BIOCOMPUTATIONAL ENGINEERING AT SHADY GROVE

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Biocomputational engineering brings together the field of bioengineering, a discipline grounded in fundamentals of physics, chemistry, and biology, with computation and data science, which enhances the value of all fields. The objective of the biocomputational engineering program is to provide a breadth of fundamentals in biology and quantitative problem solving while developing skills in computation and data science that can be applied to the modeling of complex biological systems and the analysis of complex biological data sets in order to create new knowledge from the molecular to organ to system levels, and to develop innovative processes for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The synthesis of bioengineering, computation, and data science gives the graduates unique capabilities to solve existing and emerging challenges of the modern medical world.

Admission to the Major

Prior to being admitted to the Biocomputational Engineering major, students must complete the UMD A. James Clark School of Engineering LEP gateway courses, prerequisite math/science courses, lower-level General Education requirements (or an associate's degree), and 60 credits. Students are welcome to apply as transfer students from community college or four-year institutions. For more information regarding admission to the Biocomputational Engineering major, visit www.biocomp.umd.edu/admissions (https://biocomp.umd.edu/admissions/).

Program Learning Outcomes

1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Requirements

Prior Study

Prior to being admitted to the Biocomputational Engineering major, students should have completed the Engineering LEP gateway courses, basic math/science courses, lower-level general education requirements (or an associate degree from a Maryland public institution), and 60 credits.

Course Title Credits
ENGL101 Academic Writing 3
MATH140 Calculus I 4
MATH141 Calculus II 4
MATH241 Calculus III 4
MATH246 Differential Equations for Scientists and Engineers 3
PHYS161 General Physics: Mechanics and Particle Dynamics 3
PHYS260 General Physics: Vibration, Waves, Heat, Electricity and Magnetism 3
PHYS261 General Physics: Vibrations, Waves, Heat, Electricity and Magnetism (Laboratory) 1
ENES100 Introduction to Engineering Design 3
CHEM135 General Chemistry for Engineers 3
CHEM136 General Chemistry Laboratory for Engineers 1
CHEM231 Organic Chemistry I 3
CHEM232 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I 1
BSCI170 Principles of Molecular & Cellular Biology 3
or BIOE120 Biology for Engineers 3
MATLAB programming course – e.g. BIOE241 or equivalent 3
Lower-level general education requirements or A.A./A.S. degree from a Maryland public institution 18
Total Credits 60

Required Courses

Course Title Credits
ENBC301 Introduction to Biocomputational Engineering 1
ENBC311 Python for Data Analysis 3
ENBC312 Object Oriented Programming in C++ (Object Oriented Programming in C++) 3
ENBC321 (Machine Learning for Data Analysis) 3
ENBC322 (Algorithms) 3
ENBC331 Applied Linear Systems and Differential Equations 3
ENBC332 Statistics, Data Analysis, and Data Visualization 3
ENBC341 Biomolecular Engineering Thermodynamics 3
ENBC342 Computational Fluid Dynamics and Mass Transfer (Computational Fluid Dynamics and Mass Transfer) 3
ENBC351 Quantitative Molecular and Cellular Biology 3
ENBC352 (Molecular Techniques Laboratory) 2
ENBC353 (Synthetic Biology) 3
ENBC425 (Imaging and Image Processing) 3
ENBC431 (Finite Element Analysis) 3
ENBC441 (Computational Systems Biology) 3
Elective Courses

Students are required to take four technical electives (12 credits). The courses must be selected from an approved list of engineering and biology courses; the list will be updated regularly by the program director. At least two of the elective courses must be from the category of engineering, mathematics, or programming, while at most two of the electives can be from the category of biology courses. The program will offer electives; at the same time, the program will arrange for opportunities for electives outside the program, including USG programs offered by other universities.

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Four Year Plan

Click here (https://eng.umd.edu/four-year-plans/) for roadmaps for four-year plans in the A. James Clark School of Engineering.

Additional information on developing a four-year academic plan can be found on the following pages:

- 4yearplans.umd.edu (http://4yearplans.umd.edu/)
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/) section of this catalog