The BioSciences department unites faculty engaged in research and teaching in a wide range of disciplines within the life sciences, creating a vibrant and diverse community of scholars. The department offers a broad range of introductory and advanced courses that lead to undergraduate degrees in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (BA, BS), Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BA, BS), and Biological Sciences (BA). In addition, a Minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and a Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology are offered. The BA degrees offer a rigorous biological curriculum suitable for many career paths while allowing the flexibility for extended academic exploration other areas. The BS degrees offer greater depth in upper-level coursework and are often chosen by students who will pursue advanced degrees in the future. Most BioSciences students, regardless of major, participate in undergraduate research, availing themselves of the numerous research opportunities at Rice and in the Houston community.

All five major degree paths will prepare students for graduate, medical, or other professional schools and a wide range of careers in the life sciences. In addition, qualified students may apply to the Biochemistry and Cell Biology BA-MA-PhD program track. Additional information on departmental programs, courses and advising is available at the BioSciences website (http://biosciences.rice.edu).

The BioSciences department administers graduate programs in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (PhD, MA) and in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (PhD, MA, MS), described in the degree requirements section. In addition, some BioSciences faculty members participate in the Systems, Synthetic, and Physical Biology (SSPB) PhD program administered by the Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering (ibb.rice.edu). Graduate studies include a combination of advanced coursework and individual research with faculty mentors.

For additional information regarding BioSciences and its associated academic programs, please see the department's website: http://biosciences.rice.edu/

**Bachelor’s Programs**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-cell-biology-ba)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-evolutionary-biology-ba)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Biological Sciences (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biological-sciences-ba)
- Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree with a Major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-cell-biology-bs)
- Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree with a Major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-evolutionary-biology-bs)

**Minors**

- Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-evolutionary-biology-minor)

**Accelerated Program**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree / Master of Arts (MA) Degree / Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Biochemistry and Cell Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-cell-biology-ba-MA-phd)

**Master’s Programs**

- Master of Arts (MA) Degree in the field of Biochemistry and Cell Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-cell-biology-ma)
- Master of Arts (MA) Degree in the field of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-evolutionary-biology-ma)
- Master of Science (MS) Degree in the field of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology*

**Doctoral Programs**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Biochemistry and Cell Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-cell-biology-phd)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-evolutionary-biology-phd)

* Although students are not normally admitted to a Master of Science (MS) degree program, graduate students may earn the MS as they work towards the PhD.

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To view the most recent semester's course schedule, please see Rice's Course Schedule [https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/!SWKSCAT.cat]
Biochemistry and Cell Biology (BIOC)

BIOC 112 - INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH CHALLENGES
Short Title: INTRO BIOL RESEARCH CHALLENGES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Teams of students work on investigative, client-based projects with opportunities to design experiments, analyze data, and communicate their findings. This course is recommended for students interested in the Biosciences major who have very limited practical laboratory experience. Only first year students may enroll. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 112 and BIOC 111/NSCI 120.

BIOC 115 - FRESHMAN SEMINAR IN LOCAL BIOLOGY RESEARCH (BCB)
Short Title: FRESHMAN BIOLOGY SEMINAR (BCB)
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A 7-week seminar course to introduce freshmen prospective biology to the excitement of research at Rice and the Medical Center and to provide context with which to think about facts presented in biosciences textbooks. Small groups will meet weekly with a graduate student or postdoctoral researcher to explore a published research article by a local lab, gaining background information about the subject and exposure to the research techniques. In the final session, the group will tour the lab that produced the featured article. Additional tours and activities TBA. All first-year non-transfer students are eligible to enroll. J Required: AP credit. This course meets in the second half of the semester and features research in the Program of BIOLOGY FOR VOTERS

BIOC 122 - CURRENT TOPICS IN BIOLOGY
Short Title: BIOLOGY FOR VOTERS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Students cannot enroll who have a major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Biological Sciences or Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Designer babies, climate change, the anti-vaccine movement, gender identity, evolution...exploring these and other socially relevant topics will provide a context for learning essential concepts in biology and ways to distinguish science truth from science fiction.
Course URL: www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bioc122/
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<td>INTERMEDIATE EXPERIMENTAL CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE</td>
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<td>Biosciences</td>
<td>Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory</td>
<td>Laboratory</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Lower-Level</td>
<td>BIOC 201 (may be taken concurrently) and BIOC 212 may be taken concurrently with BIOC 212. Instructor Permission Required. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 212 and BIOC 211.</td>
<td>Introduction to the scientific method, principles of experimental design, selected research strategies, record keeping, and technical communication as related to neuroscience. This course is primarily intended for prospective and declared NEUR majors. The pre-req BIOC 201 may be taken concurrently with BIOC 212. Instructor Permission Required. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 212 and BIOC 211.</td>
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<td>BIOSCIENCES LAB TEACHING</td>
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<td>Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory</td>
<td>Laboratory</td>
<td>1-3</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Lower-Level</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Undergraduate teaching in a biosciences laboratory. Provide group and individual instruction and feedback to undergraduates during and outside of laboratory classes. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.</td>
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<td>DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING</td>
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<td>Independent Study</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Lower-Level</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>In this course, undergraduates who have previously excelled in a BIOC course, as approved by the Department Chair for this activity, will develop teaching skills by leading discussion sections or serving as writing mentors. These activities are designed to benefit students presently taking the relevant BIOC course and will be performed under the guidance of the professor teaching the course. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.</td>
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<td>BIOC 220</td>
<td>FORENSIC BIOLOGY AND CRIMINALISTICS</td>
<td>FORENSIC BIOL &amp; CRIMINALISTICS</td>
<td>Biosciences</td>
<td>Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Lower-Level</td>
<td>BIOC 201</td>
<td>This course will introduce students to certain areas of forensic science including - crime scene analysis, forensic serology, molecular genetics (DNA), forensic toxicology; drugs, and the identification of biological fluids such as blood, saliva, and semen, with case studies and a potential field trip. The course is designed for biology and chemistry students, for students interested in the application of biosciences in DNA and crime scene analysis.</td>
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<td>BIOC 300</td>
<td>PARADIGMS IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY</td>
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<td>Biosciences</td>
<td>Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Upper-Level</td>
<td>BIOC 301 or BIOC 341. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Recommended strongly for students with Advanced Placement in Biology and designed for prospective BIOC majors. This course is strongly recommended as preparation for BIOC 341 (Cell Biology). Enrollment is restricted to students who have not yet taken BIOC 301 or BIOC 341. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Recommended strongly for students with Advanced Placement in Biology and designed for prospective BIOC majors. For students with AP credit for BIOS/BIOC 201, this course is strongly recommended as preparation for BIOC 341 (Cell Biology).</td>
<td>Examination of paradigms in Biochemistry and Cell Biology with a focus on the &quot;central dogma&quot; of molecular biology. Recommended strongly for students with Advanced Placement in Biology and designed for prospective BIOC majors. This course is strongly recommended as preparation for BIOC 341 (Cell Biology).</td>
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<td>Biosciences</td>
<td>Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Graduate level students may not enroll.</td>
<td>Undergraduate Upper-Level</td>
<td>CHEM 211 and BIOC 201</td>
<td>The second in an integrated sequence of three courses (BIOC 201, 301, 302). Structure and function of proteins, enzymes, and nucleic acids; enzyme kinetics; glycolysis, aerobic metabolism, and energy coupling. Recommended Prerequisite(s): CHEM 212.</td>
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**Prerequisites and Restrictions:**
- BIOC 201 (may be taken concurrently).
- Graduate level students may not enroll.
- Instructor Permission Required.
- Repeatable for Credit.
BIOC 302 - BIOCHEMISTRY II
Short Title: BIOCHEMISTRY II
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301
Description: The final in an integrated sequence of three courses (BIOC 201, 301, 302). In depth study of carbohydrate, amino acid, and lipid metabolic pathways, hormone regulation of metabolic path ways, key cell signaling mechanisms, and the structural biology of DNA replication, transcription, and translation into proteins. Course also involves analysis of primary scientific literature. Recommended Prerequisite(s): CHEM 212 or CHEM 320.

BIOC 305 - INVESTIGATIVE BIOCHEMISTRY
Short Title: INVESTIGATIVE BIOCHEMISTRY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior or Senior. Students cannot enroll who have a major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Biological Sciences or Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: In this course designed for premedical students not majoring in the Biosciences, students work in teams to complete part of a research project. In addition to gaining practical laboratory experience in biochemistry, students maintain a laboratory notebook, generate and analyze data, and write a research paper. The prerequisite BIOC 301 may be taken concurrently with BIOC 305.

BIOC 310 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATES
Short Title: IND RES FOR BIOC UNDERGRADS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 111 or BIOC 211 or BIOC 212 or BIOC 112 or NSCI 120
Description: Independent research in Rice BCB faculty laboratories (sections 2 and above) or other Texas Medical Center laboratories (sections 1). Students spend at least 3 hours per week in the laboratory for each semester hour of credit. If taken for 3 or more hours, counts as one required 300+ level lab course (not BIOC 311). Requires a proposal abstract, weekly reports, and a research paper (fall semester) or a proposal abstract, weekly reports, and a poster presentation (spring semester). Students wishing to perform their research in an off-campus lab must submit a completed application to the BIOC 310 instructor at least 2 weeks prior to the start of classes and may not register for fewer than 3 credit hours. Instructor Permission Required. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Students are strongly advised to secure research advisors and register for the class well in advance of the start of classes. Repeatable for Credit.
Course URL: www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc310

BIOC 311 - ADVANCED EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES
Short Title: ADV EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Students with a class of Freshman may not enroll. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 211 or BIOC 212) and BIOC 301 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Advancement of biochemical laboratory methods, record keeping, technical communication skills, and research strategies. Students will maintain a research quality laboratory notebook and will submit a paper in the style of a journal article. Pre-req BIOC 301 may be taken concurrently with BIOC 311.

BIOC 313 - INTRODUCTORY SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY
Short Title: INTRODUCTORY SYNTHETIC BIO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 211 or BIOC 212
Description: Students learn molecular biological procedures commonly used to build and characterize synthetic genetic circuits. Teams of students work on a research project in the interdisciplinary field of synthetic biology. Students continue to develop technical communication skills.
Course URL: www.owlnet.rice.edu/~bios311/bios311/bios313/bios313.html
BIOC 318 - MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
Short Title: MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 211 or BIOC 212
Description: Team projects focusing on water analysis and isolation, culture, observation, assay, and identification of bacteria. Offered in the second half of each semester, self-scheduled after the first formal meetings.
Course URL: www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios318/

BIOC 320 - LABORATORY IN TISSUE CULTURE
Short Title: LABORATORY IN TISSUE CULTURE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOE 440 or STAT 440 or BIOC 311
Description: Introduction to tissue culture techniques, including cell passage, cell viability, and cell attachment and proliferation assays. Students complete quantitative analysis of their data. Engineering design and applications are featured in graded work. Sections 1 and 2 are taught during the first half of the semester. Sections 3 and 4 are taught during the second half of the semester. Students may be required to attend lab on a university holiday. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: BIOE 342.

BIOC 329 - ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOE 201 and (PHYS 101 and PHYS 102) or (PHYS 125 and PHYS 126)
Description: This course will teach the fundamentals of human physiology with a specific focus on the nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, and urinary systems. Basic introductory engineering principles will be applied to the study of physiological systems. The course is aimed to be accessible to students with non-engineering backgrounds. Students may receive credit for only one of BIOE 302, BIOC 322, and BIOC 332. Cross-list: BIOE 302. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 332 and BIOE 322.

BIOC 331 - BIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Short Title: BIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBO 213
Description: This course gives a broad overview of the biology of infectious diseases using examples from humans, plants, and animals. Topics include diversity of diseases, mechanisms of disease transmission, epidemiology, population regulation, evolution of virulence, disease dynamics in natural communities and disease invasion and conservation biology. Cross-list: EBO 331.

BIOC 332 - SYSTEMS PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: SYSTEMS PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and (PHYS 101 and PHYS 102) or (PHYS 125 and PHYS 126)
Description: This course will teach the fundamentals of human physiology with a specific focus on the nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, and urinary systems. Basic introductory engineering principles will be applied to the study of physiological systems. The course is aimed to be accessible to students with non-engineering backgrounds. Students may receive credit for only one of BIOE 302, BIOC 322, and BIOC 332. Cross-list: BIOE 302. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 332 and BIOE 322.

BIOC 334 - EVOLUTION
Short Title: EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBO 202
Description: Principles of biological evolution. Topics include natural selection, adaptation, molecular evolution, formation of new species, the fossil record, biogeography, and principles of classification. Cross-list: EBO 334.
Course URL: www.ruf.rice.edu/~queller/Bios334/
**BIOC 335 - CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY**

**Short Title:** CELL & MOL ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 201  
**Description:** This course takes a functional approach to investigate animal physiology from a cellular and molecular perspective. Using an integrated and comparative approach, students learn how animals maintain homeostasis, including how they meet their energy needs, take up and transport oxygen, and maintain hydration and salt balance. Students will read primary literature to explore physiological adaptations for survival in extreme environments. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 536. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 335 and BIOC 536.

**BIOC 341 - CELL BIOLOGY**

**Short Title:** CELL BIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group III  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 201  
**Description:** Molecular mechanisms of eukaryotic cell function. Structure, function, and biogenesis of all subcellular organelles. Cell-cell communication, cytoskeleton assembly and function, cell cycle control, and cell-cell adhesions. Emphasis will be on cytoplasmic events; molecular studies of transcription are taught in BIOC 302 and BIOC 344. RECOMMENDATION: BIOC 300 is recommended for students using advanced placement credit for BIOC 201 and students preferring additional foundational background prior to enrollment in BIOC 341.
BIOL 371 - SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY BIOLOGICAL AND
BIO MEDICAL RESEARCH
Short Title: BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 341 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 301 (may
be taken concurrently)
Description: This course will offer students a close-up look at an area
of contemporary biological and biomedical research in a small-group
seminar setting. Each seminar will focus on a different area of research
through reading and discussion of recent research articles in that focus
area. The faculty discussion leader for each seminar will be drawn from
Baylor College of Medicine, UT Health Science Center, MD Anderson
Cancer Center, Rice and others. Please consult the course website for
a complete listing of seminars offered each semester. Please refer to
the following link for additional information: http://www.bioc.rice.edu/
bioc371. Instructor Permission Required. Recommended Prerequisite(s):
Students should check the courses website for additional prerequisites,
notes from the instructor, and other information specific to each section.
Repeatable for Credit.
Course URL: www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc371

BIOL 372 - IMMUNOLOGY
Short Title: IMMUNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201
Description: Cellular and molecular basis of innate and adaptive immune
function in mammals. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 573.
Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 and BIOC 341. Mutually
Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 372 and BIOC 573/BIOS 372.

BIOL 380 - FUNDAMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE SYSTEMS
Short Title: NEUROSYSTEMS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will provide a broad overview of the brain's
neural systems that subserve perception, learning, and behavior.
The course will be highly integrative with thematic content including
functional organization of the nervous system, neural encoding
and decoding, sensory systems, motor systems, and high-level
concept processing. Cross-list: NEUR 380, PSYC 380. Recommended
Prerequisite(s): PSYC 101.
BIOC 401 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH

Short Title: UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 5

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Description: The Biochemistry and Cell Biology Honors Research Program is a suite of courses offering our seniors and advanced juniors the opportunity to perform a two-semester, individual research project in a research laboratory in Biochemistry & Cell Biology. Students having performed BIOS/BIOC 310 research in an off-campus laboratory in the Texas Medical Center will also be eligible to apply to perform honors research in that laboratory. The Honors Research Program courses function as a set and must all be taken in the same academic year. Registration for any of the courses requires a commitment to register for all three. Requires at least 15 hours of laboratory research per week, a proposal (revised from application), monthly reports, and a formal progress report (abstract, aims, progress toward aims, discussion of results, plans for the spring semester). Prerequisites: strong performance in (BIOC 310, or HONS 470/471) and BIOC 211 and either BIOC 301 or BIOC 341. Research professor recommendation required. Application for admission required (BCB Honors Program OwlSpace Resources). Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 402 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH

Short Title: UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Research

Credit Hours: 5

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 401

Corequisite: BIOC 412

Description: The Biochemistry and Cell Biology Honors Research Program is a suite of courses offering our seniors and advanced juniors the opportunity to perform a two-semester, individual research project in a research laboratory in Biochemistry & Cell Biology. Students having performed BIOS/BIOC 310 research in an off-campus laboratory in the Texas Medical Center will also be eligible to apply to perform honors research in that laboratory. Registration for any of the courses requires a commitment to register for all three. Requires at least 15 hours of laboratory research per week, monthly reports, a thesis (substantial research paper) and a poster presentation at the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 402 - UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINAR

Short Title: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINAR

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Seminar

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 401

Corequisite: BIOC 402

Description: This companion seminar requires attendance at course meetings and a formal scientific presentation of research performed while enrolled in the Honors Research Program. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 413 - EXPERIMENTAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL MOLECULAR BIO

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 311

Description: Application of strategies in molecular biology to investigate gene expression and function with an emphasis on experimental design, data analysis, and data interpretation. Students will prepare a scientific poster. Offered second half of spring semester.

BIOC 415 - EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY

Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Laboratory

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): BIOC 311

Description: Laboratory studies in membrane, nerve, and muscle physiology, with emphasis on experimental design, data analysis, and data interpretation.

Course URL: www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios415

BIOC 417 - EXPERIMENTAL CELL AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE

Short Title: ADV EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE

Department: Biosciences

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

Course Type: Laboratory

Credit Hour: 1

Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level

Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 and BIOC 212 and CAAM 210 and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or STAT 312) and (BIOC 385 or NEUR 385)

Description: Students will explore the molecular properties of neurons and related cells using standard techniques in the field. Experiments will include manipulating exocytosis, examining protein expression levels in different brain regions of mice, and culturing primary neurons. Lessons will also include a brief lecture/discussion on fundamental principles within cellular and molecular neuroscience.
**BIOC 424 - MICROBIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**Short Title:** MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 201  
**Description:** Structure and functions of microorganisms with emphasis on their environmental, industrial and medical importance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 524. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or Instructor Permission. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 424 and BIOC 524.

**BIOC 425 - PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Short Title:** PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 301 or BIOC 341  
**Description:** Novel aspects of plant biology and development with emphasis on molecular and genetic mechanisms. Plant responses to the environment and the use of bioengineering and other means to develop new plant products will also be covered. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 525. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 425 and BIOC 525.

**BIOC 442 - MOLECULES, MEMORY AND MODEL ANIMALS: METHODS IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE**

**Short Title:** BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (BIOC 301 or BIOC 341) and (PSYC 203 or EBIO 321) and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or STAT 312)  
**Description:** This will be a combined lecture/discussion course on historical and current methods in behavioral neuroscience using primary literature. Topics will include the molecular basis of memory, genetic impacts on cognition, and possible epigenetic influences on behavior. Special emphasis will be placed on discussing different model organism and their benefits/drawbacks in neuroscience research.

**BIOC 443 - ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND CRITICAL ANALYSIS IN MODERN DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

**Short Title:** DEVELOPMENT  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 341 or BIOC 301 or BIOC 344  
**Description:** An advanced undergraduate and graduate level course, dedicated to analysis and evaluation of scientific inquiry into animal development. Textbook based lectures and discussions based on primary scientific literature are used to exemplify and evaluate concepts and methodology. Writing assignments, quizzes, midterm and final exam will be used to evaluate performance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 544. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 443 and BIOC 544.

**BIOC 445 - ADVANCED MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS**

**Short Title:** ADVANCED MOLECULAR BIOLOGY & GENETICS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 301 or BIOC 341  
**Description:** Molecular and genetic aspects of the regulation of gene expression as seen in simple prokaryotic systems and the model eukaryotic systems used for studies of development. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 545. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 445 and BIOC 545.

**BIOC 447 - EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE**

**Short Title:** BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 301 or BIOC 341  
**Description:** Current biological methods offer the potential to transform health care. We will examine the biology and methodology of emergent health care technologies such as stem cell therapy and personal genome sequencing to understand their potential to impact human health. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 547.
BIOC 449 - ADVANCED CELL AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE  
Short Title: ADV CELL AND MOLECULAR NEURO  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 385 or NEUR 385) and BIOC 201 and BIOC 212 and MATH 102 and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or STAT 312)  
Description: This course will be an overview of advanced principles and techniques in cell and molecular neuroscience; subjects will include bioelectricity, cellular signaling, and the molecular mechanics of neuronal plasticity. The class will primarily be lecture driven. However, there will be seminar component – students will review primary scientific literature, discuss it in small groups, and present their findings. Recommended Prerequisite(s): NEUR 380 or BIOC 380 or PSYC 380.

BIOC 450 - VIRUSES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
Short Title: VIRUSES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and BIOC 301 and BIOC 341  
Description: Animal viruses, especially those relevant to human health, will be discussed. Topics primarily focus on virus structure and the molecular biology of the virus life cycle. Practical issues such as the history of viral diseases, clinical manifestations, laboratory diagnosis, management and prevention will also be discussed. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 550. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 450 and BIOC 550.

BIOC 455 - COMPUTATIONAL SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY  
Short Title: COMP SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 211  
Description: Mathematical and computational techniques of cell biology and synthetic biology. Topics include deriving and implementing mathematical and computational models of cellular growth and division, evolution, gene regulation, synthetic gene circuits, enzymatic processing, and stochastic processes in biology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency, BIOC 555. Recommended Prerequisite(s): CAAM 210

BIOC 460 - CANCER BIOLOGY  
Short Title: CANCER BIOLOGY  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 and BIOC 341  
Description: Provides an integrated lecture series summarizing current knowledge in cancer biology and integrating current literature with basic concepts. Topics include: statistics of incidence/survival, types of cancer, pathology, the process of carcinogenesis and sources of carcinogens, genetic and epigenetic mechanisms and consequences, cancer progression, metastasis and current treatment options. Students will learn to use online databases to develop independent strategies for analyzing datasets. There will be several writing assignments and in class oral presentations of research articles. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 560. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 460 and BIOC 560.

BIOC 464 - EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX  
Short Title: EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 341 or BIOC 341  
Description: This course will address the biology, organization, mechanics, and turnover of extracellular matrix. There will be an emphasis on cells and cell-matrix interactions, matrix distribution within and design of connective tissues and organs techniques for quantitative analysis of matrix, techniques for measurement and modeling of connective tissue biomechanics, changes with growth and aging and tissue/matrix degradation. Cross-list: BIOE 464. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 523. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 372, BIOC 341. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 464 and BIOC 523.

BIOC 470 - COMPUTATION WITH BIOLOGICAL DATA  
Short Title: COMPUTATION WITH BIOL DATA  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 301 or BIOC 341 or BIOC 344) and MATH 102  
Description: This course will teach programming and analysis techniques essential for modern research in the biological sciences. Students will learn the basics of programming in the MATLAB or Python scripting languages and applications to analyzing biological data. There will be a particular focus on quantitative image and sequence analysis. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 570. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 470 and BIOC 570.
BIOC 464 - MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I  
**Short Title:** MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 301 or BIOC 352  
**Description:** Focus on principles of common biophysical methods used for study of conformations and dynamics of biological macromolecules and assemblies. Topics cover spectroscopic methods (absorption, fluorescence, circular dichroism, epr, NMR), transport processes, sedimentation, calorimetry, mass spectrometry, crystallography, cryoelectron microscopy, atomic force microscopy, ligand-protein interactions, protein folding, single molecule detection, computer simulations, functional genomics and laboratory evolution. Biological examples will be used to demonstrate merits and complementarity in each of the biophysical methods. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 551.

BIOC 482 - STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY  
**Short Title:** STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 301 and (PHYS 101 or PHYS 125) and (PHYS 102 or PHYS 126)  
**Description:** Structural biology plays an important role in defining atomic structures of biomolecules and understanding relationships between structure, dynamics and function in living systems. This course will give an introduction to techniques of determining biomolecular structures, X-ray crystallography, NMR, and cryoelectron microscopy and discuss striking examples of the power of structural biology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 552. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 482 and BIOC 552.

BIOC 524 - MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Short Title:** MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Structure and functions of microorganisms with emphasis on their environmental, industrial and medical importance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 424. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 524 and BIOC 424.

BIOC 525 - PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Short Title:** PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Novel aspects of plant biology and development with emphasis on molecular and genetic mechanisms. Plant responses to the environment and the use of bioengineering and other means to develop new plant products will also be covered Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 425. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 525 and BIOC 425.

BIOC 552 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 525 - EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX  
**Short Title:** EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This course will address the biology, organization, mechanics, and turnover of extracellular matrix. There will be an emphasis on cells and cell-matrix interactions, matrix distribution within and design of connective tissues and organs techniques for quantitative analysis of matrix, techniques for measurement and modeling of connective tissue biomechanics, changes with growth and aging and tissue/matrix degradation. Additional projects will be required of graduate level students. Cross-list: BIOC 524. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 464. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 372, BIOC/BIOE 341. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 523 and BIOC 464.
BIOC 532 - LABORATORY MODULE IN OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY AND KINETICS
Short Title: LAB MOD OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Students learn the principles behind fluorescence, circular dichroism, analytical ultracentrifugation, spectroscopy and rapid kinetics by carrying out experiments with genetically engineered proteins and state-of-the-art equipment. Data will be interpreted and manipulated using curve-fitting and graphics software. Offered second half of the semester. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 352 or equivalent. Concurrent or previous enrollment in BIOC 481 or BIOC 551.

BIOC 533 - BIOINFORMATICS & COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY
Short Title: BIOINFORMATICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An introduction to the emerging field of bioinformatics. A series of lectures, combined with hands-on exercises. The topics to be discussed include sequence comparison, structure analysis, phylogenetics, database searching, microarrays and proteomics. Recommended prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or permission of instructor.

BIOC 535 - PRACTICAL X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY
Short Title: PRACT X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This is an introduction to macromolecular crystallography with emphasis on crystallization methods, data acquisition, processing and molecular model-building. Approaches to solving structures will be discussed, as well as refinement of molecular models. Offered second half of the semester. Prerequisites are concurrent and may be taken the same semester.

BIOC 536 - CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: CELL & MOL ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course investigates animal physiology from a cellular and molecular perspective. Using an integrated and comparative approach, students learn how animals maintain homeostasis. Students will read primary literature to explore physiological adaptations for survival in extreme conditions. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 335. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 536 and BIOC 335.

BIOC 537 - ADVANCED CRYSTALLOGRAPHY SEMINAR
Short Title: ADV CRYSTALLOGRAPHY SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: One hour seminar course in theoretical and practical aspects of crystallography, primarily as it applies to macromolecular crystallography. Presentations will be given by instructors and students on advanced topics based on published works or original research. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 540 - METABOLIC ENGINEERING
Short Title: METABOLIC ENGINEERING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
**BIOC 544 - ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND CRITICAL ANALYSIS IN MODERN DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

*Short Title:* DEVELOPMENT  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Prerequisite(s):* BIOC 341 or BIOC 301 or BIOC 344  
*Description:* An advanced undergraduate and graduate level course, dedicated to analysis and evaluation of scientific inquiry into animal development. Textbook based lectures and discussions based on primary scientific literature are used to exemplify and evaluate concepts and methodology. Writing assignments, quizzes, midterm and final exam will be used to evaluate performance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 443. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 544 and BIOC 443.

**BIOC 545 - ADVANCED MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS**

*Short Title:* ADV MOLECULAR BIOL & GENETICS  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Prerequisite(s):* BIOC 301 or BIOC 352  
*Description:* Molecular and genetic aspects of the regulation of gene expression as seen in simple prokaryotic systems and the model eukaryotic systems used for studies of development. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 445. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 545 and BIOC 445.

**BIOC 547 - EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE**

*Short Title:* BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Description:* Current biological methods offer the potential to transform health care. We will examine the biology and methodology of emergent health care technologies such as stem cell therapy and personal genome sequencing to understand their potential to impact human health. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 447. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOC 341 or BIOC 344.

**BIOC 550 - VIRUSES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

*Short Title:* VIRUSES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Prerequisite(s):* BIOC 201 and BIOC 301 and BIOC 341  
*Description:* Animal viruses, especially those relevant to human health, will be discussed. Topics primarily focus on virus structure and the molecular biology of the virus life cycle. Practical issues such as the history of viral diseases, clinical manifestations, laboratory diagnosis, management and prevention will also be discussed. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 450. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 550 and BIOC 450.

**BIOC 551 - MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS**

*Short Title:* MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Prerequisite(s):* BIOC 301 or BIOC 352  
*Description:* Focus on principles of common biophysical methods used for study of conformations and dynamics of biological macromolecules and assemblies. Topics cover spectroscopic methods (absorption, fluorescence, circular dichroism, epr, NMR), transport processes, sedimentation, calorimetry, mass spectrometry, crystallography, cryoelectron microscopy, atomic force microscopy, ligand-protein interactions, protein folding, single molecule detection, computer simulations, functional genomics and laboratory evolution. Biological examples will be used to demonstrate merits and complementarity in each of the biophysical methods. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 481.

**BIOC 552 - STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY**

*Short Title:* STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Lecture  
*Credit Hours:* 3  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
*Description:* Structural biology plays an important role in defining atomic structures of biomolecules and understanding relationships between structure, dynamics and function in living systems. This course will give an introduction to techniques of determining biomolecular structures, X-ray crystallography, NMR, and cryoelectron microscopy and discuss striking examples of the power of structural biology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 482. Recommended prerequisite(s): BIOC 301. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 552 and BIOC 482.
BIOC 560 - CANCER BIOLOGY
Short Title: CANCER BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Provides an integrated lecture series summarizing current knowledge in cancer biology and integrating current literature with basic concepts. Topics include: statistics of incidence/survival, types of cancer, pathology, the process of carcinogenesis and sources of carcinogens, genetic and epigenetic mechanisms and consequences, cancer progression, metastasis and current treatment options. Students will learn to use online databases to develop independent strategies for analyzing datasets. There will be several writing assignments and in class oral presentations of research articles. This course requires instructor permission to enroll. Please fill out the special registration form from https://registrar.rice.edu/student/special_registration. All requests will be reviewed and you will be notified of an enrollment decision. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: BIOE 560. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 460. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 560 and BIOC 460.

BIOC 558 - ADVANCES IN NUCLEASE-MEDIATED GENOME ENGINEERING
Short Title: ADV NUCLEASE-MEDIATED GEN ENG
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course provides a comprehensive understanding of advances in the nuclease-mediated genome engineering field. Past and current stages of genome-editing technologies, the fundamental mechanisms of different classes of genome-editing nucleases, and cutting-edge strategies for engineering novel genome-editing agents and their applications in synthetic biology and therapeutics. Cross-list: CHBE 558.

BIOC 555 - COMPUTATIONAL SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY
Short Title: COMP SYNTH BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Mathematical and computational techniques of cell biology and synthetic biology. Topics include deriving and implementing mathematical and computational models of cellular growth and division, evolution, gene regulation, synthetic gene circuits, enzymatic processing, and stochastic processes in biology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 455.

BIOC 570 - COMPUTATION WITH BIOLOGICAL DATA
Short Title: COMPUTATION WITH BIOL DATA
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will teach programming and analysis techniques essential for modern research in the biological sciences. Students will learn the basics of programming in the MATLAB or Python scripting languages and applications to analyzing biological data. There will be a particular focus on quantitative image and sequence analysis. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 470. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 570 and BIOC 470.

BIOC 571 - BIOINFORMATICS: SEQUENCE ANALYSIS
Short Title: BIOINFORMATICS: SEQUENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Pairwise and multiple sequence alignment, Markov chains and HMMs, Phylogenetic reconstruction, Haplotype inference, Computational models of RNA structure, Gene finding, Genome rearrangements, and comparative genomics. Cross-list: COMP 571.
Course URL: www.cs.rice.edu/~nahkleh/COMP571/

BIOC 572 - BIOINFORMATICS: NETWORK ANALYSIS
Short Title: BIOINFORMATICS: NETWORKS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course covers computational aspects of biological network analysis, a major theme in the area of systems biology. The course addresses protein-protein interaction networks, signaling, and metabolic networks, and covers issues related to reconstructing, analyzing, and integrating various types of networks. Cross-list: BIOE 564, COMP 572.
Course URL: www.cs.rice.edu/~nahkleh/COMP572/
BIOC 573 - IMMUNOLOGY
Short Title: IMMUNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201
Description: Cellular and molecular basis of innate and adaptive immune function in mammals. Graduate students will be required to do all the usual assignments associated with the undergraduate section of the course but in addition will write a substantial paper on some aspects of the field that is relevant to their planned careers in biomedical research/biotechnology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 372. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 AND BIOC 341. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 573 and BIOC 372/BIOS 372.

BIOC 575 - INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Short Title: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Introduction of first-year graduate students to the research programs and laboratories of individual faculty members. Open only to BCB graduate students.

BIOC 576 - FOUNDATIONS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Short Title: FOUNDATIONS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate level introduction to a wide range of research methods in biosciences and bioengineering. Individual faculty members from the Biosciences and Bioengineering will each present practices and techniques for their areas of expertise. A web-based methods database will be constructed, with student involvement, from the library of lectures. Cross-list: BIOE 576.

BIOC 577 - FOUNDATIONS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Short Title: FOUNDATIONS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate level introduction to a wide range of research methods in biosciences and bioengineering. Individual faculty members from the biosciences and bioengineering will each present practices and techniques for their areas of expertise. A web-based methods database will be constructed, with student involvement, from the library of lectures. Cross-list: BIOE 577.

BIOC 578 - BIOTECHNOLOGY PRACTICUM
Short Title: BIOTECHNOLOGY PRACTICUM
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course is part of the NIH Biotechnology Training Program and is limited to program participants. Students will receive exposure and training in cutting edge concepts and technologies. Cross-list: BIOE 578.

BIOC 580 - PROTEIN ENGINEERING
Short Title: PROTEIN ENGINEERING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Manipulation of gene expression in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Rational design and directed solutions for cell and protein engineering. Selection and screening technologies and process optimization. Synthetic Biology: engineering and application of gene circuits. Molecular biotechnology applications: Diagnosis, Therapeutics and Vaccines. Cross-list: BIOE 580, CHBE 580. Recommended Prerequisite(s): CHBE 310/510 or equivalent is highly recommended.

BIOC 581 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM BIOCHEM & CELL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A discussion of selected research topics. Required of all Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate students. Open only to BCB graduate students. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 582 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM/BIOCHEM & CELL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A discussion of selected research topics. Required of all Biochemistry and Cell Biology graduate students. Open only to BCB graduate students. Repeatable for Credit.
BIOC 583 - MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
Short Title: MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: First of two integrated classes taken by first-year graduate students in BCB (to be followed by BIOC 588, Cellular Interactions). Covers advanced topics in biochemistry, ranging from protein and nucleic acid synthesis, folding, function, and engineering to allosteric, dynamics, and degradation with an emphasis on fundamental principles, research methodologies, problem solving, and critical analysis of primary literature. Enrollment limited to BCB graduate students.

BIOC 585 - FUNDAMENTALS OF CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: FUNDAMENTALS OF NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Cellular, molecular, and integrative mechanisms of neural function, including membrane and axon physiology, synaptic transmission and plasticity, sensory transduction and processing. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOC 385. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOE 201. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for BIOC 385 and BIOC 585.

BIOC 587 - RESEARCH DESIGN, PROPOSAL WRITING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: PROPOSAL WRITING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Preparation for professional scientific communication with an emphasis on writing research proposals, describing work in progress, and presenting data in context of research goals.

BIOC 588 - CELLULAR INTERACTIONS
Short Title: CELLULAR INTERACTIONS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Second of two integrated classes taken by first-year graduate students in BCB (following BIOC 583, Molecular Interactions). Covers advanced topics in genetics, cell biology, and developmental biology, focusing on cellular, tissue, and organi...
BIOC 593 - CURRENT TOPICS IN PLANT BIOLOGY
Short Title: TOPICS IN PLANT BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Discussion of selected research topics in current plant biology literature. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 643 - CELL MECHANICS, MECHANOTRANSDUCTION AND THE CELL MICROENVIRONMENT
Short Title: MECHANOTRANSDUCTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Mechanotransduction is a fundamental process essential for living systems and plays a fundamental role in cell signaling, cancer metastasis and stem cell differentiation. Additionally, fundamental biological processes such as endocytosis cell fusion and cell migration are driven by a coordinated interplay of molecular interactions that drive membrane deformation. This course will survey the current understanding of mechanotransduction and the mechanical properties of cells and their microenvironment, including membrane and cytoskeletal mechanics. Experimental approaches for measuring and manipulating the material properties of cells and their environment; including optical, electrical and magnetic techniques will be covered. A variety of application will be covered, including manipulation in engineering of mechanotransduction pathways to drive cell migration and stem cell differentiation. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: BIOE 643, PHYS 643.

BIOC 701 - GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH I
Short Title: GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH I
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 2-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate research in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Designed for short term laboratory projects for first year graduate students. Recommended prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOC 702 - GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH II
Short Title: GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH II
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 2-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Graduate research in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Designed for short term laboratory projects for first year graduate students. Recommended prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Repeatable for Credit.
BIOC 800 - BIOCHEMISTRY & CELL BIOLOGY GRADUATE RESEARCH
Short Title: BCB GRADUATE RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY (EBIO)

EBIO 113 - ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS SEMINAR
Short Title: ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Discussion of environmental crises. Topics vary annually.
Cross-list: ENST 113, ESCI 113. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 116 - FRESHMAN SEMINAR ON LOCAL BIOLOGY RESEARCH (EEB)
Short Title: FRESHMAN BIOLOGY SEMINAR (EEB)
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A 7-week seminar course to introduce freshmen prospective biologists to the excitement of research at Rice and the Medical Center and to provide context with which to think about facts presented in biosciences textbooks. Small groups will meet weekly with a graduate student or postdoctoral researcher to explore a published research article by a local lab, gaining background information about the subject and exposure to the research techniques. In the final session, the group will tour the lab that produced the featured article. Additional tours and activities TBA. All first-year, non-transfer students are eligible to enroll in EBIO 116/FSEM 116 regardless of AP credit. This course meets in the first half of the semester and features research in the Program of Ecology and Environmental Biology. Cross-list: FSEM 116.

EBIO 124 - INTRODUCTION TO ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: INTRO TO EEB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course provides a short introduction to the science of ecology and evolutionary biology. The topics covered include the mechanisms of evolution, the origin of species, the history of life on earth, biodiversity, animal behavior, population and community ecology, ecosystems, and conservation biology.

EBIO 202 - INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY II
Short Title: INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY II
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201
Description: The second in a series of two introductory biology courses (BIOC 201, EBIO 202). This course examines the diversity of life, comparative animal physiology, evolution, ecology, and conservation. An emphasis is placed on evolution as a central framework necessary for a complete understanding of modern biology. Group discussions allow students to explore topics in more detail and discover how they are relevant to our everyday lives.

EBIO 204 - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: THE DESIGN & PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE
Short Title: COMMUNITY GARDEN
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: The course introduces the fundamentals of community garden design and practice. Responsibilities will center on developing and improving the Rice Community Garden. A strong emphasis will be on learning and applying ecological principles to the practice of community agriculture. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time. Cross-list: ENST 204. Repeatable for Credit.
EBIO 213 - INTRO EXPERIMENTAL ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: INTRO EXP ECOL & EVOL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Experimental, laboratory, and field studies of natural history, ecology, evolution, and animal behavior. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

EBIO 215 - BIOS LAB TEACHING
Short Title: BIOS LAB TEACHING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Undergraduate teaching in a biosciences laboratory. Participate in meetings and selected seminars; supervise students in one or more laboratory sections. Provide group and individual instruction to undergraduates during and outside of laboratory classes. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 216 - DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING
Short Title: DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Program of independent research for students with previous training in the biosciences. Includes a research paper. Students are expected to spend at least three hours per week in the laboratory for each semester hour of credit. If receiving two or more credits, students will be required to participate in the university annual undergraduate symposium in the spring semesters. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 270 - ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Short Title: ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course will focus on applied ecosystem topics including relations with state and federal agencies, filed studies, wetland delineations, permitting compliance, and environmental regulations. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 570. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 270 and EBIO 570.

EBIO 280 - SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT AND REPORTING
Short Title: SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Sustainable development is an approach to development based on interacting social, economic, and environmental forces. It is intended as methodology for planning, and a guiding principle for Environmental Health and safety compliance (EHSs) and Corporate Sustainability (CSRs). Students will learn compliance guidelines, risk management, and assessment considerations. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 580. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 280 and EBIO 580.

EBIO 306 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATES
Short Title: EEB UNDERGRADUATES IND RES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213
Description: Program of independent research for students with previous training in the biosciences. Includes a research paper. Students are expected to spend at least three hours per week in the laboratory for each semester hour of credit. If receiving two or more credits, students will be required to participate in the university annual undergraduate symposium in the spring semesters. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 316 - LAB MODULE IN ECOLOGY
Short Title: LAB MODULE IN ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 323 or EBIO 325
Description: Field and lab experiments in ecology. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.
EBIO 317 - LAB MODULE IN BEHAVIOR
Short Title: LAB MODULE IN BEHAVIOR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 321 and EBIO 213
Description: Field experiments in behavior. Learn to formulate and test hypotheses on bird behavior using mockingbirds, grackles, and herons nesting on campus. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

EBIO 319 - TROPICAL FIELD BIOLOGY
Short Title: TROPICAL FIELD BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examine first-hand the two most diverse ecosystems on earth - the coral reef and the tropical rainforest in this 2-week summer course in the Central American country of Belize. Topics will include the diversity of tropical organisms and habitats, the formation of coral reefs, rainforest ecology, historical biogeography, symbiosis, and conservation of tropical biodiversity. While a background in biology is desirable, individuals lacking this background but having a special interest in the tropics are encouraged to enroll. Students will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodation cost (exact price TBD). Instructor Permission Required.

EBIO 320 - ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF BRAZILIAN WETLANDS LABORATORY
Short Title: BRAZILIAN WETLANDS LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will give students hands-on experiences in the practice of conservation biology through authentic projects related to prioritization and design of nature preserves, restoration of natural environments, and for monitoring threatened and endangered species in the Houston area. EBIO 323 may be taken concurrently with EBIO 324. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 524. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 324 and EBIO 524.

EBIO 321 - ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: Evolutionary theory is used to evaluate behavioral adaptations of organisms to their environment.

EBIO 323 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: The course is designed to give students a broad overview of conservation biology. Lecture and discussions will focus on conservation issues such as biodiversity, extinction, management, sustained yield, invasive species and preserve design. Cross-list: ENST 323. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 523. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 323 and EBIO 523.

EBIO 324 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 and EBIO 323 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: This course will give students hands-on experiences in the practice of conservation biology through authentic projects related to prioritization and design of nature preserves, restoration of natural environments, and for monitoring threatened and endangered species in the Houston area. EBIO 323 may be taken concurrently with EBIO 324. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 524. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 324 and EBIO 524.
EBIO 325 - ECOLOGY
Short Title: ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: Study of population dynamics, species interactions, plant and animal community organization, and ecosystem function. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 525. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 325 and EBIO 525.

EBIO 326 - INSECT BIOLOGY
Short Title: INSECT BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course addresses contemporary issues in ecology and evolution through the lens of insect diversity. Readings span a broad literature (popular to technical). Writing and oral reports develop proficiency in scientific communication.

EBIO 327 - BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Short Title: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202 and EBIO 213
Description: The lecture/laboratory course in field ecology focuses on the theory and practice of estimating biodiversity. The goals are to acquaint students with basic techniques for field sampling and quantifying biodiversity as well as some aspects of the natural history of south and east Texas. These will be accomplished through four field trips during the first half of the semester and an independent research project to be completed by the end of the semester. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

EBIO 328 - EVOLUTION OF GENES & GENOMES
Short Title: EVOLUTION OF GENES & GENOMES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: The course provides an overview of the evolution of genes and genomes. Using many examples, the course introduces databases and the Worldwide Web, and molecular and statistical methods used to study the evolution of genes and genomes. Broad-scale evolutionary patterns and medical applications based on genome analyses are presented.

EBIO 329 - ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or EBIO 202
Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 529. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 329 and EBIO 529.

EBIO 330 - INSECT BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: INSECT BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202 and EBIO 213
Description: Lectures will address contemporary issues in ecology and evolution through the lens of insect diversity. Labs will provide hands-on experiences with collection and curation of insects.
EBIO 333 - EVOLUTIONARY BIOINFORMATICS
Short Title: EVOLUTIONARY BIOINFORMATICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213
Description: This course gives a broad overview of the biology of infectious diseases using examples from humans, plants, and animals. Topics include diversity of diseases, mechanisms of disease transmission, epidemiology, population regulation, evolution of virulence, disease dynamics in natural communities and disease invasion and conservation biology. Cross-list: BIOL 331.

EBIO 332 - EVOLUTION OF GENES & GENOMES LAB
Short Title: EVOLUTION GENES & GENOMES LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 328
Description: The laboratory course is designed to demonstrate concepts and approaches introduced in the lecture course EBIO 328. The text book remains the same, but the course will heavily rely on the computational exercises provided in the text (called Weblems). Students will be shown how to conduct analysis of sequence data, search databases, literature, and how to synthesize such data. Students will conduct their own projects, some suggested by the text, some by the instructor, some perhaps ideas of their own. Students present and defend their results in writing and in form of presentations and posters. The course would be useful for graduate student education, with added requirements for graduate students.

EBIO 333 - EVOLUTIONARY BIOINFORMATICS
Short Title: EVOLUTIONARY BIOINFORMATICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Large accessible data sets have opened new frontiers in evolutionary biology, and many fields. Learn to write computer programs to test hypotheses and discover patterns in diverse data. Understand the most common strategies in evolutionary bioinformatics, including dynamic programming, hidden Markov models, and graphical algorithms. No previous programming experience required. Cross-list: COMP 370. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MATH 101 and MATH 102.

EBIO 334 - EVOLUTION
Short Title: EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202
Description: Principles of biological evolution. Topics include natural selection, adaptation, molecular evolution, formation of new species, the fossil record, biogeography, and principles of classification. Cross-list: BIOL 334.

EBIO 335 - EVOLUTIONARY BIOINFORMATICS LAB
Short Title: EVOLUTION BIOINFORMATICS LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 333 (may be taken concurrently) or COMP 370 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Computer lab section for Evolutionary Bioinformatics. Students must enroll in EBIO 333.

EBIO 336 - PLANT DIVERSITY
Short Title: PLANT DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 337 (may be taken concurrently) or COMP 370 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: The evolution, systematics, and ecology of plants, with emphasis on flowering plants and biodiversity.

EBIO 337 - FIELD BIRD BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: FIELD BIRD BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213
Description: This course centers on a series of five field trips to diverse habitats for observing birds both immigrants and residents. Each will be preceded by a lecture and students will do two projects. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.
EBIO 338 - DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS
Short Title: DESIGN & ANALYSIS OF BIOL EXP
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213
Description: This course addresses how to set up and how to draw conclusions from biological experiments. It introduces basic theories in statistics, interwoven with data analysis using software packages. Students will learn to design statistically sound data collection in observational or experimental studies. To answer research questions, students will choose among modern statistical tools and analyze data using software. Students will also learn to effectively present results using statistical graphics. This class particularly focuses on ecological and environmental data.

EBIO 340 - GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES
Short Title: GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course introduces students to the coupled nature of the biosphere, atmosphere and hydrosphere using as focal points elemental cycles such as those of carbon and nitrogen. This is a writing-intensive class, and will include 3 required Saturday field trips. Cross-list: ENST 340, ESCI 340. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 540. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 340 and EBIO 540.

EBIO 365 - INTRODUCTORY PHYCOLOGY
Short Title: INTRODUCTORY PHYCOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: This course provides an overview of the biology of algae including their physiology, taxonomy, biochemistry, and ecology. Students will study the role of algae in different environments, their importance as primary producers, and their economic value.

EBIO 366 - APPLIED PHYCOLOGY
Short Title: APPLIED PHYCOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: This course provides an overview of methods of algal strain selection and cultivation for food, fodder, fertilizers, biofuels, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 566. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 366 and EBIO 566.

EBIO 367 - INTRODUCTION PHYCOLOGY LAB
Short Title: INTRODUCTION PHYCOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Corequisite: EBIO 365
Description: This course provides an introduction to techniques of isolation, culturing, measuring of growth and identification of algae.

EBIO 368 - APPLIED PHYCOLOGY LAB
Short Title: APPLIED PHYCOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Corequisite: EBIO 365
Description: In this course students will learn methods of algal strain selection and mass cultivation together with analyses of algal characteristics including their lipid composition, enzymes and pigments.
EBIO 372 - CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS  
Short Title: CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202  
Description: This three credit lecture course introduces students to a complex, dynamic and sensitive ecosystem: coral reefs. We will explore the biotic and abiotic components of coral reefs; how reef organisms interact with each other and the environment, and the factors that contribute to reef construction and decline over time and space. 
Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 372 and EBIO 572. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 372 and EBIO 572.

EBIO 379 - LAB MODULE IN AQUATIC ECOL OGY WITH SCUBA  
Short Title: LAB MOD AQU ECOLOGY WITH SCUBA  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hour: 1  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Students will learn some fundamentals of aquatic ecosystems and conduct lab exercises that involve SCUB-based fieldwork in a nationally recognized freshwater dive site. Course has required meetings outside of regular class time. Prerequisites: LPAP 194 or proof of Open Water Scuba certification from a professional organization (e.g., PADI, NAUI). A course fee ranging from $300 to $535 is associated with the class. Please send all enrollment requests to Mariah McClarkey, mam22@rice.edu and include the following information: major, year, scuba certification level and issuing professional organization, and a brief statement about why you want to take the course. You will be notified of enrollment decisions by December 5th. Department Permission Required. Cross-list: ENST 379. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 579. Recommended Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 and LPAP 194. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 379 and EBIO 579.

EBIO 391 - TRANSFER CREDIT IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY  
Short Title: TRAN CREDIT ECOL&EVOLUTION  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Transfer  
Credit Hours: 3  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: For transfer of courses which have no current equivalent in the Rice curriculum, but which can be counted as Group B Biosciences courses in satisfying requirements for majors in the Biosciences. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 393 - LABORATORY TRANSFER CREDIT IN BIOSCIENCES  
Short Title: LAB TRANSFER CREDIT  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Transfer  
Credit Hour: 1  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: For transfer of an advanced laboratory course in the biosciences that has no current equivalent in the Rice Biosciences curriculum. Any student may receive a maximum of one credit of EBIO 393.

EBIO 403 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY  
Short Title: UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Research  
Credit Hours: 5  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Open only to undergraduate majors who meet specific requirements and with permission of the research supervisor and chair. Registration for EBIO 403/404 implies a commitment to participate in research for at least 2 semesters. Department Permission Required.

EBIO 404 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY  
Short Title: UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Research  
Credit Hours: 5  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Open only to undergraduate majors who meet specific requirements and with permission of the research supervisor and chair. Registration for EBIO 403/404 implies a commitment to participate in research for at least 2 semesters. Department Permission Required.

EBIO 412 - ADVANCED COMMUNICATION IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
Short Title: ADV COMMUNICATION IN BIOL SCI  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 2  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Intended primarily for seniors majoring in the biological sciences, this course will focus on improving students' written and oral communication skills. Emphasis will be placed on communication of scientific topics for audiences ranging from experts to the general public through weekly assignments. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
EBIO 523 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): (EBIO 213 and EBIO 323 (may be taken concurrently))
Description: This course will give students hands-on experiences in the practice of conservation biology through authentic projects related to prioritization and design of nature preserves, restoration of natural environments, and for monitoring threatened and endangered species in the Houston area. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 324. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 524 and EBIO 324.

EBIO 525 - ECOLOGY
Short Title: ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 and EBIO 202
Description: Study of population dynamics, species interactions, plant and animal community organization, and ecosystem function. Graduate/ Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 325. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 525 and EBIO 325.

EBIO 529 - ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: ANIMAL BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or EBIO 202
Description: The evolution and systematics of the animal kingdom with consideration of functional anatomy, comparative physiology, behavior, medical implications and resource management. Graduate/ Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 329. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 529 and BIOC 329/EBIO 329.

EBIO 540 - GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES
Short Title: GLOBAL BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course introduces students to the coupled nature of the biosphere, atmosphere and hydrosphere using as focal points elemental cycles such as those of carbon and nitrogen. This is a writing-intensive class, and will include 3 required Saturday field trips. Graduate/ Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 340. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 540 and EBIO 340.
EBIO 541 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 542 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 555 - CURRENT TOPICS IN WOLF CONSERVATION
Short Title: WOLF CONSERVATION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will provide an overview of the biology of wolves, their effects on ecosystems, the history of their management, and the current state of their conservation in the United States. Instructor Permission Required.

EBIO 560 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS AND PERMITTING
Short Title: EIS AND PERMITTING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course is an exciting review of the methodologies involved in conduction Environmental Impact Statements for project Permitting under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). EISs have to be conducted before permitting is secured for large infrastructure projects, such as power plants, highways, pipelines, dams, mines, airports, incinerators and landfills.
Course URL: profms.rice.edu

EBIO 561 - TOPICS IN EVOLUTION
Short Title: TOPICS IN EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Review and discussion of the literature on current research in evolution. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 562 - TOPICS IN BEHAVIORAL BIOLOGY
Short Title: TOPICS IN BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Review and discussion of the literature on current research in animal behavior and evolution. Recommended prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or permission of chair or instructor. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 563 - TOPICS IN ECOLOGY
Short Title: TOPICS IN ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Review and discussion of the literature on current research in ecology. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 566 - APPLIED PHYCOLOGY
Short Title: APPLIED PHYCOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course provides an overview of methods of algal strain selection and cultivation for food, fodder, fertilizers, biofuels, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 366. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 566 and EBIO 366.

EBIO 568 - TOPICS IN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Short Title: TOPICS IN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Review and discussion of literature on current research in biological diversity. Repeatable for Credit.
EBIO 569 - CORE COURSE IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: CORE COURSE IN ECOLOGY & EVOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Survey of topics in ecology and evolution taught by all EEB faculty.

EBIO 570 - ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Short Title: ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will focus on applied ecosystem topics including relations with state and federal agencies, field studies, wetland delineations, permitting compliance, and environmental regulations. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 270. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 570 and EBIO 270.

EBIO 572 - CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Short Title: CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202
Description: This three credit lecture course introduces students to a complex, dynamic and sensitive ecosystem: coral reefs. We will explore the biotic and abiotic components of coral reefs; how reef organisms interact with each other and the environment, and the factors that contribute to reef construction and decline over time and space. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 372. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 572 and EBIO 372.

EBIO 579 - LAB MODULE IN AQUATIC ECOLOGY WITH SCUBA
Short Title: LAB MOD AQU ECOLOGY WITH SCUBA
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Students will learn some fundamentals of aquatic ecosystems and conduct lab exercises that involve SCUB-based fieldwork in a nationally recognized freshwater dive site. Course has required meetings outside of regular class time. Prerequisites: LPAP 194 or proof of Open Water Scuba certification from a professional organization (e.g., PADI, NAUI). A course fee ranging from $300 to $535 is associated with the class. Please send all enrollment requests to Mariah McClarty, mam22@rice.edu. You will be notified of enrollment decisions by December 5th. Department Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 379. Recommended Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 and LPAP 194. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 579 and EBIO 379.

EBIO 580 - SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT AND REPORTING
Short Title: SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Sustainable development is an approach to development based on interacting social, economic, and environmental forces. It is intended as methodology for planning, and a guiding principle for Environmental Health and safety compliance (EHSs) and Corporate Sustainability (CSRs). Students will learn compliance guidelines, risk management, and assessment considerations. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: EBIO 280. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for EBIO 580 and EBIO 280/EBIO 480.

EBIO 581 - EEB OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: EEB OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course is for Rice students interested in developing life science outreach initiatives that target underserved K-12 students in the Houston area. Goals of the course include developing hands-on teaching modules related to Texas science education standards and expanding graduate student teaching experiences beyond the University setting.
EBIO 585 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM IN ECOL & EVOL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Audit, Pass/Fail, Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Faculty and student presentations on current research. Required of all Ecology & Evolutionary Biology graduate students. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 586 - GRADUATE SEMINAR/ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM: ECOL & EVOL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Continuation of EBIO 585. Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 591 - GRADUATE TEACHING IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRADUATE TEACHING IN EEB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

EBIO 801 - EEB GRADUATE RESEARCH
Short Title: EEB GRADUATE RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

Undergraduate Degree Descriptions and Codes
• Bachelor of Arts degree: BA
• Bachelor of Science degree: BS

Undergraduate Major Descriptions and Codes
• Major in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (for both the BA and BS degrees): BIOC
• Major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (for both the BA and BS degrees): EBIO
• Major in Biological Sciences (BA degree only): BIOS

Undergraduate Minor Descriptions and Codes
• Minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology: BCBM
• Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology: EEBM

Graduate Degree Descriptions and Codes
• Master of Arts degree: MA
• Master of Science degree: MS
• Doctor of Philosophy degree: PhD

Graduate Degree Program Descriptions and Codes
• Degree Program in Biochemistry and Cell Biology: BIOC
• Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology: EBIO

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
• Course offerings/subject code for Biochemistry and Cell Biology: BIOC
• Course offerings/subject code for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology: EBIO

Department Description and Code
• BioSciences: BIOS