

# Department of Biological Sciences

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## Minor

- [Minor in 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, animal behavior, cell biology, development, ecology, environmental sciences, evolution, genetics, microbiology, molecular biology, neuroscience, paleontology, plant biology, physiology (cellular, organismal, and environmental), population biology, and urban ecology. Students completing a baccalaureate degree in Biological Sciences are prepared for a wide range of careers, including jobs in a variety of health professions, the veterinary or pharmaceutical sciences, public or private research, education, regulatory policy, conservation and wildlife biology, environmental professions, 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—Evolution, Ecology, and Environmental Biology Concentration](#)
- [BS with a Major in Biological Sciences—General Biology Concentration](#)
- [BS with a Major in Biological Sciences—Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology Concentration](#)