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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**Additional Courses**

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Total Hours 72

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Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences Track

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**Restricted Elective**

Select two of the following courses:

AEC/ENT 509 Biology of Aquatic Insects
AEC 515 Fish Physiology
AEC 519 Freshwater Ecology
AEC 624 Advanced Fisheries Science
AEC 592 Special Topics in Applied Ecology (Management of Small Impoundments)
AEC 592 Special Topics in Applied Ecology (Aquatic Plant Ecology)
AEC 592 Special Topics in Applied Ecology (Advanced Biology of Fishes)
AEC 624 Advanced Fisheries Science
AEC 710 Sampling Animal Populations
AEC 726 Quantitative Fisheries Management
BMA 772 Biomathematics II
FW 511 Human Dimensions of Wildlife and Fisheries
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NR 595 Special Topics in Natural Resources
TOX 715 Environmental Toxicology

Total Hours 9

Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Track

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Select one course from the following:

BIO 592 Topical Problems (Capstone Course in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology)
GN 701 Molecular Genetics
GN 702 Cellular and Developmental Genetics
GN 750 Developmental Genetics

Biotechnology Requirement

Select one course below determined in conjunction with the academic committee based on thesis research

BIT 510 Core Technologies in Molecular and Cellular Biology
BIT 595 Special Topics

Total Hours 10

Ecology and Evolution Track

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Ecology Requirement

AEC 503 Foundations of Ecology
AEC 519 Freshwater Ecology
AEC 718 Community Ecology
AEC 761 Conservation and Climate Science
BIO/BMA 560 Population Ecology
MEA 752 Marine Plankton Ecology

Evolution Requirement

BIO 570 Evolutionary Ecology
ENT 591 Special Topics In Entomology
GN 703 Population and Quantitative Genetics

2 BIT 815 or any Bioinformatics course determined in conjunction with the academic committee.
GN 713  Quantitative Genetics and Breeding
GN 740  Evolutionary Genetics
GN 757  Quantitative Genetics Theory and Methods
PB 503  Systematic Botany
PB 545  Paleobotany

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Forensic Sciences 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.

Physiology and Behavior Track

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Total Hours 72

Additional Courses 63

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Total Hours 72

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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.

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