

Biological Sciences

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
Stevens Hall
- **Department Phone:**
701-231-7087
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/biology/
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**
bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/biological-science/

Major Requirements

Major: Biological Sciences - Standard

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

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Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		

Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]	3
Science and Technology (S) [†]	10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]	6
Wellness (W) [†]	2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{*†}	
Global Perspectives (G) ^{*†}	
Total Credits	39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

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Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language. *		12
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Biological Sciences Core Requirements - Standard Option		
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 189	1	1
BIOL 252	Plant and Animal Diversity	3
BIOL 270 or BIOL 271 or BIOL 272	Undergraduate Research Experience: Antibiotic Drug Discovery Wildlife Ecology and Conservation: An undergraduate research course Research Experience: Learning in Biology	3
BIOL 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	4
BIOL 359	Evolution	3
BIOL/ZOO 364 or ZOO 370	General Ecology Cell Biology	3
BIOL 491	Seminar	2
Electives: Select 15 credits of any 300 or 400 level courses offered in the department:		15
BIOL 414	Plant Systematics	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 479	Biomedical Genetics and Genomics	
BIOL 472	Structure and Diversity of Plants and Fungi	
BIOL 480	Ecotoxicology	
BIOL 481	Wetland Science	
BIOL 483	Cellular Mechanisms of Diseases	

PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	
BIOL 410	Comparative Chordate Morphology	
BIOL 444	Vertebrate Histology	
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BIOL 452	Ichthyology	
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BIOL 456	Ornithology	
BIOL 460	Animal Physiology	
BIOL 462	Physiological Ecology	
BIOL 463	Animal Behavior	
BIOL 464	Endocrinology	
BIOL 465	Hormones and Behavior	
BIOL 475	Conservation Biology	
BIOL 476	Wildlife Ecology and Management	
BIOL 477	Wildlife and Fisheries Management Techniques	
BIOL 482	Developmental Biology	

Related Required Courses

MATH 146 or MATH 165	Applied Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R) Calculus I	4
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory (May satisfy general education category s)	4
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	4

Select one of the following: 3 or 8

CHEM 240	Survey of Organic Chemistry	
CHEM 341 & 341L & CHEM 342 & CHEM 342L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Laboratory and Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	

Select one of the following: 3 or 8

PHYS 120	Fundamentals of Physics (May satisfy general education category S)	
PHYS 211 & 211L & PHYS 212 & PHYS 212L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory and College Physics II and College Physics II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	

Total Credits 60-70

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Department NOTES

- Students may not minor in biology with this major

Link to view program description and 4-year Plan of Study (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/programs-study/undergraduate/biological-science>)

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BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 189	1	1
BIOL 359	Evolution	3
BIOL 491	Seminar	2
BIOL 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	4
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
BIOL 480	Ecotoxicology	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOL 414	Plant Systematics	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 472	Structure and Diversity of Plants and Fungi	

BOT 450	Range Plants	
PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	
Electives: Select 12 credits from the following:		12
BIOL 270	Undergraduate Research Experience: Antibiotic Drug Discovery	
BIOL 472	Structure and Diversity of Plants and Fungi	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 481	Wetland Science	
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GEOL 105 & 105L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 106 & 106L	The Earth Through Time and The Earth Through Time Lab	4
MATH 146	Applied Calculus I	4
MATH 147	Applied Calculus II	4
PHYS 211 & 211L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	4
PHYS 212 & 212L	College Physics II and College Physics II Laboratory	4
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	3
SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
Select one from the following:		3 or 4
GEOL 428	Geochemistry	
CHEM 431 & 431L	Analytical Chemistry I and Analytical Chemistry I Laboratory	
Select one of the following:		7 or 10
CHEM 240 & BIOC 260	Survey of Organic Chemistry and Elements of Biochemistry	

CHEM 341 & 341L & CHEM 342 & BIOG 460	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Laboratory and Organic Chemistry II and Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I
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90-95

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Minor Requirements

Biological Sciences Minor

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Required Credits: 17

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Required Courses		
BIOL 150	General Biology I	3
BIOL 150L	General Biology I Laboratory	1
BIOL 151	General Biology II	3
BIOL 151L	General Biology II Laboratory	1
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOL 414	Plant Systematics	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 472	Structure and Diversity of Plants and Fungi	
PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	
Electives	Department approved 300-400 level courses	6
Total Credits		17

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- Botany and Zoology majors may not minor in Biological Sciences.