BSCI - Biological Sciences Program

BSCI103 The World of Biology (4 Credits)
An introduction to modern biology for the non-science major. Major themes include molecular biology, cell biology, evolution and organismal biology. Relevance of study of biology to modern human life will be emphasized.
Additional Information: Not acceptable for degree requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Biochemistry.

BSCI120 Insects (3 Credits)
A survey of the major groups of insects, their natural history, and their relationships with humans and their environment. Course not acceptable toward major requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Biochemistry.

BSCI121 Beekeeping (2 Credits)
A study of the life history, behavior and seasonal activities of the honeybee, its place in pollination of flowers with emphasis on plants of economic importance and bee lore in literature.
Additional Information: Course not acceptable toward major requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Biochemistry.

BSCI124 Plant Biology for Non-Science Students (3 Credits)
A basic course in plant biology specifically designed for the non-science student. Emphasis is placed on an evolutionary and ecological approach to studying fundamental concepts and processes of plants, their place in the biosphere, the importance of plants to man, and the manner in which humans impact on plants and their environment. This course will not count toward graduation requirements for any student in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry or the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
Restriction: For non-science majors only; and must not have completed BSCI105; and must not have completed BSCI170 or BSCI171.
Additional Information: CORE Life Sciences Lab (LL) Course only when taken concurrently with BSCI 125.

BSCI125 Plant Biology Laboratory (1 Credit)
An introduction to the biology of plants with emphasis on the processes by which plants function, the diversity of plants, and the importance of plants to humans. This course will not count toward graduation requirements for any student in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry or the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. CORE Lab Science.
Corequisite: BSCI124.
Restriction: For non-science majors only; and must not have completed BSCI105; and must not have completed BSCI170 or BSCI171.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI105, BSCI170, or BSCI125.
Additional Information: CORE Life Sciences Lab (LL) Course only when taken concurrently with BSCI 125.

BSCI126 Pollinators in Crisis (3 Credits)
We will dissect the pollinator crisis, and in the process learn about insects, about the interaction of organisms in complex ecosystems, and about the human-nature interface. Students will work in groups that specialize in an aspect of pollinator biology and their challenges. Instruction will target methods for collecting information, interpretation of scientific information and the professional presentation of findings.

BSCI135 Amazing Green: Plants that Transformed the World (4 Credits)
An interactive way to learn about plants and science, focusing on how plants have changed human history, the biology of their growth, and the science behind their use.

BSCI160 Principles of Ecology and Evolution (3 Credits)
Basic principles of biology with special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary biology.
Prerequisite: Must have math eligibility of MATH120 or higher.
Recommended: For Science majors.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI105 or BSCI160.
Formerly: BSCI106.

BSCI161 Principles of Ecology and Evolution Lab (1 Credit)
Basic laboratory principles of biology with special emphasis on ecological and evolutionary biology.
Prerequisite: Must have math eligibility of MATH120 or higher.
Corequisite: BSCI160.
Recommended: For Science majors.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI105 or BSCI170.
Formerly: BSCI105.

BSCI170 Principles of Molecular & Cellular Biology (3 Credits)
Basic principles of biology with special emphasis on cellular and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: Must have math eligibility of MATH120 or higher.
Recommended: For Science majors.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI105 or BSCI170.
Formerly: BSCI105.

BSCI171 Principles of Molecular & Cellular Biology Laboratory (1 Credit)
Basic laboratory principles of biology with special emphasis on cellular and molecular biology.
Prerequisite: Must have math eligibility of MATH120 or higher.
Recommended: For Science majors.

BSCI201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 Credits)
Anatomy and physiology of the skeletal, muscular, neural, endocrine, and sensory systems. Course not acceptable toward major requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Biochemistry.
Prerequisite: BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.

BSCI202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 Credits)
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular, respiratory, immune, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems. Course not acceptable toward major requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry or Biochemistry.
Prerequisite: BSCI201; or permission of CMNS-Biology department.

BSCI205 Environmental Science (3 Credits)
Basic ecological principles as they relate to the ecological dilemmas of overpopulation, pollution, increasing consumption of natural resources, and deteriorating land use ethics facing mankind today.
Additional Information: Course not acceptable to degree requirements in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Biochemistry.

BSCI207 Principles of Biology III - Organismal Biology (3 Credits)
The diversity, structure and function of organisms as understood from the perspective of their common physiochemical principles and unique evolutionary histories.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI105. And BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105. And must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in CHEM131.
BSCI215 Global Sustainability: A Biologist’s Perspective (3 Credits)
An overview of basic ecological and evolutionary principles and how they relate to current global dilemmas such as overpopulation, pollution, preservation of biodiversity, and the ethics involved in these dilemmas. Credit Only Granted for: BSCI205 or BSCI215.

BSCI222 Principles of Genetics (4 Credits)
Principles and mechanisms of heredity and gene expression. Considers plant, animal, and microbial organisms. Prerequisite: CHEM131 and CHEM132; and (BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106); and (BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105). Or must have completed BSCI105 or (BSCI170 and BSCI171); and two semesters of chemistry.

BSCI223 General Microbiology (4 Credits)
Fundamental concepts in morphology, physiology, genetics, immunology, ecology, and pathogenic microbiology. Applications of microbiology to medicine, the food industry and biotechnology. Prerequisite: BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105.

BSCI238 Special Topics in Biology Student Initiated Courses (1 Credit)
Student Initiated Course (STIC) in Biology. Course will be student initiated and taught under close supervision of faculty mentor. Student instructor and faculty mentor must generate proposal and have approval of the Biological Sciences Program to offer a BSCI238 STIC. BSCI238 cannot be applied to the degree requirements of any biological sciences major. Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

BSCI258 College Park Scholars Internship (1-3 Credits)
Credit to be determined by CPS Director. Must be completed by end of sophomore year. Restriction: For College Park Scholars - Life Sciences students only. Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs. Additional Information: Course not acceptable towards in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Biochemistry.

BSCI279 Supplemental Study (1-3 Credits)
Research or special study to complement a course taken previously which is not fully equivalent to current departmental requirements. Credit according to work done. Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program. Repeatable to: 6 credits.

BSCI283 Principles of Microbiology (4 Credits)
Introduction to microorganisms designed for science majors. Genetic principles underlying microbial abilities; microbial structure-function relationships; metabolism, physiology, and ecology of microorganisms; interactions between microorganisms (including pathogens) and their hosts. Prerequisite: BSCI207 and BSCI222. Credit Only Granted for: BSCI223 or BSCI283. Additional Information: Priority given to BSCI, BCHM and CHEM majors.

BSCI289 Off-Campus Internship (1-3 Credits)
Elective credit for formally established off-campus research internship. Permission of Director of Outreach required. Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program. Repeatable to: 5 credits if content differs. Additional Information: Course not acceptable toward major requirements in the Biological Sciences.

BSCI300 Strategies for Success (1 Credit)
Students often face an increased emphasis on critical thinking, pressure from a typically higher credit hour load, and a faster pace of exposure to new material when moving from lower- to upper-level coursework. The Biological Sciences program designed this course to help all transfer students make successful transitions, both academically and socially, to the University of Maryland at Shady Grove. Restriction: Must be in a major in USG-Universities at Shady Grove; and must be in Biological Sciences: Physiology & Neurobiology program. Credit Only Granted for: BSCI300 or BSCI339R. Formerly: BSCI339R.

BSCI328 Special Topics in Entomology (1-4 Credits)
Lectures, seminars, mini-courses and other special instruction in various entomological subjects. Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

BSCI329 Instructional Assistance Practicum (1-3 Credits)
Students serve as instructional assistants in selected undergraduate biology courses. Roles and responsibilities are determined on a course-specific basis and approved by the College Undergraduate Program Committee. Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program. Repeatable to: 3 credits if content differs. Additional Information: Course not acceptable toward major requirements in the Biological Sciences.

BSCI330 Cell Biology and Physiology (4 Credits)
Biochemical and physiological mechanisms underlying cellular function. Properties of cells which make life possible and mechanisms by which cells provide energy, reproduce, and regulate and integrate with each other and their environment. Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in CHEM131 and CHEM132. And minimum grade of C- in BSCI170 and BSCI171; or minimum grade of C- in BSCI105. Restriction: Must not have completed BSCI230. Credit Only Granted for: BSCI230 or BSCI330. Formerly: BSCI230.

BSCI333 Principles of Paleontology (4 Credits)
A review of the theory, principles, and applications of Paleontology. A systematic overview of the morphology, evolution, and relationships of the major fossil-producing taxa. Prerequisite: GEOL102; or (BSCI207 or BSCI392); or permission of CMNS-Geology department. Cross-listed with GEOL331. Credit Only Granted for: GEOL331 or BSCI333.

BSCI334 Mammalogy (3 Credits)
Introduction to the biology of mammals, including evolution, physiological, and behavioral specializations. Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI207. And minimum grade of C- in BSCI160 and BSCI161; or minimum grade of C- in BSCI106.

BSCI335 Mammalogy Laboratory (1 Credit)
Lab and field techniques for the study of mammals, focusing on their identification, anatomy, histology, spatial distribution, ecology, and behavior. Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI160 and BSCI161; or minimum grade of C- in BSCI106. And minimum grade of C- in BSCI207; and must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI334.
BSCI337 Biology of Insects (4 Credits)
An overview of the biology, evolution and diversity of insects and their relatives. Insect morphology, physiology, behavior and ecology; the impact of insects on humanity and the management of pest insect populations; assembly of an insect collection is required.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106; or permission of CMNS-Entomology department.

BSCI338 Special Topics in Biology (1-4 Credits)
Lectures, seminars, mini-courses and other special instruction in various biological subjects.
Repeatability: 6 credits if content differs.
BSCI339 Selected Topics in Biology (1-4 Credits)
Lectures, seminars, and other selected instruction courses in various biological subject matter.
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biology department.
Repeatability: 9 credits if content differs.

BSCI342 Biology of Reproduction (3 Credits)
The biology of the reproductive system with emphasis on mammals and, in particular, on human reproduction. Hormone actions, sperm production, ovulation, sexual differentiation, sexual behavior, contraception, pregnancy, lactation, maternal behavior, and menopause.
Prerequisite: BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105; or permission of ARHU-Women's Studies department; or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program. Cross-listed with WMST326.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI342 or WMST326.

BSCI348 Special Topics in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics (1-4 Credits)
Presentation and discussion of special subjects in the field of cell biology and molecular genetics. A maximum of three credit hours of BSCI 348 may be applied to major.
BSCI353 Principles of Neuroscience (3 Credits)
Principles of nervous system function, ranging from molecular and cellular basis of neuron function through nervous system integration.
Prerequisite: 1 course with a minimum grade of C- from (BSCI207, BSCI330).
Corequisite: PHYS122, PHYS142, or PHYS132.

BSCI360 Principles of Animal Behavior (3 Credits)
Study of animal behavior with emphasis on its evolution and function. Topics include genetic basis of behavior, communication, aggression, foraging, cooperation, mate selection, and relevance for conservation.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105. And BSCI222.

BSCI361 Principles of Ecology (4 Credits)
Basic principles of population, community, and ecosystem ecology. Use of these principles to predict possible consequences of human-caused changes in the environment and to understand the level of uncertainty of those predictions.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And (MATH130, MATH136, or MATH140).

BSCI363 The Biology of Conservation and Extinction (3 Credits)
Ecology, evolutionary biology, and paleontology will be applied to the study of conservation, species invasions, and extinction.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI361.

BSCI364 Conservation Biology Lab (1 Credit)
Understanding and applying principles, practices and common tools of conservation biology. Synthesizing and applying ecological and socioeconomic knowledge to conservation issues.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI363.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI 338Q or BSCI 364.
Formerly: BSCI 338Q.

BSCI370 Principles of Evolution (3 Credits)
Understanding evolutionary processes in a natural and human environment, including adaptation; DNA sequence, protein, and genome evolution; evolution of developmental mechanisms; mechanisms of evolutionary change (mutation, natural selection, drift); epidemiology; coevolution and biological control; speciation; comparative methods; extinction and conservation; human evolution.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106.

BSCI373 Natural History of the Chesapeake Bay (3 Credits)
Consideration of the major groups of organisms associated with the Chesapeake Bay and current issues that determine humans' present and future uses for the Chesapeake and its biota. Cross-listed with ENST373.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI373 or ENST373.

BSCI374 Mathematical Modeling in Biology (4 Credits)
Students will learn empowering mathematical techniques through the understanding of biological models. Models are chosen from a variety of biological disciplines. Mathematical skills that will be developed along the way include: solving non-linear difference equations, eigenvector analysis, and the implementation of these algorithms as computer models.
Prerequisite: MATH131, MATH136, or MATH141. Cross-listed with HLSC374.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI374, BSCI474, or HLSC374.
Formerly: BSCI474.
Additional Information: The HLSC374 version of this course is restricted to students in the Honors College Integrated Life Sciences program.

BSCI378H Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Department Honors Seminar (1 Credit)
Required seminar for all students participating in departmental honors research program.

BSCI379 Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Department Research (1-3 Credits)
This course is arranged to provide qualified majors an opportunity to pursue research problems under the supervision of a member of the department.
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI379H Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Department Honors Research (1-4 Credits)
Student should consult program guidelines. Research project carried out under guidance of faculty advisor.

BSCI389 Entomology Department Research (1-2 Credits)
Credit to be determined by the department. Should be taken during the junior year. Investigations of assigned entomological problems. No more than 4 credit hours of BSCI389 may be applied to the 120 credit hours needed for the Bachelor's degree.
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.
BSCI398H Biology Department Honors Seminar (1 Credit)
Required seminar for all students participating in departmental honors research program.

BSCI399 Biology Department Research (1-3 Credits)
Research and/or integrated reading in biology under the direction and close supervision of a member of the faculty.
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.
Restriction: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
Repeatable to: 8 credits if content differs.

BSCI399H Biology Department Honors Research (1-2 Credits)
A laboratory research problem; required each semester during honors participation and culminating in an honors thesis.

BSCI401 Animal Communication (3 Credits)
Examining the mechanisms by which animal produce and receive signals in each sensory modality; and quantifying the type and amount of information conveyed in signals and how animals attend to such information.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And must have completed one semester of organic chemistry.
Recommended: A course in animal behavior or biopsychology.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI401, BSCI 338W or BIOL 708W.
Formerly: BSCI338W.

BSCI402 Genomics of Sensory Systems (3 Credits)
An advanced course covering topics on the molecular basis of senses and the application of genomic techniques to studies of sensory systems & sensory ecology.
Prerequisite: BSCI222; or permission of instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI338C or BSCI402.
Formerly: BSCI338C.

BSCI403 Biology of Vision (3 Credits)
An upper level undergraduate course on the physical, molecular, and neural basis of vision.
Prerequisite: BSCI207.
Recommended: BSCI222.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI 338V or BSCI 403.
Formerly: BSCI 338V.

BSCI404 Cell Biology from a Biophysical Perspective (3 Credits)
An approach to cell biology by focusing on mechanisms and unifying physical paradigms. It will not assume a great deal of factual biological knowledge, but will expect a background that prepares students to think mechanistically and quantitatively.
Prerequisite: BSCI330.
Recommended: PHYS121 and PHYS122; or completion of PHYS131 and PHYS132 recommended. Jointly offered with BIOL704, BIPH704.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI338O, BSCI404, BIOL704, BIOL708O, or BIPH704.
Formerly: BSCI338O.

BSCI405 Population and Evolutionary Genetics (3 Credits)
Genetic variation within a population provides the basis for future evolution as well as a record of past evolution. The genomics revolution provides data on this variation that, together with mathematical models, allow us to read this record to reconstruct evolutionary trajectories. Examples will focus on hominin and pathogen evolution. In the lab, students will use models to explore how genetic variation (allele frequencies) changes over time and space.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI222; and 1 course with a minimum grade of C- from (MATH131, MATH136, MATH141). Jointly offered with BSCI338O, BIOL709.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI405, BSCI339J, or BIOL709C.
Formerly: BSCI339J.

BSCI410 Molecular Genetics (3 Credits)
An advanced genetics course emphasizing the molecular basis of gene structure and function in the context of modern approaches to the genetics of humans and model organisms.
Prerequisite: BSCI222. And must have completed CHEM233; or (CHEM231 and CHEM232).

BSCI411 Bioinformatics and Integrated Genomics (4 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI222.
Recommended: BSCI410.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI380 or BSCI411.
Formerly: BSCI410.

BSCI412 Microbial Genetics (4 Credits)
A laboratory/lecture based course that covers the fundamentals of mutation, mobile genetic elements and transmission genetics of microbial organisms using both classical and molecular approaches.
Prerequisite: BSCI223 and BSCI222.

BSCI413 Recombinant DNA (3 Credits)
An advanced course presenting the tools and procedures of recombinant DNA techniques to understanding eukaryotic gene structure and expression.
Prerequisite: BSCI330, BSCI223, or BSCI230; and BSCI222.
Formerly: ZOOL452.
BSCI414 Recombinant DNA Laboratory (3 Credits)
An advanced course offering hands-on experience in performing recombinant DNA experiments. All current molecular biology techniques used for cloning prokaryotic genes, analyzing the gene products, and modifying the genes will be performed. Techniques include isolation of DNA, use of restriction enzymes; cloning procedures, PCR analysis, and Southern hybridizations. Lecture material focuses on interpretation of results generated in the laboratory.
Prerequisite: BSCI422.

BSCI415 Molecular Genetics Laboratory (3 Credits)
Problem solving laboratory organized around extended projects that employ different approaches toward linking gene and function.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI410.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI348G or BSCI415.
Formerly: BSCI415.

BSCI416 Human Genetics (3 Credits)
Approaches to human genetics and applications to biology and medicine focusing on specific human genetic topics using primary research papers as the main resource.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI410.
Recommended: BSCI330.

BSCI417 Microbial Pathogenesis (3 Credits)
Current research in microbial pathogenesis and the molecular and cellular basis of bacterial disease. Comprehensive overview of the molecular basis of pathogenesis with a focus on model microbial systems to illustrate mechanisms of disease pathogenesis. Topics covered: how microorganisms attach to and enter cells; how host cells are damaged by microbial products; how the host responds to invasion; and host-pathogen evolution.
Prerequisite: BSCI223 and BSCI222.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI348M or BSCI417.
Formerly: BSCI348M.

BSCI420 Cell Biology Lectures (3 Credits)
Molecular and biochemical bases of cellular organization and function in eukaryotes.
Prerequisite: BSCI330, BSCI222, CHEM231, and CHEM232.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI420 or BSCI421.

BSCI421 Cell Biology (4 Credits)
Molecular and biochemical basis of cellular organization and function in eukaryotes.
Prerequisite: BSCI330, BSCI222, CHEM231, and CHEM232.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI420 or BSCI421.

BSCI422 Principles of Immunology (3 Credits)
The immune system in health and disease. Presentation and analysis of the cellular and molecular processes that comprise the immune system.
Prerequisite: BSCI223 and BSCI222.
Recommended: BSCI330.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.

BSCI423 Immunology Laboratory (2 Credits)
Current techniques for assessment of immune status and evaluation of the immune response, including monoclonal antibody production, Western blotting, cytokine assays, ELISA and flow cytometry.
Prerequisite: BSCI223 and BSCI222.
Corequisite: BSCI422.
Restriction: Junior standing or higher.

BSCI424 Pathogenic Microbiology (4 Credits)
The role of bacteria and fungi in the diseases of humans with emphasis upon the differentiation and culture of microorganisms, types of disease, modes of disease transmission, prophylactic, therapeutic, and epidemiological aspects.
Prerequisite: BSCI223.

BSCI427 Principles of Microscopy (2 Credits)
An introduction to optical principles that underlie light and electron microscopic image formation. Brightfield, darkfield, phase contrast, differential interference contrast, fluorescence and polarized light microscopy. Comparison of light and electron microscopy. The application of these techniques to problems in biological research.
Prerequisite: BSCI421.

BSCI430 Developmental Biology (3 Credits)
Structural, functional and regulatory events and mechanisms that operate during development to produce an integrated, multicellular organism composed of a multitude of differentiated cell types.
Prerequisite: BSCI222 and BSCI330.

BSCI433 Biology of Cancer (3 Credits)
Causes and consequences of neoplastic transformations at the biochemical and cellular levels.
Prerequisite: BSCI222 and BSCI330; or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI434 Mammalian Histology (4 Credits)
A study of the microscopic anatomy, ultrastructure and histophysiology of tissues and organs of mammals.
Prerequisite: BSCI330 and BSCI440; or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI437 General Virology (3 Credits)
Discussion of the physical and chemical nature of viruses, virus cultivation and assay methods, virus replication, viral diseases with emphasis on the oncogenic viruses, viral genetics, and characteristics of the major virus groups.
Prerequisite: BSCI222; or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI440 Mammalian Physiology (4 Credits)
A study of the cardiovascular, hemopoietic, gastrointestinal, renal and respiratory systems. Chemical and endocrine regulation of physiological functions in mammals. Course does not count as an upper level lab for BIOL majors (see BSCI441).
Prerequisite: BSCI330; and (CHEM231 and CHEM232; or must have completed CHEM233). Or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI441 Mammalian Physiology Laboratory (2 Credits)
Laboratory exercises in experimental mammalian physiology.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI440.

BSCI442 Plant Physiology (4 Credits)
A survey of plant physiology and development and responses and adaptation to the environment
Prerequisite: BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105; or PLSC201. And CHEM231 and CHEM232; or CHEM237; or permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program; or permission of AGNR-Plant Science & Landscape Architecture department. Cross-listed with PLSC400.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI442 or PLSC400.
BSCI443 Microbial Physiology (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI223. And minimum grade of C- in BCHM461; or minimum grade of C- in BCHM463.

BSCI446 Neural Systems (3 Credits)
Neural development, followed by sensory, motor and integrative system organization in the central nervous system.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI330 and BSCI353.

BSCI447 General Endocrinology (3 Credits)
Functions and dysfunctions of the endocrine system with special reference to mammals.
Prerequisite: BSCI330, CHEM241, and CHEM242.

BSCI452 Diseases of the Nervous System (3 Credits)
An advanced course covering the neuroanatomy, function, and organization of the nervous system and its implication for pathology and disease.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI330; and minimum grade of C- in BSCI353. Jointly offered with NACS728, BIOL708.
Credit Only Granted for: BSCI452, BSCI338N, BIOL708E, or NACS728N. Formerly: BSCI358N.

BSCI454 Neurobiology Laboratory (1 Credit)
Basic neuroanatomical techniques, intracellular and extracellular recordings of electrical potentials from nerve and muscle.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI330; and must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI353; and must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in PHYS122, PHYS132, or PHYS142.

BSCI460 Plant Ecology (3 Credits)
The dynamics of populations as affected by environmental factors with special emphasis on the structure and composition of natural plant communities, both terrestrial and aquatic.
Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C- in BSCI361.

BSCI461 Plant Ecology Laboratory (2 Credits)
Two or three field trips per semester. The application of field and experimental methods to the qualitative and quantitative study of vegetation and ecosystems.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in BSCI460.

BSCI462 Population Ecology (3 Credits)
Theory of population growth and regulation, life tables, and theory of competition and predation, evolution in ecological settings, community structure and dynamics.
Prerequisite: MATH130, MATH136, or MATH140; and BSCI361.

BSCI464 Microbial Ecology (3 Credits)
Interaction of microorganisms with the environment, other microorganisms and with higher organisms. Roles of microorganisms in the biosphere. Microorganisms and current environmental problems.
Prerequisite: BSCI223 and CHEM241. And must have completed CHEM243; or CHEM242.

BSCI465 Behavioral Ecology (3 Credits)
How natural and social environments shape individual behavior. The influence of evolution on patterns of individual adaptation. Use of the evolutionary paradigm to investigate specific problems in animal and human behavior.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And BSCI222.

BSCI467 Freshwater Biology (4 Credits)
Biology and ecology of freshwater invertebrates in lotic and lentic habitats, their adaptation to aquatic life, their function in aquatic ecosystems, and their relationship to environmental deterioration. Laboratory will include field trips, demonstrations, and identifications.

BSCI471 Molecular Evolution (3 Credits)
Patterns of DNA sequence variation within and between species, caused by nucleotide changes and the movement of transposable elements. Theories of molecular evolution, such as the neutral theory. Molecular clock hypothesis: its importance as a practical empirical tool in molecular genetics and systematics and its theoretical foundation.
Prerequisite: BSCI222; or permission of CMNS-Biology department.

BSCI472 Evolutionary Biology of Plants (3 Credits)
Evolution in plant populations. The pace, pattern, and mechanisms of evolution will be discussed within a genetic and ecological framework. Some emphasis will be placed on processes that are unique to the evolution of plants.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And BSCI222.

BSCI473 Marine Ecology (3 Credits)
Courses in evolution and animal behavior are strongly recommended. A detailed analysis of the evolutionary ecology of marine invertebrates; emphasis on testing of theories and on current literature.
Prerequisite: BSCI207.

BSCI480 Arthropod Form and Function (4 Credits)
Survey of the morphological, systematic and physiological diversity of the phylum Arthropoda.
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Entomology (AGNR).

BSCI481 Insect Diversity and Classification (4 Credits)
The techniques of collecting insects in the field and their classification into the latest hierarchical scheme. Field trips will visit habitats throughout the state. An insect collection is required.
Prerequisite: BSCI337.

BSCI483 Insects, Pathogens, and Public Health (3 Credits)
Mosquito- and tick-borne disease transmission poses significant challenges to human health and well-being globally, and is on the rise in North America. Arthropod parasites and the pathogens they transmit to humans and animals will be introduced, and the public health significance of these arthropods will be examined. The ecology and behavior of vectors in relation to disease transmission will be emphasized.
Prerequisite: BSCI207.

BSCI488 Summer Biology Institutes (1-8 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program. Repeatable to: 12 credits if content differs.

BSCI493 Medicinal and Poisonous Plants (3 Credits)
A study of plants important to humans that have medicinal or poisonous properties. Emphasis on plant source, plant description, the active agent and its beneficial or detrimental physiological action and effects.
Prerequisite: (BSCI170 and BSCI171; or BSCI105); and must have completed CHEM233. Or 4 credits in BSCI courses.
BSCI494 Animal-Plant Interactions (3 Credits)
Theoretical, conceptual and applied aspects of the ecological interactions between plants and animals.
Prerequisite: BSCI160 and BSCI161; or BSCI106. And permission of CMNS-Biological Sciences UG Program.

BSCI497 Insect Pests of Ornamentals and Turf (4 Credits)
The recognition, biology and management of insects and mites injurious to ornamental shrubs, trees, greenhouse crops, and turf. Emphasis on Integrated Pest Management (IPM).