

# UNLV BS Biology w/Preprofessional Concentration Degree Requirements [2015-2016]

College: **College of Sciences**  
 Department: **School of Life Sciences**

Requirements for entering terms: **Fall 2015 - Spring 2016**  
 Catalog Expires (10 yrs): **August 2026**  
 Graduation: **Spring 2019 - Fall 2019**



	<i>Credit Range</i>	
	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>
General Education:	33	42
Biology:	39	39
Related:	37	37
Electives:	11	2
<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>



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General Education	<i>Course</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>
		First Year Seminar	2	3	Social Science Field 1	3
	Second Year Seminar	3	3	Social Science Field 2	3	3
	ENG 101 English Composition I	3	3	Social Science Field 3	3	3
	ENG 102 English Composition II	3	3	Multicultural**	0	3
	HIST 100 or PSC 101 US/NV Constitution	4	6	International**	0	3
	Humanities Field 1	3	3	Milestone Experience	0	0
	Humanities Field 2	3	3	Culminating Experience	0	0
	Fine Arts	3	3			

To enroll in upper division (300-400 level) biology classes, students must complete a set of introductory science, math, and composition classes with a satisfactory grade. These courses, which satisfy university and science major requirements (25 credits), are typically taken in the freshman year. Entry to the major requires a C or better (C- is not sufficient) in each of the following classes (or equivalent transferred from another institution): BIOL 196, BIOL 197, CHEM 121, CHEM 122, MATH 127 or 181, ENG 101, ENG 102. Students with Advanced Placement (AP) credit in chemistry and/or biology must complete the appropriate lab at UNLV and earn a grade C or higher.

Biology	<i>Biology Core:</i>		<i>20 credits of upper division biology coursework:</i>	
		BIOL 196 Modern Biology I	4 - 4	A minimum of six courses from focus course lists A, B and C (total 20 credits) with at least one course from each list
	BIOL 197 Modern Biology II	4 - 4		
	BIOL 351 Microbiology	4 - 4		
	BIOL 300 Genetics OR BIOL 304 Molec Genetics	4 - 4		
	BIOL 415 Evolution	3 - 3		
	<i>Up to 2 credits total of BIOL 494 and/or BIOL 499 may be used as electives to satisfy 120 credit total.</i>			

Related				
		Choose: STAT 391 Applied Statistics for Biological Sciences or STAT 491 Statistics for Scientists I	3 - 3	CHEM 121 General Chemistry I
			CHEM 122 General Chemistry II	4 - 4
	PHYS 151 General Physics I	4 - 4	CHEM 241 Organic Chemistry I lecture	3 - 3
	PHYS 152 General Physics II	4 - 4	CHEM 241L Organic Chemistry I lab	1 - 1
	MATH 181 Calculus I	4 - 4	CHEM 242 Organic Chemistry lecture	3 - 3
	(MATH 182 Calculus II recommended)		CHEM 242L Organic Chemistry lab	1 - 1
			CHEM 474 Biochemistry I	3 - 3
			CHEM 475 Biochemistry II	3 - 3

Electives	Upper Division Credits in the Major (300 or 400 level):	40 - 40	Electives (any level):	11 - 2
	Upper Division Credits Required for the Degree:	40 - 40		
	Upper Division Elective Credits to Complete:	0 - 0		

\*\*A minimum of six (6) credits are required, to be composed of a three-credit **multicultural** course and a three-credit **international** course that may simultaneously fulfill other general education requirements (General Education Requirements are Italicized). A single course may not simultaneously meet both the multicultural and international requirements. Discuss with your Academic Advisor!

**Resident Credit:** A candidate for the baccalaureate degree must complete the last 30 UNLV semester credits in uninterrupted resident credit as a declared major in the degree-granting college. A student must declare a major prior to enrolling in their last 30 UNLV resident credits. (Special examination, physical education activity courses, or Distance/online credits are exempted.)

**Minimum Credits for Graduation:** The minimum number of semester credits required for a bachelor's degree for a student graduating under the regulations of the 2012 - 2014 Undergraduate Catalog is 120. At least half of the credits required for a baccalaureate degree at the institution must be earned at a four-year institution.

**Minimum University Grade Point Average for Graduation:** In order to graduate, an undergraduate student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 for the total of all college-level credit attempted at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV GPA). College and department GPA requirements must also be met.



## Upper Division Biology Lists for the 2015-2016 Catalog

### Biology Course Lists for Upper Division Degree Requirements

Courses that appear on more than one List cannot count toward two list requirements. BIOL 300 can be used only toward the Biology Core requirement. BIOL 304 may be used toward EITHER the Biology Core requirement OR List B.  
 \*\*BIOL 351 is not part of the Core requirements in catalogs prior to 2010-2012, and is part of the upper division biology course requirements in some concentrations. BIOL 351 is part of the Core requirements in 2010 catalog forward.  
 Fall 2015 catalog: BIOL 492, -493, 494, 496, 499: read your degree requirements for restrictions.

			CREDITS	List A: Focus on cell Structure and Function	List B: Focus on Organismal Structure and Function	List C: Focus on Biological Diversity
BIOL 301	Fossil Record	3				X
BIOL 305	Introduction to Conservation	3				X
BIOL 320	Invertebrate Zoology	4				X
BIOL 341	Principles of Ecology	3				X
BIOL 348	Human Anatomy	3			X	
BIOL 405	Molecular Biology	3		X		
BIOL 409	Virology	3		X		
BIOL 412	Molecular Evolution	3				X
BIOL 414	Endocrinology	3			X	
BIOL 417	Biochemical Adaptations	3			X	
BIOL 418	Microbial Ecology	3				X
BIOL 425	Genomics	3		X		
BIOL 426	Plant Anatomy	3			X	
BIOL 427	Bryology	3				X
BIOL 432	Herpetology	4				X
BIOL 434	Mammalogy	4				X
BIOL 438	Soil Plant Water Relations in	3				X
BIOL 440	Mammalian Physiology	3			X	
BIOL 441	Field Ecology	3				X
BIOL 442	Principles of Plant Physiology	4			X	
BIOL 444	Principles of Plant Ecology	3				X
BIOL 445	Cell Physiology	3		X		
BIOL 447	Adv Comparative Animal	3			X	
BIOL 455	Comparative Vertebrate	5			X	
BIOL 453	Immunology	3			X	
BIOL 460	Microbial Physiology	3		X		
BIOL 464	Bacterial Pathogenesis	3		X		
BIOL 466	Developmental Biology	3		X		
BIOL 468	Histology	4			X	
BIOL 470	Topics in Applied Microbiology	3		X		
BIOL 473	Adv Topics in Cell and	3		X		
BIOL 478	Cancer Cell Biology	3		X		
BIOL 485	Microbial Genetics	3		X		
BIOL 486	Animal Behavior	3				X
BIOL 487	Principles of Systematics	3				X
BIOL 490	Biogeography	3				X
<b>Totals</b>				11	10	15
BIOL 492	Undergraduate Research	1				
BIOL 493	Undergraduate Seminar	1				
BIOL 494	Biology Colloquium	1				
BIOL 496	Advanced Topics in Modern	1				
BIOL 499	Undergraduate Teaching	1				

#### Lower Division Prerequisites.

Students are required to complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher before they are eligible to enroll in upper division (300-400 level) biology classes: BIOL 196, BIOL 197, CHEM 121/121L or CHEM 121A+121L, CHEM 122/122L or CHEM 122A+122L, MATH 127 or 128 or higher, ENG 102 or HON 100 or ENG 114.

#### NSHE Transfers

Only credits transfer to UNLV from other institutions; grades do not transfer and do not affect GPA at UNLV (this includes other Nevada institutions). If you receive a passing grade at UNLV and you choose to retake the class, you must do so at UNLV, not at CCSN or other NSHE institutions; if you fail a class at UNLV, you may retake the class at CSN or other NSHE institutions. BIOL 251G (Honors Microbiology) from CSN may fill a requirement for BIOL 351 (BS Biology) at UNLV.

#### Credit Load

The university considers 15 semester credits as the minimum full-time undergraduate credit load. The maximum credits allowed during a regular semester are 17 for freshmen level, and 18 for sophomore, junior, and senior levels. Overloads are available on a case-by-case basis for sophomores, juniors and seniors who have a GPA 3.0 or higher.

**Four- and five-year degree plans** can be found at <http://sciences.unlv.edu/advising/degreeworksheets>

#### Biomedicine or Graduate School

It is strongly recommended that students interested in biomedicine or graduate school take additional appropriate upper-division biology courses and research units to meet their elective credit requirements. Make an appointment to see the Pre-health Advisor. 702-895-2077

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#### B.S. Biology

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, students must satisfy the general education core curriculum required by the university and the College of Sciences, plus the program requirements of the Department of Life Sciences. The departmental program includes courses in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Biology majors choose one of five areas of concentration as shown below.

**The Cell & Molecular concentration** provides Biological Sciences majors with the intellectual tools essential for careers in biotechnology and biomedical science research, as well as for transition to graduate PhD programs in Biology, and Cell and Molecular Biomedical research.

**The Ecology & Evolution concentration** is recommended for those students who desire a strong foundation in evolution, and whose interests are at the interface between organisms and their environments.

**The Integrative Physiology concentration** provides the biology major with the intellectual and technical tools essential for success in a broad array of life sciences careers including application to all the health care-related professional schools, graduate school, or related postgraduate study as well as biomedical science research. IP provides an in-depth examination of how animals and/or plants work from the molecular/cellular level of organization to a systems level understanding and up to the integration of physiology with behavior and evolutionary processes.

**The Microbiology concentration** provides the biology major with the intellectual and technical skills required for success in the broad area of microbiology which includes clinical, environmental, ecological, evolutionary, molecular, metabolic and physiological perspective of microbes, including aspects of virology and immunology.

**The Preprofessional concentration** provides Biological Sciences majors with the intellectual tools essential for application to health care-related professional schools, including medical, dental, veterinary, optometric and related programs.

Many of the five areas of specialization provides an excellent and well-rounded background for those interested in applying for professional schools including medical, dental, veterinary. Most degrees in biology ensure the course work required for professional school is completed at the time of graduation.