Biology (PhD)

Degree Requirements

Students may choose from the degree tracks below to complete coursework within a focus area.

Degrees earned will be distributed as: "Doctor of Philosophy in Biology" without track specifications.

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1 Students may take PHI 816 Introduction to Research Ethics or equivalent to meet this requirement.

Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences Track

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Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Track

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**Other Requirements**

- Every student is required to complete training logs. Many of the modules can be completed while taking the BIO 520 course. Please contact the Forensic Sciences Concentration Chair for additional information.
- Students are also required to start the Training Case Record Form after their first year and/or after taking BIO 520, whichever comes first. Please contact the Forensic Sciences Concentration Chair for additional information.
- Forensic Anthropology Society of Europe Level II Certification is strongly recommended but not required- costs associated with this exam are the student’s responsibility.

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### Integrative Biology Track

This concentration is open to MS and PhD students who do not fit academically within the other Biology concentrations, or who integrate across multiple concentrations. Coursework is determined in consultation with your PhD mentor and committee and is approved by the DGP.

**Full Professors**

- David Derek Aday
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- Ignazio Carbone
- Jaime A. Collazo
- William Gregory Cope
- Harry Valentine Daniels III
- Robert R. Dunn
- David B. Eggleston
- John R. Godwin
- Kevin Gross
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- Rebecca Elizabeth Irwin
- Thomas J. Kwak
- Thomas M. Losordo
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Jesse Robert Fischer
Terry Allen Gates
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Jane L. Lubischer
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Lisa M. Paciulli
Lisa D. Parks

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Damian Shea
Adrian Alan Smith
Lindsay E. Zanno

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John F. Roberts
Damian Shea
Theodore R. Simons
Herbert A. Underwood
John G. Vandenberghe
Thomas G. Wolcott

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Tyler Ray Black
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David T. Cobb
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