Department of Biological Sciences

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Biological Sciences majors study living systems. Students and faculty pursue diverse programs of study, including, but not limited to, biochemistry, botany, cell biology, development, ecology, environmental sciences, ethology, evolution, genetics, microbiology, molecular biology, morphology, neuroscience, paleontology, photosynthesis, physiology (animal, microbial, and plant), and population biology. Students completing a baccalaureate degree in Biological Sciences are prepared for a wide variety of careers, including jobs in health, veterinary or pharmaceutical sciences, research, education, regulatory policy, conservation, and agriculture.

The Department of Biological Sciences offers a program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a Major in Biological Sciences. A Minor in Biological Sciences is also offered.

Admission to the Major
Continuing students, readmitted students, and transfer students not previously declared as a major in Biological Sciences must have a minimum GPA of 2.00/4.00 for all biology courses taken. Admission to the major is dependent upon space availability; therefore, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the major.

Distinction
Departmental Distinction. Departmental Distinction is awarded to students with a minimum 3.70/4.00 GPA in biological sciences courses and to students with a minimum 3.30/4.00 GPA in biological sciences courses who also successfully complete BIOS 399.

Highest Departmental Distinction. Highest Departmental Distinction is awarded to students who have a minimum 3.70/4.00 GPA in biological sciences courses and who also successfully complete BIOS 399.

Degree Program
• BS with a Major in Biological Sciences (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/bios/bs)

Minor
• Minor in Biological Sciences (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/bios/Minor)