BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
(BIOL_SCI)

BIOL_SCI 100-0 Introduction to Biological Sciences at Northwestern (1 Unit) For participants in Bio&ChemEXCEL summer program. An overview of recent advances in biological research and leadership within the field of biology. Taken with CHEM 100-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 101-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 102-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 103-0 Diversity of Life (1 Unit) Comparative survey of organisms, emphasizing adaptation and phylogenetic relationships. Particular emphasis on animals. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 103-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 104-0 Plant-People Interactions (1 Unit) Biology and history of the interaction of humans and flowering plants. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 104-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 105-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 106-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 107-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 108-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)

BIOL_SCI 109-0 The Nature of Plants (1 Unit) Plant adaptations for growth, survival, and reproduction. Plant defense against herbivory, pollination, and seed dispersal. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 109-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)

BIOL_SCI 110-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)

BIOL_SCI 111-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)

BIOL_SCI 112-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit)

BIOL_SCI 115-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) For participants in the NUBioscientist program. Biological Thought & Action; preparatory to BIOL_SCI 116-6. WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 116-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) For participants in the NUBioscientist program. Science Research Preparation; follows BIOL_SCI 115-6. WCAS First-Year Seminar

BIOL_SCI 150-0 Human Genetics (1 Unit) Basic principles of human inheritance and genetic variation. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 160-0 Human Reproduction (1 Unit) Basic biology of reproduction; relation between hormones, emotions, intelligence, and behavior; related policy issues. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 164-0 Genetics and Evolution (1 Unit) Principles of inheritance as they apply to evolution. May not receive credit after taking BIOL_SCI 215-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 213-0 Undergraduate Laboratory Teaching Assistant (0 Unit) Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

BIOL_SCI 215-0 Genetics and Molecular Biology (1 Unit) Principles of inheritance, gene function; mechanisms by which DNA is replicated, transcribed into RNAs, and translated into proteins; basics of the process of natural selection. Prerequisite: CHEM 131-0, CHEM 151-0, or CHEM 171-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 217-0 Physiology (1 Unit) Organization and functioning of the major organ systems in mammals. Prerequisite: CHEM 131-0, CHEM 151-0, or CHEM 171-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 219-0 Cell Biology (1 Unit) Mechanisms that cells use to compartmentalize and transport proteins, to move, to regulate growth and death, and to communicate with their environments. Prerequisite: CHEM 131-0, CHEM 151-0, or CHEM 171-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 220-0 Genetics and Molecular Processes Laboratory (0.34 Unit) Laboratory techniques and experiments in fundamental aspects of transmission genetics and molecular biology. Prerequisite: CHEM 131-0, CHEM 151-0, or CHEM 171-0.

BIOL_SCI 221-0 Cellular Processes Laboratory (0.34 Unit) Laboratory techniques and experiments in fundamental aspects of cell biology. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 220-0.

BIOL_SCI 222-0 Investigative Laboratory (0.34 Unit) A culminating life-science lab experience. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 221-0.

BIOL_SCI 240-0 Molecular and Cell Biology for ISP (1 Unit) Cell biology, transcription, translation, regulation of gene expression. Prerequisite: ISP standing.

BIOL_SCI 241-0 Biochemistry for ISP (1 Unit) Synthesis and metabolism of organic molecules; structure and function of proteins. Prerequisites: ISP standing and previous or concurrent registration in CHEM 212-1.

BIOL_SCI 301-0 Principles of Biochemistry (1 Unit) Biochemical processes. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 301-0 and BIOL_SCI 308-0. Prerequisite: CHEM 210-2 or CHEM 212-2. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 302-0 Fundamentals of Neurobiology (1 Unit) Cellular and biochemical approaches to the nervous system, focusing on neuron structure and function. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 302-0 and NEUROSCI 202-0. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 303-0 Molecular Neurobiology (1 Unit) Exploration of the overlap between neurobiology and molecular biology. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 302-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0.

BIOL_SCI 305-0 Neurobiology Laboratory (1 Unit) Hands-on experience in the performance of experiments in cellular neurophysiology. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 222-0; BIOL_SCI 302-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0.

BIOL_SCI 307-0 Brian Structure, Function, and Evolution (1 Unit) An overview of the evolution of the nervous system and cognition, from the origin of neurons to the structure and function of the human brain. No P/N. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 302-0, BIOL_SCI 325-0, or BIOL_SCI 344-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 308-0 Biochemistry (1 Unit) Fundamental biochemical processes in cells. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 308-0 and BIOL_SCI 301-0. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 217-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, CHEM 210-2 or CHEM 212-2. Natural Sciences Distro Area
BIOL_SCI 315-0 Advanced Cell Biology (1 Unit)  Relationship of shape, structural dynamics, and function with the cellular state and gene expression; cell-to-cell communication. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 319-0 Biology of Animal Viruses (1 Unit)  Virus structure, synthesis of viral nucleic acids and proteins, the interaction of the viral and cellular genomes. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 323-0 Bioinformatics: Sequence and Structure Analysis (1 Unit)  Use of informational and modeling techniques to explore evolutionary and other problems related to the genome. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 241-0, BIOL_SCI 301-0, or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 325-0 Animal Physiology (1 Unit)  Physiological principles and mechanisms responsible for the ability of animals to regulate variables in the steady state. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 217-0.

BIOL_SCI 326-0 Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (1 Unit)  Molecular and neural bases of memory. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 326-0 and NEUROSCI 326-0. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 302-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0.

BIOL_SCI 327-0 Biology of Aging (1 Unit)  Biological aspects of aging, from molecular to evolutionary. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 219-0.

BIOL_SCI 328-0 Microbiology (1 Unit)  How microbes interact with their environments, including with humans. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 222-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 330-0 Plant Biology (1 Unit)  Plant structure, physiology, photosynthesis, evolutionary diversity, and ecology. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0.

BIOL_SCI 332-0 Conservation Genetics (1 Unit)  Critical issues in the management and understanding of endangered populations. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0.

BIOL_SCI 334-0 Soils and the Environment: The Earth's Critical Zone (1 Unit)  Soil development and morphology; physical, chemical, hydrologic, and biological properties of soils. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0.

BIOL_SCI 336-0 Spring Flora (1 Unit)  Life cycles, vegetative and reproductive structures, and adaptations for pollination and fruit and seed dispersal of the wildflowers, trees, and shrubs of oak woodland. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0.

BIOL_SCI 337-0 Quantitative Methods for Ecology and Conservation (1 Unit)  Approaches, methods, and techniques for analyzing datasets in ecology and conservation biology. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0; a course in statistics.

BIOL_SCI 339-0 Critical Topics in Ecology and Conservation (1 Unit)  Seminar discussing historical and modern publications in the field. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0.

BIOL_SCI 341-0 Population Genetics (1 Unit)  Processes that affect allele frequency change and thus cause evolution. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; a course in statistics.

BIOL_SCI 342-0 Evolutionary Processes (1 Unit)  Evolutionary mechanisms (natural selection, genetic drift), evolutionary history (speciation, phylogenetics), and adaptations (sex, cooperation, aging, life history). Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; a course in statistics.

BIOL_SCI 344-0 Anatomy of Vertebrates (1 Unit)  Vertebrate phylogeny illustrated via comparative morphology; anatomical/functional and ontogenetic considerations; dissections. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 103-0, BIOL_SCI 164-0, or BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 220-0

BIOL_SCI 345-0 Topics in Biology (1 Unit)  Topics vary but always deal with an area of advanced study in the life sciences. May be repeated for credit with different topic. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 222-0.

BIOL_SCI 346-0 Field Ecology (1 Unit)  An intensive experience in field ecological research. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0; a course in statistics.

BIOL_SCI 347-0 Conservation Biology (1 Unit)  Evolution, ecology, and conservation of patterns of biological diversity. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or ENVIR_SCI 202-0; a course in statistics.

BIOL_SCI 349-0 Plant Community Ecology (1 Unit)  Abundance, distribution, diversity, and scaling in plant communities in space-time. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 330-0.

BIOL_SCI 350-0 Plant Evolution and Diversity Lab (1 Unit)  Introduction to the diversity and evolutionary history of land plants. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 330-0.

BIOL_SCI 353-0 Molecular Biology Laboratory (1 Unit)  Project-based approach to learning lab skills in eukaryotic molecular biology. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 354-0 Quantitative Analysis of Biology (1 Unit)  Random genetic processes, gene expression, cell adaptation, cell cycle, developmental morphogens, phylgenomics. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, MATH 220-0 or MATH 224-0; PHYSICS 130-1, PHYSICS 130-2, PHYSICS 130-3 or PHYSICS 135-1, PHYSICS 135-2, PHYSICS 135-3. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 355-0 Immunobiology (1 Unit)  Nature of host resistance; characteristics of antigens, antibodies; basis of immune response; hypersensitivity. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 222-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

BIOL_SCI 356-0 Endocrinology (1 Unit)  Physiology and biochemistry of hormones and glands of internal secretion in vertebrates; endocrine glands. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 325-0.

BIOL_SCI 358-0 Advanced Physiology Laboratory (1 Unit)  Experiments in several physiological systems. Design, techniques, data analysis, and report writing emphasized. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 217-0, BIOL_SCI 222-0.

BIOL_SCI 359-0 Quantitative Experimentation in Biology (1 Unit)  Laboratory in experimental methods in quantitative biology. Random genetic processes, gene expression, cell cycle, developmental morphogens, genome sequencing. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 354-0 and permission of instructor. Natural Sciences Distro Area

BIOL_SCI 360-0 Principles of Cell Signaling (1 Unit)  Emphasis on principles, components, and logic that are common to different cell signaling systems. Modern experimental strategies for studying cellular signaling as well as the implications of disrupting cell communication
pathways in disease will be described. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0

**BIOL_SCI 361-0 Protein Structure and Function (1 Unit)** Structure and function of proteins; x-ray crystallography and NMR. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

**BIOL_SCI 363-0 Biophysics (1 Unit)** Protein interaction with small molecules; protein tertiary structure determination. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

**BIOL_SCI 378-0 Functional Genomics (1 Unit)** Patterns of gene expression and their causes. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; a course in statistics.

**BIOL_SCI 380-0 Biology of Cancer (1 Unit)** The disease of cancer: causation at the cell and molecular levels; treatment. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 315-0 or BIOL_SCI 390-0.

**BIOL_SCI 390-0 Advanced Molecular Biology (1 Unit)** Nucleic acid structure; DNA mutation, repair, recombination, replication, restriction, and modification; translation. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

**BIOL_SCI 391-0 Development and Evolution of Body Plans (1 Unit)** Molecular mechanisms underlying early embryonic development, including establishment of the body and organogenesis. Discussion of original literature. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

**BIOL_SCI 392-0 Developmental Genetics Laboratory (1 Unit)** Development of independent projects alongside classic readings and experiments exploring key concepts in developmental biology. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0, BIOL_SCI 222-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0.

**BIOL_SCI 393-0 Genetic Analysis (1 Unit)** Advanced transmission and regulatory genetics. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0, BIOL_SCI 219-0; BIOL_SCI 301-0 or BIOL_SCI 308-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

**BIOL_SCI 395-0 Molecular Genetics (1 Unit)** Exploration of recent advances that have revolutionized the fields of gene expression and cell regulation. Discussion of articles and primary research papers. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 378-0, BIOL_SCI 390-0, or BIOL_SCI 393-0.

**BIOL_SCI 397-0 Senior Thesis Colloquium (1 Unit)** Supervision while writing a Senior Thesis. Discussion of students’ research. Instructor feedback on thesis drafts. Continued student research. Enrollment limited to Senior Biological Sciences majors hoping to graduate with Program Honors and/or to produce a Senior Thesis. Registration required for all Honors candidates.

**BIOL_SCI 398-0 Tutorial in Biology (1 Unit)** Supervised reading and discussion or supervised laboratory work. P/N only.

**BIOL_SCI 399-0 Independent Research (1 Unit)** Supervised independent research project. Prerequisite: BIOL_SCI 398-0 or previous BIOL_SCI 399-0.