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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Total Hours 72

Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences Track

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|       | Restricted Elective                                        | 6     |                |
| Select two of the following courses:                        |       |                |
| AEC/ENT 509 | Ecology and Conservation of Freshwater Invertebrates      |       |                |
| AEC 515 | Fish Physiology                                           |       |                |
| AEC 519 | Freshwater Ecology                                       |       |                |
| AEC 624 | Advanced Fisheries Science                               |       |                |

Total Hours 9

2 BIT 815 or any Bioinformatics course determined in conjunction with the academic committee.

Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Track

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### Biology (PhD)

AEC 510  
**Machine Learning Approaches in Biological Sciences**

**Restricted Elective**  3

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GN 701  
**Molecular Genetics**

GN 702  
**Cellular and Developmental Genetics**

GN 750  
**Developmental Genetics**

**Biotechnology Requirement**  4

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

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BIT 595  
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**Ecology and Evolution Track**

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**Ecology Requirement**  3

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**  3

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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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- 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)

Additional Courses 63

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Total Hours 72

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

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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