 or BIOL 115 and BIOL 115L.

BIOL 250 General Microbiology
3 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Introduction to nature and activity of bacteria and other microorganisms; their importance in all life systems. Three hours of lecture per week. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 115, BIOL 115L and either CHEM 101 and CHEM 101L or CHEM 111 and CHEM 111L.

BIOL 255 General Microbiology Lab
2 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Training in the handling of microscopes, basic lab equipment, and manipulation of microbes. Two 2-hour labs per week.
Prereq or Coreq: BIOL 250.

BIOL 299 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.
BIOL 300 Survey of Biochemistry
3 credits
Carries no credit after BIOL 380. Survey of biochemical principles and the molecular structure and function that describe the chemical basis of life. (Fall only)
Prereq: CHEM 101 and CHEM 101L or CHEM 111 and CHEM 111L
Coreq: CHEM 275 or CHEM 277 .
BIOL 301 Undergraduate Research
1-4 credits, max 8
Undergraduate research for students without senior standing.
Pereq: Permission.
BIOL 310 Genetics
3 credits
Genetic mechanisms in animals, plants, and microorganisms. Three hours of lec per. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 115 and BIOL 115L or BIOL 250 .
BIOL 312 Molecular and Cellular Biology
3 credits
Current theory and experimental basis of the structure/function of eukaryotic cells. Topics include plasma membrane, organelles, cytoskeleton and cell mobility, the nature of genes, gene expression, DNA replication and cellular reproduction, and signal transduction. Three lectures and one 1-hour recitation a wee. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 115, BIOL 115L .
BIOL 313 Molecular and Cellular Laboratory
1 credit
Laboratory experiments and techniques related to molecular and cellular biology. One 3-hour lab per week. (Spring only)
Coreq: BIOL 312 .
BIOL 314 Ecology and Population Biology
4 credits
Population genetics, population ecology, species interactions, community ecology, biodiversity, and data analysis. Three lectures and one 3-hour lab per week. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L; STAT 251 or STAT 301; and MATH 160 or MATH 170.
BIOL 315 Genetics Lab
1 credit
Laboratory on genetic mechanisms in animals, plants, and microorganisms. One three hour lab per week. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 115 or BIOL 250
Coreq: BIOL 310 .
BIOL 324 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
4 credits
Evolution of vertebrates and their organ systems with an emphasis on structure – function relationships. Two lectures and two 3-hour labs a week. (Spring only, alt/ys)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L and BIOL 213; or Permission .
BIOL 380 Biochemistry I
4 credits
Carries one credit after Biol 300. Introduction to the structure and function of major molecular constituents of living systems. Emphasis on proteins, enzyme kinetics and catalysis, carbohydrate metabolism. Three hrs lecture and one hr with interactive problem solving. (Fall only)
Prereq: CHEM 112, CHEM 112L and CHEM 277 .
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BIOL 478 Animal Behavior
3 credits
Evolution, causation, development, and function of behavior in vertebrates and invertebrates. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L.

BIOL 482 Protein Structure and Function
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 582
Detailed analysis of protein structure and function including enzyme activity, binding, folding and stability, and techniques for structure determination. Additional projects/assignments required for graduate credit. (Fall, alt/ys)
Prereq for 482: BIOL 380.

BIOL 483 Mammalogy
3 credits
Evolution, systematics, distribution, and biology of mammals. Two lectures and one 3-hour lab a week; one field trip. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L.

BIOL 484 Invertebrate Zoology
4 credits
Morphology of freshwater, marine, and terrestrial invertebrates and phylogeny of major groups. Three lectures and one 3-hour lab a wk. One required, weekend field trip. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L.

BIOL 485 Prokaryotic Molecular Biology
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 585
Current theory and experimental basis for prokaryotic DNA, RNA, and protein synthesis, gene regulation and cell wall metabolism. Extra oral and/or written assignments required for graduate credit. (Spring only)
Prereq: BIOL 250 and BIOL 380.

BIOL 487 Eukaryotic Molecular Genetics
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 587
Molecular basis of genetics in eukaryotes. Extra oral and/or written assignments required for graduate credit. Recommended preparation: BIOL J485/J585 and PLSC J488/J588. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 380; and BIOL 310 or GENE 314.

BIOL 489 Herpetology
4 credits
Evolution, systematics, physiology, and ecology of reptiles and amphibians. Three lectures and one 3-hr lab a wk; field trip. (Fall only)
Prereq: BIOL 114 and BIOL 115, BIOL 115L.

BIOL 491 Practicum in Teaching
2 credits
Gen Ed: Senior Experience
Teaching by advanced students under faculty supervision.
Prereq: Permission.

BIOL 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.

BIOL 500 Master's Research and Thesis
Credit arranged.

BIOL 501 (s) Seminar
Credit arranged.

BIOL 502 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.

BIOL 503 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged.

BIOL 504 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

BIOL 505 Colloquium
1 credit
Oral presentation required for credit. Graded P/F.
Prereq: Permission.

BIOL 508 Topics in Neuroscience
1 credit, max arranged
Seminars and discussion of current topics in neuroscience.
Prereq: Graduate standing.

BIOL 521 Graduate Teaching Practicum
3 credits
Organization, preparation, and teaching of lab experiments or demonstrations under faculty supervision. Graded pass/fail.
Prereq: Graduate standing and Permission.

BIOL 522 Molecular Evolution
3 credits
Understanding evolutionary processes and patterns at the molecular level, techniques for using genetic and genomic data understand evolutionary history of organisms, 3 lectures per week. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students. (Fall, alt/ys)
Prereq: Undergraduates require permission of instructor.

BIOL 524 Research & Curriculum Progress
1 credit, max arranged
Required of all graduate students one semester per year. The grade is based on preparation of an oral and written presentation of research goals and coursework for the completion of the degree. A letter grade is assigned by committee members at the time of the student's graduate committee meeting. Recommended preparation: Undergraduate degree in Microbiology, Biochemistry, or related topic.
Prereq: Permission.

BIOL 526 Systems Biology
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 426
Two lectures per week. Systems Biology will use quantitative approaches including theory and computation to understand the complex function that emerges from physiological systems. Topics will include transcriptional networks and their common motifs, robustness in chemotaxis and development, noise and variability, evolution of modularity, and optimality in metabolism. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students. (Fall only, alt/ys).
Prereq: BIOL 115, BIOL 115L and MATH 170 or permission of instructor.

BIOL 536 Phylogenetics Reading Group
1 credit, max arranged
Review recent articles in phylogenetics and systematics journals. Students choose, critically review, and discuss the articles to develop critical-thinking skills and confidence in their knowledge of the literature. Graded P/F. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students.
BIOL 545 Principles of Systematic Biology
3 credits
The inference of evolutionary trees (phylogeny) and the processes that
generate biodiversity from analyses of morphological, molecular, and
behavioral data; uses of phylogenies in testing evolutionary and other
hypotheses at both inter and intraspecific levels. Two hours of lecture
and one 3-hour lab a week. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking
students. (Spring, Alt/ys)
Prereq: PLSC 205 or BIOL 213 and BIOL 310.

BIOL 547 Virology
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 447
A survey of virology, with special emphasis on the molecular basis of
replication, host-pathogen interactions and diseases associated with
animal viruses. Extra oral and/or written assignments required for grad
credit. Recommended preparation: BIOL 250. (Fall, alt/ys)
Prereq: BIOL 312 or Permission.

BIOL 548 Evolutionary Ecology
3 credits
This course develops the theoretical underpinnings for the field of
evolutionary ecology and illustrates how this conceptual basis is used
to address major questions of social and economic importance such as
the spread of invasive species and the evolution of infectious disease.
Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students. (Spring, alt/ys)

BIOL 549 Computer Skills for Biologists
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 456
Management and analysis of complicated datasets such as those
in molecular evolution, systematics, and genomics. Demonstrations,
exercises, and student projects to teach advanced Unix skills,
programming (e.g. Perl and R), and data management. Cooperative: open
to WSU degree-seeking students. (Fall, alt/even yrs)
Prereq: BIOL 310 and STAT 251 or STAT 301; or Permission.

BIOL 551 Seminar on Reproductive Biology
1 credit, max 5
Current topics in reproductive biology. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-
seeking students. (Spring only)
Prereq: Graduate standing.

BIOL 552 Professional Development for Biologists
3 credits
Oral and written presentation skills for communicating scientific
information, including grant writing and data presentation for
manuscripts and seminars.
Prereq: Graduate standing.

BIOL 553 Ethical Issues in Biological Research
1 credit
Practical ethical issues for biologists.
Prereq: Graduate standing.

BIOL 554 Biochemistry II
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 454
Intermediate biochemistry; areas of emphasis include molecular biology,
nitrogen and lipid metabolism. Extra oral and/or written assignments
required for grad credit. (Spring only)
Prereq: CHEM 372; BIOL 380 or CHEM 302 or CHEM 306; or Permission.

BIOL 556 Advanced Field Botany
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 460
Hands-on training in field botany as applied to evolutionary, ecological,
and floristic studies; two-week field course in the Inland Northwest.
Additional projects/assignments required for grad credit. (Summer only)
Prereq: Instructor Permission.

BIOL 557 Mathematical Genetics
3 credits
Cross-listed with MATH 563 Investigation of aspects of evolutionary
biology with an emphasis on stochastic models and statistical
methods; topics include: diffusion methods in molecular evolution, gene
genealogies and the coalescent, inferring coalescent times from DNA
sequences, population subdivision and F statistics, likelihood methods
for phylogenetic inference, statistical hypothesis testing, the parametric
bootstrap. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students.
Prereq: MATH 160 or MATH 170 and STAT 251 or STAT 301.

BIOL 558 Protein Structure and Function
3 credits
Joint-listed with BIOL 482
Detailed analysis of protein structure and function including enzyme
activity, binding, folding and stability, and techniques for structure
determination. Additional projects/assignments required for graduate
credit. (Fall, alt/ys)
Prereq for 482: BIOL 380.

BIOL 559 (s) Internship
Credit arranged.
BIOL 599 (s) Non-thesis Master's Research
Credit arranged.
BIOL 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation
Credit arranged.