Research, teaching, and extension have been the backbone of the Department of Entomology for more than 100 years. Our faculty, students, and post-doctoral fellows remain committed to these three areas, in addition to outreach and public service. We maintain our historical focus on insects and their relatives, but the department’s interests also span a diversity of subdisciplines, including ecology, aquatic biology, molecular and developmental biology, genetics, biological control of insects and weeds, systematics, evolutionary biology, integrated pest management, toxicology, and insect pathology.

Undergraduate students interested in Entomology typically major in one of the specializations within the Biological Sciences Program (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/biological-sciences/). Interested students should contact the Entomology Director of Undergraduate Studies for information on pursuing a career in Entomology.

The Department of Entomology faculty coordinate and advise students in the following Biological Sciences Program area:

- Biological Sciences: General Biology (GENB) Last names that begin with the letters A through M

The requirements for the Biological Sciences major can be found here (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/biological-sciences/#requirementstext).

**PROGRAMS**

**Majors**

- Biological Sciences (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/biological-sciences/) (General Biology-GENB) Last names A-M

**Minors**

- Entomology Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/entomology/entomology-minor/)
- Paleobiology Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/geology/paleobiology-minor/#text) (shared jointly with the Geology department)

**ADVISING**

The Department of Entomology faculty coordinate and advise students in the following areas:

- Biological Sciences major: General Biology (GENB) Last names that begin with the letters A through M

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Undergraduate Research Experiences**

Students can engage in laboratory and field research with Entomology faculty. Contact the Entomology Director of Undergraduate Studies for information on opportunities to participate.

**Honors Program**

The Entomology Honors Program provides the opportunity for highly motivated and academically qualified undergraduates to engage in original, independent research under the guidance of an Entomology faculty mentor. Participation in the program requires:

1. junior standing (including at least twelve credits within the major),
2. a minimum overall GPA and major courses GPA of 3.2, and
3. a Department of Entomology faculty member who has agreed to serve as a mentor.

Contact the Entomology Honors Director, Dr. William Lamp (lamp@umd.edu) for more information. Participants in the Entomology Honors Program are eligible for the Ernest N. Cory Undergraduate Scholarship.