



NEW REQUIREMENTS TO ENROLL IN UPPER DIVISION BIOLOGY CLASSES

Information for Science & Math Majors (Majors within the College of Sciences)

The faculty of the School of Life Sciences voted to require new minimum grade requirements, a grade of C or better in 7 introductory classes, as a prerequisite for enrolling in 300 or 400 level biology classes. Implementation of this policy is happening now. The classes are: BIOL 196, BIOL 197, CHEM 121, CHEM 122, ENG 101, ENG 102, and MATH 127 or higher. All other course prerequisites listed in the UNLV catalog still apply. These prerequisite requirements apply to all students regardless of major.

Since a grade of C- or higher in BIOL 196 and 197 was previously required for students following catalogs prior to fall 2014, an accommodation will be made allowing these students to seek permission to enroll in upper division biology courses. In addition, a grade of C- or higher in the remaining prerequisite classes is also acceptable for students admitted to UNLV prior to fall 2014. Students with less than a grade of C- in these classes will have to repeat the classes and earn a grade of C or higher before enrolling in upper division biology classes.

The following are also approved justifications for waiver of the “premajor” courses prerequisites:

- a grade C- in any prerequisite course taken before fall 2014 AND student was admitted to UNLV in a semester prior to Fall 2014
- degree program doesn't require CHEM 122 and student has a C or higher in CHEM 121
- degree program doesn't require either CHEM 121 or 122
- AP or IB credit for biology, scores are shown in MyUNLV and student has completed the required laboratory at UNLV
- AP or IB credit for chemistry, scores are shown in MyUNLV and student has completed the required laboratory at UNLV
- AP credit for English and scores are shown in MyUNLV
- AP credit for Mathematics and scores are shown in MyUNLV
- placed into MATH 181 because of test scores and scores are shown in MyUNLV
- other issues

Requests may be submitted on-line at <http://www.unlv.edu/lifesciences>.
Click on **Science/Math Majors: Request for waiver of premajor prerequisites**

Students with

- 1) scores in AP, IB or other test scores that are not entered in MyUNLV OR
- 2) transfer courses not shown in MyUNLV OR
- 3) justifications other than those listed or described above

must email their supporting documentation to sci.advising@unlv.edu AFTER students submit the on-line form, which might include unofficial copies of AP or IB test reports, or standardized test reports, etc.. Provide name and NSHE ID number in your email, and mention that you already submitted a request on-line.

The on-line form should NOT be used as a request for permission to enroll for any reason other than grades in the “premajor” classes. For other permissions, please talk to your Academic Advisor at Drop-in Advising on Wednesdays.

NOTE: students enrolled in prerequisite introductory classes must wait until a final grade of C or higher (or equivalent) is entered in MyUNLV before requesting permission to enroll in an upper division biology class.