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 (BA, BS) with a Major in Biosciences and a Major Concentration in Biochemistry, in Cell Biology and Genetics, in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, or in Integrative Biology.

In addition, a Minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and a Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology are offered. The BA degree offers a rigorous biological curriculum suitable for many career paths while allowing the flexibility for extended academic exploration in other areas. The BS degree offers greater depth in upper-level coursework. 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 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-MS-PhD program track. Additional information on departmental programs, courses, and advising is available at the BioSciences website (https://biosciences.rice.edu/).

The BioSciences department also oversees academic programs that lead to undergraduate degrees in Environmental Science (BA, BS) and Neuroscience (BA), as well as a Minor in Neuroscience. At the graduate-level, the BioSciences department administers graduate programs in Biochemistry and Cell Biology (PhD, MS) and in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (PhD, MS). 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 (https://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: https://biosciences.rice.edu/.

**Bachelor’s Programs**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Biosciences
  - and a Major Concentration in Biochemistry (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/biochemistry-ba/)
  - and a Major Concentration in Cell Biology and Genetics (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/cell-biology-and-genetics-ba/)
  - and a Major Concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/ecology-and-evolutionary-biology-ba/)
  - and a Major Concentration in Integrative Biology (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/biosciences/integrative-biology-ba/)

**Minors**


**Accelerated Program**

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

**Master’s Programs**

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

**Doctoral Programs**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Biochemistry and Cell Biology (https://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 (https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/...
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**BIOS 100 - TRANSFER CREDIT – INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY LABORATORY**

*Short Title:* TRANSFER CREDIT-INTRO BIOL LAB  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Transfer Courses  
*Course Type:* Transfer  
*Credit Hours:* 1-2  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
*Course Level:* Undergraduate Lower-Level  
*Description:* For transfer of an introductory biology laboratory course in the BioSciences that is designated for biology majors and/or pre-health professionals and that has no current equivalent in the Rice curriculum. Any student may receive a maximum of one BIOS 100 course for a maximum of 2 credit hours. This credit counts toward the total credit hours required for graduation, but does not fulfill any major or minor requirements for Biosciences. Students must contact the BioSciences transfer credit advisor to determine if their course will transfer. Instructor Permission Required.

**BIOS 110 - INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH**

*Short Title:* INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
*Course Type:* Research  
*Credit Hours:* 5  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
*Course Level:* Undergraduate Lower-Level  
*Description:* This 5-week course is for high school juniors and seniors to conduct scientific research in the laboratories of Rice faculty in Biosciences. Students will engage in full time research and will be mentored by experienced researchers under the supervision of Rice faculty. Participating students will also receive formal instruction on the basics of scientific research and receive 5 hours of Rice University course credit. Interested students must complete the visiting student application process at https://biosciences.rice.edu/bioc_ebio110. Tuition and fees apply. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**BIOS 118 - FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR IN LOCAL BIOLOGY RESEARCH (BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL BIOLOGY, AND GENETICS FOCUS)**

*Short Title:* FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (BCBG)  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter  
*Course Type:* Seminar  
*Credit Hour:* 1  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
*Course Level:* Undergraduate Lower-Level  
*Description:* A 7-week seminar course to introduce first-year 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 BIOS 118 regardless of AP credit. This course meets in the second half of the semester and features research in Biochemistry, Cell Biology, and Genetics.  
*Course URL:* www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc115/ (http://www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc115/)

**BIOS 119 - FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR IN LOCAL BIOLOGY RESEARCH (ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY FOCUS)**

*Short Title:* FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (EEB)  
*Department:* Biosciences  
*Grade Mode:* Standard Letter  
*Course Type:* Seminar  
*Credit Hour:* 1  
*Restrictions:* Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
*Course Level:* Undergraduate Lower-Level  
*Description:* A 7-week seminar course to introduce first-year prospective biologists to the excitement of research at Rice 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 BIOS 119 regardless of AP credit. This course meets in the first half of the semester and features research in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.
BIOS 122 - BIOLOGY FOR VOTERS  
Short Title: BIOLOGY FOR VOTERS  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
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. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
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/ (http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bioc122/)  

BIOS 124 - INTRODUCTION TO ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY  
Short Title: INTRO TO EEB  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
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.  

BIOS 128 - BRAINSTEM - TEACHING STEM THROUGH NEUROSCIENCE  
Short Title: BRAINSTEM  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum  
Credit Hour: 1  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: BrainSTEM is a service organization that teaches STEM subjects through the lens of neuroscience. We perform hands-on, small-group activities with ~45 students per week. This course will prepare you to communicate science in a both effective and entertaining manner, as well as build your skills in managing small groups. More information can be found at ‘www.brainstem.club.’ Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 528. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 128 if student has credit for BIOS 528. Repeatable for Credit.  

BIOS 201 - INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY I  
Short Title: INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY I  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: The first in a series of two introductory biology courses (BIOS 201, BIOS 202). This course examines chemistry and energetics, cell physiology, cell biology, Mendelian genetics, molecular genetics, developmental biology, and plant physiology.  

BIOS 202 - INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY II  
Short Title: INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY II  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Prerequisite(s): BIOS 201 or BIOS 201  
Description: The second in a series of two introductory biology courses (BIOS 201, BIOS 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.  

BIOS 204 - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: THE DESIGN & PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE  
Short Title: COMMUNITY GARDEN  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory  
Credit Hour: 1  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
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. Distribution Credit for EBI0/ENST 204 no longer eligible beginning Fall 2019. Repeatable for Credit.
BIOS 205 - MICROBE HUNTERS REVISITED
Short Title: MICROBE HUNTERS REVISITED
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This seminar will review important microbiologists and their discoveries of infectious agents. From Pasteur to Prusiner, we will review the infectious agents they described, as well as the methods used for their discovery. The classic text by Paul de Kruif entitled 'Microbe Hunters’ will be the basis for half of the course material.

BIOS 210 - INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Short Title: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-5
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course is only for Rice students conducting research for the first time. The students will conduct scientific research in the laboratories of the Rice faculty in Biosciences. During the five-week course, students will engage in full time research and will be mentored by experienced researchers under the supervision of Rice faculty. Participating students will also receive formal instruction on the basics of scientific research and innovation. Instructor permission is required to register. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 211 - INTERMEDIATE EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES
Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 (may be taken concurrently)) and BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Introduction to scientific method, principles of experimental design, selected research strategies, record keeping, and technical communication as related to biological science. The prereq BIOS 201 may be taken concurrently with BIOS 211. Registration restricted to current BioSciences majors (BCB, BIOS, EEB) and new BioSciences majors (with concentrations of Biochemistry, Cell Biology & Genetics, or Integrative Biology) for sections 001, 002, 003, 004, and 005. BCB minors can register for sections 007, 008, 009, 010, and 011. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 211 if student has credit for BIOS/BIOC 212. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 211 if student has credit for BIOS 212/BIOS 212.

BIOS 212 - INTERMEDIATE EXPERIMENTAL CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Neuroscience. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Introduction to the scientific method, principles of experimental design, selected research strategies, record keeping, and technical communication as related to neuroscience. This course is restricted to Neuroscience majors. Instructor permission is required if students have not yet declared. The pre-req BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 may be taken concurrently with BIOS 212. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 212 if student has credit for BIOS 211.

BIOS 213 - INTRODUCTORY LAB IN ECOLOGY & EVOLUTION
Short Title: INTRO LAB ECOL & EVOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 or BIOS 202 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Experimental, laboratory, and field studies of natural history, ecology, evolution, and animal behavior. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

BIOS 215 - BIOS LAB TEACHING
Short Title: BIOS LAB TEACHING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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.

BIOS 216 - DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING
Short Title: DISCUSSION SECTION TEACHING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: In this course, undergraduates who have previously excelled in a BIOS course will develop teaching skills by leading discussion sections or serving as writing mentors under the guidance of the course instructor. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
BIOS 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory, Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 250 - INTERMEDIATE LABORATORY IN BIOSCIENCES  
Short Title: INTERMEDIATE LAB IN BIOSCIENCES  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 2  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: In BIOS 250 students conduct investigative studies in the areas of biological science, neuroscience, natural history, ecology, evolution, and/or animal behavior. These studies may encompass original research, instructor-designed experiments, and/or online projects with curated data, depending on the availability of in-person laboratory and/or field experiences. This course is available to students who cannot reasonably be expected to complete BIOS 211, 212, or 213 and will substitute for that course requirement for any major concentration or minor in BioSciences, subject to approval by the instructors of the course to be replaced and the BioSciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Instructor Permission Required.

BIOS 271 - ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT  
Short Title: ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
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: BIOS 571.

BIOS 280 - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND REPORTING  
Short Title: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
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: BIOS 580. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 280 if student has credit for BIOS 580.

BIOS 299 - EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN BIOSCIENCES  
Short Title: EXPERIENTIAL EDUC IN BIOS  
Department: Biosciences  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum  
Credit Hour: 1  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: This experiential education course credits a student's experience in an approved internship/practicum with the goal of further developing their professional skills. Hour and activity requirements are flexible to accommodate a variety of experiential activities in biology-related professional contexts. There are no prerequisites. To receive approval to enroll, students must arrange their own internship, apply to the course instructor (https://forms.gle/NGruMJZiYRRNN5CL8), and produce an offer letter from their internship provider containing start and end dates and a description of their intended internship activities and expectations. Additional requirements are available on the course syllabus. Repeatable for credit. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
### BIOS 300 - PARADIGMS IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY

**Short Title:** PARADIGMS IN BIOCHM & CELL BIO  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course examines paradigms in biochemistry and cell biology with a specific focus on the “central dogma” of molecular biology and is designed for BIOS majors and minors and recommended strongly for students with Advanced Placement in Biology who do not take BIOS 201 and for students wanting additional foundation before transitioning to other 300-level BIOS lecture courses. Using a “flipped” format, lectures are available online, and in-class activities address confusions/questions, examine both historic and contemporary research papers, explore cases and problems, and engage students in short writing assignments. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Recommended strongly for students with Advanced Placement in Biology and designed for prospective Biosciences majors. For students with AP credit for BIOS/BIOC 201, this course is strongly recommended as preparation for BIOS 341 (Cell Biology).

### BIOS 301 - BIOCHEMISTRY I

**Short Title:** BIOCHEMISTRY I  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** CHEM 211 and (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201)  
**Description:** The second in an integrated sequence of three courses (BIOS 210, 301, 302). Structure and function of proteins, enzymes, and nucleic acids; enzyme kinetics; glycolysis, aerobic metabolism, and energy coupling. Recommended Prerequisite(s): CHEM 212

### BIOS 302 - BIOCHEMISTRY II

**Short Title:** BIOCHEMISTRY II  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 301 or BIOS 301  
**Description:** The final in an integrated sequence of three courses (BIOS 201, 301, 302). In depth study of carbohydrate, amino acid, and lipid metabolic pathways, hormone regulation of metabolic pathways, 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

### BIOS 310 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR BIOSCIENCES

**Short Title:** IND RES FOR BIOS UNDERGRADS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 1-4  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 211 or BIOC 211 or BIOS 211 or BIOL 212 or BIOS 212 or BIOC 112 or NSCI 120  
**Description:** Independent research in Rice Biosciences faculty laboratories (sections 2 and above) or other Texas Medical Center laboratories (sections 1). Students spend at least 3 hours per week conducting research for each semester hour of credit. A minimum of 3 hours is needed to count toward the BS in Biosciences or to replace one required 300+ level lab course for the BA in Biosciences (not BIOS 311). Students wishing to perform their research off-campus must apply online (www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc310/) at least 3 weeks prior to the start of classes and may not register for fewer than 3 credit hours. Note that some additional requirements may exist for students taking BIOS 310 in the summer. 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/](http://www.bioc.rice.edu/bioc310/)

### BIOS 311 - ADVANCED EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES

**Short Title:** ADV EXPERIMENTAL BIOSCIENCES  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Laboratory  
**Credit Hours:** 2  
**Restrictions:** Students with a class of Freshman may not enroll.  
**Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.**  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 301 or BIOS 301 (may be taken concurrently)  
**Description:** 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.

### BIOS 312 - ADVANCED COMMUNICATION IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Short Title:** ADV COMMUNICATION IN BIOL SCI  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 2  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** 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.
BIOS 313 - EXPERIMENTAL SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY
Short Title: EXPERIMENTAL SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 211 or BIOS 211 or BIOC 212 or BIOS 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.

BIOS 316 - LAB MODULE IN ECOLOGY
Short Title: LAB MODULE IN ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (EBIO 321 or BIOS 321) and (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213)
Description: Field and lab experiments in ecology. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

BIOS 317 - LAB MODULE IN BEHAVIOR
Short Title: LAB MODULE IN BEHAVIOR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (EBIO 321 or BIOS 321) and (EBIO 213 or BIOS 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.

BIOS 318 - MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
Short Title: MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 211 or BIOS 211 or BIOC 212 or BIOS 212
Description: In teams, students will participate in ongoing faculty research by isolating and characterizing bacterial species from environmental samples. Offered in the second half of each semester.
Course URL: www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios318/ (http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios318/)

BIOS 319 - TROPICAL FIELD BIOLOGY
Short Title: TROPICAL FIELD BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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. Includes a course fee that covers all transportation, accommodation, and meals. Distribution Credit for BIOS 319 no longer eligible beginning Fall 2019. Instructor Permission Required.

BIOS 320 - ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF BRAZILIAN WETLANDS LABORATORY
Short Title: BRAZILIAN WETLANDS LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course consists of a 2-week trip to Brazil to examine first-hand the ecology of the largest wetland ecosystem on earth - the Pantanal. Days will be spent in the field making observations and collecting data; lectures in the evenings will cover topics including freshwater ecology, seasonal flooding dynamics, community ecology of wetland species, symbiosis, geology, environmental management, ecotourism, and conservation biology. Includes a course fee that covers all transportation, accommodations, and meals. Distribution Credit for BIOS 320 no longer eligible beginning Fall 2019. Recommended Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 or BIOS 213

BIOS 321 - ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
Short Title: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202)
Description: Evolutionary theory is used to evaluate behavioral adaptations of organisms to their environment.

BIOS 325 - EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 211 or BIOS 211
Description: Evolutionary theory is used to evaluate functional adaptations of organisms to their environment.
BIOS 322 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 or BIOS 213
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. BIOS 423 may be taken concurrently with EBIO 322. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 522. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 322 if student has credit for BIOS 522.

BIOS 326 - INSECT BIOLOGY
Short Title: INSECT BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 or BIOS 202
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.

BIOS 327 - BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Short Title: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202) and (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213) and (EBIO 326 or BIOS 326 (may be taken concurrently))
Description: This laboratory course focuses on the theory and practice of estimating biodiversity. Students work in groups to design, execute, and communicate the results of a systematic survey of particular taxonomic groups in the Big Thicket National Preserve in east Texas. Class has required meetings outside of regular class time.

BIOS 329 - ANIMAL DIVERSITY
Short Title: ANIMAL DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 or EBIO 202 or BIOS 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: BIOS 529. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 329 if student has credit for BIOS 529.

BIOS 330 - INSECT BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: INSECT BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202) and (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213) and (EBIO 326 or BIOS 326 (may be taken concurrently))
Description: Hands-on experiences with collection and curation of insects.

BIOS 332 - ECOLOGY
Short Title: ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202) and (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213)
Description: Study of population dynamics, species interactions, plant and animal community organization, and ecosystem function. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 532. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 332 if student has credit for BIOS 532.
BIOS 333 - BIONNOVATION STUDIO: FROM BASIC RESEARCH AND IDEATION TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: BIONNOVATION STUDIO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 or BIOS 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. Distribution Credit for BIOS 337 no longer eligible beginning Fall 2019.

BIOS 334 - EVOLUTION
Short Title: EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 213 or BIOS 213
Description: Principles of biological evolution. Topics include natural selection, adaptation, molecular evolution, formation of new species, the fossil record, biogeography, and principles of classification. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 534. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 334 if student has credit for BIOS 534.

BIOS 336 - PLANT DIVERSITY
Short Title: PLANT DIVERSITY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 or BIOS 202
Description: The evolution, systematics, and ecology of plants, with emphasis on flowering plants and biodiversity.
BIOS 344 - MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS
Short Title: MOLECULAR BIOLOGY & GENETICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Mendelian genetics, population genetics, mapping, gene expression and regulation, genetic engineering, DNA replication and recombination, human genetics, genetic disease and gene therapy. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 201

BIOS 340 - INTEGRATIVE ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: INTEGRATIVE ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 201 or BIOS 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202)
Description: This course takes a comparative approach to investigate animal physiology of vertebrates. Students learn how animals are adapted to their environments, including how they meet their energy needs, take up and transport oxygen, and maintain hydration and salt balance. Students read primary literature to explore survival in extreme environments. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 340 if student has credit for BIOS 540, BIOC 335, BIOC 536. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 540.

BIOS 341 - CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: CELL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 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 BIOS 302 and BIOS 344. RECOMMENDATION: BIOS 300 is recommended for students using advanced placement credit for BIOS 201 and students preferring additional foundational background prior to enrollment in BIOS 341.

BIOS 342 - PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY FOR THE BIOSCIENCES
Short Title: PHYS CHEM FOR BIOSCIENCES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 126 or PHYS 102 or PHYS 112 or PHYS 142) and (BIOC 301 or BIOS 301)
Description: Study of selected aspects of physical chemistry as it relates to the biosciences. Includes thermodynamics, reaction rate theory, quantum mechanics, and atomic and molecular structure.

BIOS 343 - MONSTER
Short Title: MONSTER
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: However various the forms of life, we draw boundaries between normal, not normal, and monstrous. From the Biosciences to the Arts, our conceptions of the ‘monstrous’ illuminate our identity, perceptions, and fears. Priority for enrollment beyond the cap given to students also enrolled in ARTS 358.
BIOS 371 - SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
Short Title: BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 341 or BIOS 341 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 301 or BIOS 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. Prereqs may be taken concurrently. 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.

BIOS 372 - IMMUNOLOGY
Short Title: IMMUNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 (may be taken concurrently) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202)
Description: Cellular and molecular basis of innate and adaptive immune function in mammals. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 572. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOS 301 and (BIOS 341 or BIOS 341). Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 372 if student has credit for BIOS 372/BIOC 573.

BIOS 373 - CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Short Title: CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 or BIOS 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: BIOS 573.

BIOS 385 - FUNDAMENTALS OF CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: FUNDAMENTALS OF NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 201 or BIOS 201
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: BIOS 585.

BIOS 390 - TRANSFER CREDIT IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: TRAN CREDIT BIOCHEM&CELL BIO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 300 level lecture courses in biochemistry, cell biology, and genetics. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 391 - TRANSFER CREDIT IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: TRAN CREDIT ECOL&EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 300 level lecture course in ecology and evolutionary biology. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 393 - LABORATORY TRANSFER CREDIT IN BIOSCIENCES
Short Title: LAB TRANSFER CREDIT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
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 BIOS 393.
BIOS 401 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
**Short Title:** UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 5  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The Biosciences Honors Research Program offers our seniors and advanced juniors the opportunity to perform a two-semester, individual research project in a research laboratory in Biosciences or an approved off-campus site. Students registering for BIOS 401 are expected to take BIOS 402 the following semester. Typical expectations include an average of approximately 15 hours of research per week and will also include written and oral presentations intended to develop important science communication skills such as a proposal, and progress reports, and culminate in a final product such as a final paper, poster, oral presentation, and/or thesis. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 402 - UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
**Short Title:** UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 5  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 401 or BIOS 401  
**Corequisite:** BIOS 412  
**Description:** The Biosciences Honors Research Program offers our seniors and advanced juniors the opportunity to perform a two-semester, individual research project in a research laboratory in Biosciences or an approved off-campus site. Students registering for BIOS 401 are expected to take BIOS 402 the following semester. Typical expectations include an average of approximately 15 hours of research per week and will also include written and oral presentations intended to develop important science communication skills such as a proposal, and progress reports, and culminate in a final product such as a final paper, poster, oral presentation, and/or thesis. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 405 - PHYSICAL BIOLOGY  
**Short Title:** PHYSICAL BIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (BIOS 352 or BIOS 352) and MATH 211  
**Description:** This course provides a biophysical view of living systems, from the subcellular to the multicellular scales. Topics include: biomolecular dynamics, cellular biomechanics, cell motility and cell division, calcium signaling, action potential propagation, and tissue organization. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 505.

BIOS 410 - STEM CELL BIOLOGY  
**Short Title:** STEM CELL BIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 341 or BIOC 344  
**Description:** This course will introduce students to modern topics in stem cell biology, teach students to critically evaluate primary literature, and teach students to synthesize research ideas into review articles and grant proposals. This is a literature and discussion-based course and will require reading 2-3 articles from the primary literature per week. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 510.

BIOS 412 - UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINAR  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 401 or BIOS 401  
**Corequisite:** BIOS 402  
**Description:** This companion seminar requires attendance at course meetings and a formal scientific presentation of research performed while enrolled in the Biosciences Honors Research Program. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 415 - EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY  
**Short Title:** EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Laboratory  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (BIOS 311 or BIOC 311 or BIOS 385 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 385 or NEUR 385) and (BIOS 211 or BIOC 211 or BIOS 212 or BIOC 212)  
**Description:** Laboratory studies in membrane, nerve, and muscle physiology, with emphasis on experimental design, data analysis, and data interpretation. BIOS/NEUR 385 may be taken concurrently with BIOS 415.  
**Course URL:** [www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios415](http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~bioslabs/bios415/)
BIOS 417 - EXPERIMENTAL CELL AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE  
**Short Title:** ADV EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Laboratory  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (BIOS 212 or BIOC 212) and CAAM 210 and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or ECON 307 or STAT 312) and (BIOS 385 or 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.  

BIOS 420 - MOLECULAR BASIS OF DISEASES  
**Short Title:** MOLECULAR BASIS OF DISEASES  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The course intends to provide in-depth knowledge of the molecular basis of human diseases. We will discuss: 1) Different types of genetic variations that may lead to human diseases; 2) The various approaches to investigate the molecular basis of human diseases; 3) The molecular and cellular consequences of disease-associated genetic variations; 4) The physiological and environmental causes of genetic variations; 5) The molecular basis for disease diagnosis and treatments. We will mainly focus on molecular mechanisms of inherent genetic diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancer and environmentally induced diseases. This will be a combined lecture/discussion course. The class materials are mainly based on preliminary literatures and case studies. Students are expected to actively participate in discussion in class and to give presentations and lectures based on research paper. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 520. Recommended Prerequisite(s): (BIOS 301 or BIOC 301) and (BIOS 302 or BIOC 302)  

BIOS 423 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY  
**Short Title:** CONSERVATION BIOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group III  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (BIOS 201 or BIOC 201) and (EBIO 202 or BIOS 202) and (EBIO 325 or BIOS 332)  
**Description:** This 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. Counts as a capstone course for the major concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 523.  

BIOS 424 - MICROBIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Short Title:** MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 201 or BIOC 201  
**Description:** Structure and functions of microorganisms with emphasis on their environmental, industrial and medical importance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 524. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 424 if student has credit for BIOS 524.  

BIOS 425 - PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Short Title:** PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 341 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: BIOS 525. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 425 if student has credit for BIOS 525.  

BIOS 431 - BIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
**Short Title:** BIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group III  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213) and (EBIO 325 or BIOS 332)  
**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. Counts as a capstone course for the major concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.  

**BIOS 433 - Experimental Neuroscience**  
**Short Title:** EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 212 or BIOC 212  
**Description:** We will mainly focus on molecular mechanisms of inherent genetic diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancer and environmentally induced diseases. This will be a combined lecture/discussion course. The class materials are mainly based on preliminary literatures and case studies. Students are expected to actively participate in discussion in class and to give presentations and lectures based on research paper. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 520. Recommended Prerequisite(s): (BIOS 301 or BIOC 301) and (BIOS 302 or BIOC 302)  

**BIOS 443 - Microbiology and Biotechnology**  
**Short Title:** MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 201 or BIOC 201  
**Description:** Structure and functions of microorganisms with emphasis on their environmental, industrial and medical importance. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 524. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 424 if student has credit for BIOS 524.  

**BIOS 445 - Plant Molecular Genetics and Development**  
**Short Title:** PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 341 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: BIOS 525. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 425 if student has credit for BIOS 525.  

**BIOS 446 - Biology of Infectious Diseases**  
**Short Title:** BIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group III  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** (EBIO 213 or BIOS 213) and (EBIO 325 or BIOS 332)  
**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. Counts as a capstone course for the major concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.
BIOS 432 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN TRANSLATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: MEDICAL NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOS 385 or BIOC 385 or NEUR 380) and (BIOS 201 or BIOC 201) and (BIOS 212 or BIOC 212) and (MATH 102 or MATH 106) and (STAT 305 or STAT 312 or STAT 310)
Description: Students will work with Dr. Flynn and Dr. Krishnan (a clinician at BCM) to study the literature on neuropathologies. Students will learn how neuroscience research is applied in the medical field for the first third of the class. The remainder of the time will be spent creating a literature review on a brain related pathologies of their choice, with the goal of publication. Instructor Permission Required.

BIOS 442 - MOLECULES, MEMORY AND MODEL ANIMALS: METHODS IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (PSYC 380 or NEUR 380) and (PSYC 203 or BIOS 321 or EBIO 321) and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or ECON 307 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.

BIOS 443 - DEVELOPMENTAL NEUROBIOLOGY
Short Title: NEURODEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOS 341 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 344 or BIOC 344
Description: An advanced undergraduate and graduate level course, dedicated to analysis and evaluation of scientific inquiry into animal development and neurodevelopment. 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: BIOS 543.

BIOS 447 - EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE
Short Title: BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 341 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 344 or BIOC 344
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: BIOS 547.

BIOS 449 - ADVANCED CELL AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: ADV CELL AND MOLECULAR NEURO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOS 385 or BIOC 385 or NEUR 385) and (BIOS 201 or BIOC 201) and (BIOS 211 or BIOC 211 or BIOS 212 or BIOC 212) and (MATH 102 or MATH 106) and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or ECON 307 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. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 549. Recommended Prerequisite(s): PSYC 380 or BIOC 380 or NEUR 380

BIOS 450 - VIRUSES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Short Title: VIRUSES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 341 or 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: BIOS 550.
BIOS 460 - CANCER BIOLOGY
Short Title: CANCER BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 301 or BIOS 301) and (BIOC 341 or BIOS 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: BIOS 560. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 460 if student has credit for BIOS 560.

BIOS 470 - COMPUTATION WITH BIOLOGICAL DATA
Short Title: COMPUTATION WITH BIOL DATA
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 301 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 341 or BIOC 344 or BIOS 344) and (MATH 102 or MATH 106)
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: BIOS 570. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 470 if student has credit for BIOS 570.

BIOS 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar, Internship/Practicum, Lecture/Laboratory, Laboratory, Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 481 - MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I
Short Title: MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 352 or BIOS 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, cryo-electron 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: BIOS 551.

BIOS 482 - STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY
Short Title: STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): (BIOC 301 or BIOS 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: BIOS 552.

BIOS 505 - PHYSICAL BIOLOGY
Short Title: PHYSICAL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Basic introduction to a biophysical view of living systems, from the subcellular to the multicellular scales. Topics include: biomolecular dynamics, cellular biomechanics, cell motility and cell division, calcium signaling, action potential propagation, and tissue organization. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 405.
BIOS 510 - STEM CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: STEM CELL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will introduce students to modern topics in stem cell biology, teach students to critically evaluate primary literature, and teach students to synthesize research ideas into review articles and grant proposals. This is a literature and discussion-based course and will require reading 2-3 articles from the primary literature per week. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 410.

BIOS 520 - MOLECULAR BASIS OF DISEASES
Short Title: MOLECULAR BASIS OF DISEASES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course intends to provide in-depth knowledge of the molecular basis of human diseases. We will discuss: 1) Different types of genetic variations that may lead to human diseases; 2) The various approaches to investigate the molecular basis of human diseases; 3) The molecular and cellular consequences of disease-associated genetic variations; 4) The physiological and environmental causes of genetic variations; 5) The molecular basis for disease diagnosis and treatments. We will mainly focus on molecular mechanisms of inherent genetic diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancer and environmentally induced diseases. This will be a combined lecture/discussion course. The class materials are mainly based on preliminary literatures and case studies. Students are expected to actively participate in discussion in class and to give presentations and lectures based on research paper. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 420.

BIOS 521 - STUDENT SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: STUDENT SEMINAR IN EEB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Student-led presentations of work in progress, research ideas, and topics of research interest. Designed to enhance oral presentation skills and facilitate discussion of research ideas. Open to upper-level undergraduates and graduate students. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 522 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY LAB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
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: BIOS 322. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 522 if student has credit for BIOS 322.

BIOS 523 - CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
Short Title: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
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. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 423. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 523 if student has credit for BIOS 323.

BIOS 524 - MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY
Short Title: MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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: BIOS 424. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 524 if student has credit for BIOS 424.

BIOS 525 - PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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: BIOS 425. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 525 if student has credit for BIOS 425.
BIOS 528 - BRAINSTEM - TEACHING STEM THROUGH NEUROSCIENCE  
**Short Title:** BRAINSTEM  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** BrainSTEM is a service organization that teaches STEM subjects through the lens of neuroscience. We perform hands-on, small-group activities with ~45 students per week. This course will prepare you to communicate science in a both effective and entertaining manner, as well as build your skills in managing small groups. More information can be found at ‘www.brainstem.club.’ Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 128. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 528 if student has credit for BIOS 128. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 529 - ANIMAL DIVERSITY  
**Short Title:** ANIMAL DIVERSITY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 or EBIO 202 or BIOS 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: BIOS 329. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 529 if student has credit for BIOS 329.

BIOS 530 - LAB MODULE IN NMR SPECTROSCOPY AND MOLECULAR MODELING  
**Short Title:** LAB MOD NMR SPECTROSCOPY&MOLEC  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture/Laboratory  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 481 or BIOS 481 or BIOC 482 or BIOS 482 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 551 or BIOS 551  
**Description:** The students will learn to set up, acquire, and process one-dimensional and basic two-dimensional NMR experiments. Spectral interpretation (3D molecular modeling of proteins and nucleic acids) for nucleic acids and proteins using homonuclear and heteronuclear data. Enrollment limited to 12, with priority to graduate students. Offered first half of the semester. BIOS 482/552 may be taken concurrently with BIOS 530.

BIOS 532 - ECOLOGY  
**Short Title:** ECOLOGY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Study of population dynamics, species interactions, plant and animal community organization, and ecosystem function. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 332. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 532 if student has credit for BIOS 332.

BIOS 534 - EVOLUTION  
**Short Title:** EVOLUTION  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 201 or BIOS 201 or EBIO 202 or BIOS 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. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 334. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 534 if student has credit for BIOS 334.

BIOS 535 - PRACTICAL X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY  
**Short Title:** PRACT X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Laboratory  
**Credit Hours:** 2  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Prerequisite(s):** BIOC 482 or BIOS 482 (may be taken concurrently) or BIOC 482 or BIOS 482 (may be taken concurrently)  
**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.

BIOS 537 - ADVANCED STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** ADV STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY SEMINAR  
**Department:** Biosciences  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**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.
BIOS 538 - ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL DATA
Short Title: BIO DATA ANALYSIS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: This course addresses how to analyze, visualize and draw conclusions from biological data. It introduces basic concepts in statistics interwoven with training in data analysis using the R computing environment. Students will learn to identify underlying data structures and wrangle data. Students will also learn to effectively convey results using statistical graphics. Topics include basic R programming, data exploration, statistical modeling, parameter estimation and interpretation, and model comparison. This class particularly focuses on biological data. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 338. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 538 if student has credit for BIOS 338.

BIOS 540 - INTEGRATIVE ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Short Title: INTEGRATIVE ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: This course takes a comparative approach to investigate animal physiology of vertebrates. Students learn how animals are adapted to their environments, including how they meet their energy needs, take up and transport oxygen, and maintain hydration and salt balance. Students read primary literature to explore survival in extreme environments. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 540 if student has credit for BIOS 340, BIOC 335, BIOC 536. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 340.

BIOS 541 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: Discussion of individual research or current topics in particular areas. Intended for students conducting research projects with the instructor as advisor. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 542 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: Discussion of individual research or current topics in particular areas. Intended for students conducting research projects with the instructor as advisor. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 543 - DEVELOPMENTAL NEUROBIOLOGY
Short Title: NEURODEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOS 341 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 344 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: BIOS 443.

BIOS 547 - EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE
Short Title: BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
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: BIOS 447. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOS 301 or BIOC 301 or BIOS 341 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 344 or BIOC 344

BIOS 549 - ADVANCED CELL AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: ADV CELL AND MOLECULAR NEURO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): (BIOS 385 or NEUR 385) and (BIOS 201 or BIOC 201) and (BIOS 212 or BIOC 212) and (MATH 102 or MATH 106) and (STAT 305 or STAT 310 or ECON 307 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. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: BIOS 449. Recommended Prerequisite(s): PSYC 380 or NEUR 380 or BIOC 380
BIOS 550 - VIRUSES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Short Title: VIRUSES & INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 341 or BIOS 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: BIOS 450.

BIOS 551 - MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS
Short Title: MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS I
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOS 301 or BIOC 352 or BIOS 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, cryo-electron 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: BIOS 481.

BIOS 552 - STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY
Short Title: STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
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: BIOS 482. Recommended Prerequisite(s): BIOC 301 or BIOS 301

BIOS 553 - TOPICS IN EVOLUTION
Short Title: TOPICS IN EVOLUTION
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.
BIOS 562 - TOPICS IN EVOLUTION (SPRING)
Short Title: TOPICS IN EVOLUTION (SPRING)
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.

BIOS 563 - TOPICS IN ECOLOGY
Short Title: TOPICS IN ECOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.

BIOS 568 - TOPICS IN ECOLOGY (SPRING)
Short Title: TOPICS IN ECOLOGY (SPRING)
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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 ecology. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 569 - CORE COURSE IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: CORE COURSE IN ECOLOGY & EVOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.

BIOS 570 - COMPUTATION WITH BIOLOGICAL DATA
Short Title: COMPUTATION WITH BIOL DATA
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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: BIOS 470. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 570 if student has credit for BIOS 470.

BIOS 571 - ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Short Title: ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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: BIOS 271.

BIOS 572 - IMMUNOLOGY
Short Title: IMMUNOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
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: BIOS 372.

BIOS 573 - CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Short Title: CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): EBIO 202 or BIOS 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: BIOS 373.

BIOS 575 - INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Short Title: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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.
BIOS 580 - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND REPORTING
Short Title: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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: BIOS 280. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for BIOS 580 if student has credit for BIOS 280.

BIOS 581 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM BIOCHEM & CELL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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.

BIOS 582 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM BIOCHEM & CELL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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.

BIOS 583 - MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
Short Title: MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 4
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: 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 allostery, 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.

BIOS 584 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM IN ECOL & EVOL BIOL
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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.

BIOS 585 - FUNDAMENTALS OF CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE
Short Title: FUNDAMENTALS OF NEUROSCIENCE
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
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: BIOS 385.

BIOS 586 - GRADUATE SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRAD SEM: ECOL & EVOL BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Continuation of BIOS 584 in spring semester. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 587 - RESEARCH DESIGN, PROPOSAL WRITING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: PROPOSAL WRITING
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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.
BIOS 588 - CELLULAR INTERACTIONS
Short Title: CELLULAR INTERACTIONS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 4
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: Second of two integrated classes taken by first-year graduate students in BCB (following BIOS 583, Molecular Interactions). Covers advanced topics in genetics, cell biology, and developmental biology, focusing on cellular, tissue, and organismal structure and function with an emphasis on fundamental principles, research methodologies, and critical analysis of primary literature.

BIOS 589 - EEB OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT
Short Title: EEB OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: 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.

BIOS 590 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: SPEC TOPCS BIOC & CELL BIO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Development of specific topic areas at the graduate level. Instructor Permission Required.

BIOS 591 - GRADUATE TEACHING IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRADUATE TEACHING IN EEB
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Supervised instruction in teaching ecology and evolutionary biology. Repeatable for Credit. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 592 - TOPICS IN QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS (KECK SEMINAR)
Short Title: TOPICS QUANT BIO & BIOMED INFO
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A discussion of selected research topics in quantitative biology and biomedical informatics. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 593 - CURRENT TOPICS IN PLANT BIOLOGY
Short Title: TOPICS IN PLANT BIOLOGY
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Independent Study
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.

BIOS 594 - GRADUATE TEACHING IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: GRADUATE TEACHING IN BIOCHEM
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Independent Study
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 biochemistry and cell biology. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 595 - RESEARCH SEMINAR IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY
Short Title: RESEARCH SEMINAR
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Discussion of individual research or current topics in particular areas. Intended for students conducting research projects in the lab of the instructor. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 596 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar, Internship/Practicum, Lecture/Laboratory, Laboratory, Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.
BIOS 701 - GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH I
Short Title: GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH I
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 702 - GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH II
Short Title: GRADUATE LAB RESEARCH II
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 800 - BIOCHEMISTRY & CELL BIOLOGY GRADUATE RESEARCH
Short Title: BCB GRADUATE RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
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: Biochemistry & Cell Biology graduate research. Repeatable for Credit.

BIOS 801 - ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY GRADUATE RESEARCH
Short Title: EEB GRADUATE RESEARCH
Department: Biosciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology graduate research. Repeatable for Credit.

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 Biosciences: BIOS

Department Description and Code
• BioSciences: BIOS

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

Undergraduate Major Descriptions and Codes
• Major in Biosciences (for both the BA and BS degrees): BISC

Undergraduate Major Concentration Descriptions and Codes
• Major Concentration in Biochemistry (for both the BA and BS degrees): BIBC
• Major Concentration in Cell Biology and Genetics (for both the BA and BS degrees): BICB
• Major Concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (for both the BA and BS degrees): BIEE
• Major Concentration in Integrative Biology (for both the BA and BS degrees): BIIB

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 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

CIP Code and Description
• BIOC Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 26.0202 - Biochemistry
• BISC Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 26.0101 - Biology/Biological Sciences, General
• EBIO Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 26.1310 - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
• BIBC Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 26.0202 - Biochemistry
• BICB Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 26.0406 - Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology
• BIEE Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 26.1310 - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
• BIIB Major Concentration: CIP Code/Title: 26.0101 - Biology/Biological Sciences, General
• BCBM Minor: CIP Code/Title: 26.0202 - Biochemistry
• EEBM Minor: CIP Code/Title: 26.1310 - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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