

# BIOLOGY (BI)

## BI 0015 Fundamentals of Biology I 3 Credits

This course, an introductory study of biology for the non-science major, familiarizes students with the general biological principles that govern the activities of all living systems. Concepts include the biochemical origin of life, cellular morphology and physiology, and human genetics. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0016 Fundamentals of Biology II 3 Credits

Students examine biological systems, such as the human organism, in detail, with an emphasis on pathophysiology, diversity of life, and evolution. Emphasis varies by instructor. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0018 Human Biology: Form and Function 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate, HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology

This course, which provides a basic introduction to human anatomy and physiology, examines the major organ systems of the body, focusing on how each system functions and how all systems interact with one another. Genetics, disease and prevention, nutrition, current issues in public health, and environmental health problems that human populations face are discussed. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0070 Science, Technology, and Society 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate

This course analyzes the major science and technology issues that confront today's society. Through an examination of the underlying science, students gain an understanding of the impact these issues hold for the environment, our natural resources, and our society, including benefit versus hazard expectations. Course issues, which change to incorporate timely topics, include acid rain; agriculture; diseases such as AIDS, cancer, and heart disease; energy; genetic engineering; the greenhouse effect; ozone depletion; and water pollution. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0071 Identity and the Human Genome 3 Credits

**Attributes:** BSCC Black Studies Component Course, BSSC Black Studies: Physical and Natural Sciences, WSGF Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Gender Focused

This course introduces human genetics to the non-science major. Topics of discussion include the structure and function of genes, modes of inheritance, gene editing, sex and gender, race, and human genetic diversity. Special emphasis is placed on ethical, legal and social issues related to the knowledge and application of genetic information. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0073 Contemporary Nutrition: Food for Thought 3 Credits

**Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology

This course will introduce non-science majors to the core biological processes of nutrition, and contemporary nutrition concerns related to human growth and well-being throughout life. The course will include material on: food selection and preparation, sensory evaluation, human nutrition, diet analysis, and the relationship between diet and disease. Students will gain the knowledge and skill development necessary to achieve a nutritionally healthy lifestyle. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0074 Biology of Food 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective

This course will introduce non-science majors to the biological processes behind the food that we produce and harvest as well as the environmental consequences of our diet choices. This course will include material on: the rise of agriculture, plant and animal growth requirements and life cycles, evolution, and a description and discussion of food organisms in the modern North American diet, techniques of food production and effects on the environment. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0075 Ecology and Society 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, PJST Peace and Justice Studies

This course focuses on environmental issues raised by modern society's conflicting needs for land, water, a livable environment, and renewable/nonrenewable resources. Students examine the available scientific evidence and are encouraged to draw their own conclusions concerning these environmentally sensitive issues, which are presented in lectures, readings, films, and occasional, off-campus field trips (by arrangement). This course is open to all except biology majors. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

## BI 0076 Environmental Science 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective, PJST Peace and Justice Studies

The science of the environment is presented through examination of the interconnections among physical, chemical, and biological fields of inquiry. This course looks at how the global environment is altered by the human population, technology, and production of fuels and food. In this course, students will acquire a scientific understanding of current issues in environmental science and learn to evaluate claims about current environmental problems. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology or chemistry major or minor.

## BI 0078 Introduction to Marine Science 3 Credits

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective

This course introduces the non-science major and the marine science minor to the field of oceanography. Topics dealing with the geological, physical, chemical, and biological aspects of science underscore the interdisciplinary nature of world ocean study. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

**BI 0088 Biomedical Science and Society 3 Credits****Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology

This core science course will engage students in inquiry-based scientific methodology through exploration of specific topics in biomedical science related to human health and disease. The course will explore four biomedical topics. Each topic will include approaches and contributions from chemistry and mathematics, so students appreciate the inherently interdisciplinary nature of science. The course will cover biomedical concepts, quantitative skills, the collection and analysis of data, and guided activities that utilize approaches from all three fields to address biomedical questions. The societal impact and implications of each topic will also be explored.

**BI 0095 Philosophy and Biology of Evolutionary Theory 3 Credits**

This course explores the question of evolutionary theory from the perspectives of philosophy and biology. From the biological perspective, the course focuses on genetics, adaptive evolution, neutral evolution, the genetic impact of selection on populations, the origin and maintenance of genetic variation, the importance of development in evolution, and the expression of variation. From the philosophical perspective, the course focuses on evolution as theory and ideology, the critique of the adaptationist program, evolution and contingency, typological versus population thinking, and the developmental systems critique. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

**BI 0096 God and Modern Biology 3 Credits****Attributes:** CAOT Catholic Studies: Non-Religious Studies

This course introduces students to the dialogue between science and religion with a detailed consideration of recent advances in modern biological research that raise significant religious, theological, and ethical issues. The course emphasizes developing a practical understanding of the scientific method through interactive experiences and lecture material. Students consider how scientific breakthroughs and ideas can influence or be influenced by religious thought through assigned readings and in-class discussion groups and through the historically significant and most recent findings in the areas of evolution, biotechnology, and the neurosciences. Note: This course counts as a natural science core but does not satisfy requirements for the biology major or minor.

**BI 0107 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Credits****Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology**Corequisite:** BI 0107L.

This course is required for nursing majors as a prerequisite for most nursing courses. A strong chemistry background is recommended. Homeostasis is the major theme of the course with form and function covered together each semester. This course introduces the student to anatomical terminology, homeostasis and feedback control, membrane physiology, and tissues followed by the integumentary, skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. Note: This course is not open to biology majors except where required for allied health sciences (chair approval required).

**BI 0107L Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**Corequisite:** BI 0107.

Laboratory work closely follows the BI 0107 lecture and includes microscopic anatomy (histology), use of anatomical models, human skeletons, and dissections for study of gross anatomy, and physiology experiments including muscle recruitment measurements, reflex tests and cranial nerve tests.

**BI 0108 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Credits****Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology**Corequisite:** BI 0108L.**Prerequisite:** BI 0107.

This course is required for nursing majors as a prerequisite for most nursing courses. A strong chemistry background is recommended. Homeostasis is the major theme of the course with form and function covered together each semester. This course continues with the endocrine, cardiovascular, lymphatic, respiratory, urinary, digestive, and reproductive systems. Note: This course is not open to biology majors except where required for allied health sciences (chair approval required).

**BI 0108L Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab II 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**Corequisite:** BI 0108.

Laboratory work closely follows the BI 0108 lecture and includes microscopic anatomy (histology), use of anatomical models and dissections for study of gross anatomy, and physiology experiments including blood pressure measurements, blood typing, lung function, and urinalysis.

**BI 0151 Elements of Microbiology 4 Credits****Prerequisites:** BI 0107, CH 0084.

This microbiology course for nursing majors examines the structure and function of bacteria, viruses, yeasts, molds, antibiotics, and bacterial genetics as well as the mechanisms of microbial invasion and the body's immunological response. Note: This course is not open to biology majors.

**BI 0151L Elements of Microbiology Lab 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0170 General Biology I 4 Credits****Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology**Corequisites:** BI 0170L, BI 0170P.

This introductory course for biology majors covers the molecular and cellular basis of life, including cell structure and function, cell communication, inheritance, gene expression and regulation, and developmental genetics. Students receive hands-on experience with a broad range of topics and techniques in the accompanying laboratory.

**BI 0170L General Biology I Lab 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0170P General Biology I PLG 0 Credits****BI 0171 General Biology II 4 Credits****Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology**Corequisites:** BI 0171L, BI 0171P.

This introductory course for biology majors covers biochemistry, energy utilization, anatomy and physiology, and the structure and function of plants and animals. Students receive hands-on experience with a broad range of topics and techniques in the accompanying laboratory.

**BI 0171L General Biology II Lab 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0171P General Biology II PLG 0 Credits****BI 0172 General Biology III 4 Credits****Corequisite:** BI 0172L.

This introductory course for biology majors covers organismal biology with an emphasis on evolution, biological diversity, ecology, and environmental science. Students receive hands-on experience with a broad range of topics and techniques in the accompanying laboratory.

**BI 0172L General Biology III Lab 0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0201 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0202 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0203 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0204 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0205 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0206 Biology Teaching Practicum****1 Credit**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172; successful completion of the assigned laboratory.

This series of courses represents opportunities (up to six semesters) for Biology majors to gain experience in teaching practices in the laboratory as classroom setting. Students will be paired with an instructor, and assist in instruction, grading and overall successful running of a laboratory section. Strong prior performance in the laboratory to which the student will be assigned is required. Selection will be made by the biology department, after a general call is put out to all students who may be interested in the opportunity. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0216 Introductory Principles of Epidemiology****3 Credits**

**Prerequisite:** BI 0108 or BI 0171.

Epidemiology is the foundation for public health research, with applications in several other disciplines. This course is designed to introduce students to the core principles of epidemiology, and familiarize students with the applications of biostatistics in health research. During the course, students will learn about the historical origins of the field of epidemiology, as well as concepts for study design and data interpretation.

**BI 0218 Vertebrate Zoology****3 Credits**

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

Fish, frogs, flamingoes and ferrets. What unites them? A backbone. This course addresses how these very diverse groups of animals actually relate and differ - in physiology, morphology and behavior. Students will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of being a member of each group, and compare across groups the things that set these groups apart from each other. The course will consist of group discussions based on the required reading in the text, supplemented extensively by direct examples (preserved and live specimens, tissues and samples) showing how the diversity of vertebrates makes them an incredibly interesting group. Formerly BI 0318.

**BI 0218L Vertebrate Zoology Lab****1 Credit**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**Prerequisite:** BI 0218\*.

This lab focuses on the development of a vertebrate research project at the Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, which currently houses over 130 species of animals, a number of which are currently listed as endangered. As a participant in the Species Survival Plan (SSP) program, the zoo's mission is to promote the preservation of such endangered species as well as provide the best possible enclosures for many of the zoo's other residents. You will be engaged in the design, execution, analysis and presentation of research, which will ultimately be used by the Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo to enhance their care and protection of vertebrates. (\*indicates concurrency allowed)

**BI 0251 Human Nutrition****3 Credits**

**Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology

**Prerequisites:** BI 0107 and BI 0108 or BI 0170, BI 0171, and BI 0172.

This course offers a comprehensive study of the fundamental principles of human nutrition. The course emphasizes the role diet plays in the prevention of disease and promotion of health. Students will integrate the fundamentals of digestion, absorption, and metabolism as they apply to nutrient intake. Major topics include: weight management as it relates to the physiology, metabolism, and behavioral psychology of energy balance; the nutritional needs of humans at various stages of the life cycle; how scientific evidence has shaped the current dietary guidelines and the food environment.

**BI 0260 Ecology****4 Credits**

**Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate, EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective

**Corequisite:** BI 0260L.

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0111, CH 0112.

This course is designed as an overview of the science of ecology - the study of interactions between organisms and their environment. This course uses a hierarchical approach to describe organisms, populations, communities, and ecosystems. We discuss the types of questions ecologists ask, and the methods ecologists use to answer questions.

**BI 0260L Ecology Lab****0 Credits**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0261 Genetics****4 Credits**

**Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate

**Corequisite:** BI 0261L.

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

This course offers a comprehensive study of the fundamental principles of classical and molecular genetics. Major topics include transmission (Mendelian) genetics, gene linkage and mapping, fundamentals of molecular biology, molecular approaches to genetic analysis, genetic engineering and recombinant DNA technology, microbial genetics, regulation of gene expression, and genomics.

**BI 0261L Genetics Lab****0 Credits**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0262 Human Physiology****4 Credits**

**Corequisite:** BI 0262L.

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0111, CH 0112.

This course considers homeostasis in humans by means of a comprehensive survey of the morphology and physiology of human organ systems. Special emphasis is given to organ systems associated with water and electrolyte balance, respiration, digestion, movement, and neurological control.

**BI 0262L Human Physiology Lab****0 Credits**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0296 Special Topics in Biology****3 Credits**

This course requires library research and the writing of a scholarly paper on a special topic. Students discuss topics with and must obtain consent from an appropriate professor prior to registration.

**BI 0310 Community Nutrition****4 Credits**

**Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology, UDIV U.S. Diversity

**Corequisite:** BI 0310L.

**Prerequisites:** BI 0107 and BI 0108 or BI 0170, BI 0171, and BI 0172.

This course will introduce students to the fundamental applications of nutrition in a public health setting. Students will learn the theory behind health behavior change, community assessment, intervention planning, and program management. Students will also have an opportunity to practice the skills necessary to carry out these activities through laboratory exercises, in-class activities and assignments. During the course, students will create a nutrition brochure, conduct a focus group, and produce a video Public Service Announcement. By the end of this course, students will have a deeper understanding of how public health professionals identify nutritional risk in the community, and design programs to prevent the development of disease. This course satisfies Core II elective requirements for the Biology major or minor.

**BI 0310L Community Nutrition Lab****0 Credits**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0314 Endocrinology****3 Credits**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0111, CH 0112, CH 0211.

This course examines the glands of internal secretion and their location, anatomy, and function, including the mechanisms of their secretions and cell signaling importance in the regulation of body functions.

**BI 0315 Anatomy: Form and Function****3 Credits**

**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

This course examines the anatomy of animals emphasizing the functional and evolutionary diversity of vertebrates. The course will consist of lectures focused on morphological variation and evolution, readings of the primary literature and anatomical dissections of comparative structures.

**BI 0317 Biostatistics for Health Research****3 Credits**

**Attributes:** HSST Health Studies: Science and Technology

**Corequisite:** BI 0317L.

**Prerequisites:** BI 0108 or BI 0171; MA 0217.

Biostatistics is the foundation for many forms of health research with applications in several other disciplines. This course is designed to introduce students to the core principles of statistical practices used in the Public Health research setting, and familiarize students with the applications of biostatistics in health research. During the course, students will practice applied biostatistics by using a statistical programming package (SAS) to complete data analysis of a public health dataset.

**BI 0317L Biostatistics for Health Research Lab****1 Credit**

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**BI 0319 Zoology Field Experience****3 Credits**

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective, LCEL LACS Minor: Elective

**Prerequisite:** BI 0218 or BI 0365.

As a supplement to BI 0218 or BI 0365, students will take part in an exciting field-trip experience to Brazil, where they will interact directly with research biologists doing field experiments in the Atlantic Coastal Rainforest and surrounding ecosystems of Brazil. While in Brazil, students will work in the field collecting data on a particular specialized topic, and work closely with the Brazil research team in analyzing and presenting these data in a scientifically appropriate format. Upon return to Fairfield, the semester will be spent perfecting techniques in data organization, analysis and presentation including a formal paper, poster and/or talk. Enrollment by permission only.

**BI 0319L Zoology Field Experience Lab****3 Credits**

**Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science

**Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee

**Prerequisite:** BI 0218 or BI 0365.

As a supplement to BI 0218 or BI 0365, students will take part in an exciting field-trip experience to Brazil, where they will interact directly with research biologists doing field experiments in the Atlantic Coastal Rainforest and surrounding ecosystems of Brazil. While in Brazil, students will work in the field collecting data on a particular specialized topic, and work closely with the Brazil research team in analyzing and presenting these data in a scientifically appropriate format. Upon return to Fairfield, the semester will be spent perfecting techniques in data organization, analysis and presentation including a formal paper, poster and/or talk. Enrollment by permission only.



<b>BI 0324 Biochemistry I</b> <b>3 Credits</b> <b>Prerequisite:</b> CH 0212. This course will investigate the fundamentals of life - chemistry. The structures and functions of biomolecules, including proteins, DNA, RNA, lipids, and carbohydrates will be covered in depth. The concepts behind biological processes will be discussed, including enzyme kinetics and regulatory strategies, membrane functions, signal transduction, and an overview of metabolism.	<b>BI 0330 Nutrient Metabolism</b> <b>3 Credits</b> <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0111, CH 0112, CH 0211, CH 0212. This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of nutrient metabolism in humans. This course will examine the digestion, absorption, and metabolism of macronutrients: carbohydrate, lipid and protein, in addition to the essential biological functions of vitamins and minerals. The emphasis of this course will be on the interrelationship and control of nutrient utilization by various organ systems in the body, building upon principles of human physiology and biochemistry. This course cannot be taken as a biology block elective if BI 0325 lecture has been taken previously.
<b>BI 0324L Biochemistry Lab</b> <b>1 Credit</b> <b>Fee:</b> \$60 Science Lab Fee <b>Corequisite:</b> BI 0324 or BI 0325 or CH 0324 or CH 0325. This course will investigate classic and most current methodology used in biochemistry. A semester project will be used to introduce techniques used in biochemistry to investigate the structure and function of a protein. In characterizing this protein, the analysis of DNA, lipids and carbohydrates will also be covered.	<b>BI 0342 Developmental Biology</b> <b>4 Credits</b> <b>Attributes:</b> EDCG Educational Studies Cognate <b>Corequisite:</b> BI 0342L. <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172. This course explores how the transition from a single-celled, fertilized egg to a multicellular animal is accomplished, emphasizing the dynamic interactions that occur on the molecular level to tightly control developmental processes. Topics include mechanisms of cell fate and differentiation, the molecular basis of differential gene expression, analysis of the molecular cues regulating body axis formation, and the development of various specific structures in different experimental organisms. The laboratory for the course consists of experiments that focus on the influence of gene function on development. We will do experiments that allow us to observe expression patterns of important genes in development and we will study the effects of perturbing gene function during development.
<b>BI 0325 Biochemistry II</b> <b>3 Credits</b> <b>Prerequisites:</b> CH 0211, CH 0212. This course focuses on the regulation of metabolic pathways involved in the synthesis, breakdown, and interconversion of biochemical intermediates that are fundamental to all life. Basic principles of biological thermodynamics will be highlighted in order to understand the processes by which living cells obtain and utilize energy. Students will develop an understanding of basic biomedical principles in the context of overall cell function. This course cannot be taken as a biology block elective if BI 0330 has been taken previously.	<b>BI 0342L Developmental Biology Lab</b> <b>0 Credits</b> <b>Fee:</b> \$60 Science Lab Fee <b>BI 0352 Fundamentals of Microbiology</b> <b>4 Credits</b> <b>Attributes:</b> EDCG Educational Studies Cognate <b>Corequisite:</b> BI 0352L. <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, BI 0261, CH 0211, CH 0212. This comprehensive introduction to microbiology includes microbial cell structure, physiology, genetics, evolution and taxonomy, diversity, ecology, and applied microbiology. Lab sessions introduce microbiological techniques (aseptic technique, microscopy, bacterial staining, culture techniques), and other research methods. Students use skills acquired in the lab to design and conduct independent investigations.
<b>BI 0325L Biochemistry Lab</b> <b>1 Credit</b> <b>Fee:</b> \$60 Science Lab Fee <b>Corequisite:</b> BI 0324 or BI 0325 or CH 0324 or CH 0325. This course will investigate classic and most current methodology used in biochemistry. A semester project will be used to introduce techniques used in biochemistry to investigate the structure and function of a protein. In characterizing this protein, the analysis of DNA, lipids and carbohydrates will also be covered.	<b>BI 0352L Fundamentals of Microbiology Lab</b> <b>0 Credits</b> <b>Fee:</b> \$60 Science Lab Fee <b>BI 0354 Molecular Biology</b> <b>3 Credits</b> <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, CH 0211, CH 0212. This introduction to molecular biology examines protein structure, DNA structure, RNA structure, the roles of DNA and RNA in protein synthesis, and the replication and repair of DNA and RNA in eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells. Relates the effects of mutations to DNA, RNA, and proteins.
<b>BI 0327 Cell Biology</b> <b>4 Credits</b> <b>Attributes:</b> EDCG Educational Studies Cognate <b>Corequisite:</b> BI 0327L. <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0211, CH 0212. This course focuses on the structure and function of eukaryotic cells. Students explore the relationship between gene expression and protein synthesis, and discuss how different proteins coordinate a complex array of important biological tasks in the cell. The course covers the biochemical interactions that occur within and between cells that sustain viability and mediate cell communication. Topics include gene expression and protein production, enzyme structure/function, protein to protein interactions, cytoskeleton and extracellular matrix, mechanisms of transport, signal transduction, cell cycle, and apoptosis. Laboratories include analysis of cell morphology, RNA and protein expression, and assays to study the growth, differentiation, and death of eukaryotic cells in response to their environment.	<b>BI 0356 Immunology</b> <b>3 Credits</b> <b>Prerequisites:</b> BI 0170, BI 0171, CH 0211, CH 0212. This introduction to immunology covers the humoral and cellular basis of immune response, emphasizing antigens, the structure and function of immunoglobulins, antibody formation, and living/experimental manifestations of the immune response.
<b>BI 0327L Cell Biology Lab</b> <b>0 Credits</b> <b>Fee:</b> \$60 Science Lab Fee	

**BI 0357 General Virology****3 Credits****Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171.

This introductory course covers the field of virology, with a special emphasis on animal viruses. Coverage centers on the physical, biochemical, and biological aspects of bacteriophages and animal viruses. Discussion stresses viral morphology; replication and assembly; pathogenesis of viral infections; and the epidemiology, prevention, and control of viral diseases.

**BI 0362 Marine Invertebrate Zoology****4 Credits****Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate**Corequisite:** BI 0362L.**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

Students study the phylogeny, ecology, morphology, and physiology of the major marine invertebrate groups with emphasis on local fauna. The laboratory component includes field trips to various habitats in Long Island Sound to collect specimens for identification and study.

**BI 0362L Marine Invertebrate Zoology Lab****0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0364 Freshwater Ecology****4 Credits****Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate, EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective**Corequisite:** BI 0364L.**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

Students learn the applied and theoretical concepts of the field of ecology using examples from freshwater aquatic systems. In the laboratory, students learn the major groups of organisms present in aquatic systems and conduct experiments involving ecological concepts such as predation and competition.

**BI 0364L Freshwater Ecology Lab****0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0365 Evolutionary Biology****4 Credits****Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate**Corequisite:** BI 0365L.**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

The course begins with an examination of the intellectual origins of biological thought and includes a study of the historical factors that contributed to Charles Darwin's development of the theory of evolution. Topics include the evidence for evolution, the forces affecting evolution (e.g., mutation, migration, genetic drift, and selection), and natural selection as the basis of adaptation, as well as the philosophical and practical aspects of defining species and reconstructing phylogenetic relationships. Students critique (individually and in groups) current papers in evolutionary biology on topics such as punctuated equilibrium theory, Darwinian medicine, human origins, co-evolutionary arms races, systematics and biodiversity, and the evolution of sex.

**BI 0365L Evolutionary Biology Lab****0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0366 Ornithology****4 Credits****Attributes:** EDCG Educational Studies Cognate, EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVNS Environmental Studies: Natural Science, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective**Corequisite:** BI 0366L.**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172.

This upper-level lecture, laboratory, and field course on avian biology has an emphasis on ecology and evolution. The course familiarizes students with the staggering diversity of birds and the adaptations that have contributed to their success. Laboratory activities include: 1) a multi-week student investigation of avian diversity of form and function, and 2) a series of field trips that emphasize unique adaptations and means of identification of birds found in Connecticut.

**BI 0366L Ornithology Lab****0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0372 Environmental Toxicology****4 Credits****Attributes:** EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective, EVPE Environmental Studies Elective**Corequisite:** BI 0372L.

Environmental toxicology is the study of the nature, properties, effects and detection of toxic substances in the environment and in any environmentally exposed species, including humans. Fundamental toxicological concepts will be covered including dose-response relationships, absorption of toxicants, distribution and storage of toxicants, biotransformation and elimination of toxicants, target organ toxicity, teratogenesis, mutagenesis, carcinogenesis, and risk assessment. The course will include an overview of chemodynamics of contaminants in the environment including fate and transport. The effects of these contaminants will then be explored on a series of scales: the molecular level (biochemical pathways of metabolism and detoxification); the organismal level (target organs, behavioral effects); and the ecosystem level (nutrient cycling and ecosystem services).

BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, CH 0211, CH 0212.

**BI 0372L Environmental Toxicology Lab****0 Credits****Fee:** \$60 Science Lab Fee**BI 0391 Biology Research I****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0392 Biology Research II****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0393 Biology Research III****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0394 Biology Research IV****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0395 Biology Research V****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0396 Biology Research VI****1-3 Credits**

This course requires a research thesis involving laboratory investigation. Seniors and qualified juniors obtain the consent of the professor supervising their research interest area prior to registering for this program. Past topics include aquatic ecology, bacterial ecology and physiology, biochemistry, cell-wall biosynthesis, evolution of marine invertebrates, genetic regulation of animal development, mammalian physiology, plant biostimulants, plant/insect ecology, population and disease dynamics of shellfish, and signal transduction/gene regulations.

**BI 0397 Internship****1-3 Credits**

Available for junior and senior biology majors in good academic standing. Internships are available, subject to individual arrangement, for students interested in allied health, environmental science, marine science, medicine, dentistry, biotechnology, and emergency medicine. Students provide their own transportation and must discuss their internships with the department chair and obtain consent of the supervising professor prior to registering for this course.

**BI 0398 Internship****1-3 Credits**

Available for junior and senior biology majors in good academic standing. Internships are available, subject to individual arrangement, for students interested in allied health, environmental science, marine science, medicine, dentistry, biotechnology, and emergency medicine. Students provide their own transportation and must discuss their internships with the department chair and obtain consent of the supervising professor prior to registering for this course.

**BI 0399 Capstone Seminar (Shell)****3 Credits**

During the capstone experience, students connect the diverse experience and knowledge they have acquired as biology majors, focusing these skills on examining in depth, a specific topic. In a small class setting (10-12 students maximum), students and the professor delve deeply into the chosen topic, assessing the peer-reviewed literature and most current trends around the particular subject. Students bring their breadth of knowledge to the discussion, and apply what they have learned over the course of their academic training to critically analyze the arguments and experiments presented in the literature. In most cases, students will be responsible for presenting a paper to the class, driving the content of discussion and debate with their fellow students and instructor. The capstone is a reading extensive experience, and, by definition, shows that the biology major is able to synthesize and apply their knowledge to examine interesting questions. To maximize the value of the capstone experience, students enroll in an upper-level seminar course during their senior year. See BI 0399A, BI 0399B, BI 0399C, BI 0399D, BI 0399E, BI 0399F, BI 0399G, BI 0399H, BI 0399I, BI 0399J, BI 0399K.

**BI 0399A Senior Capstone Seminar: Biology of Cancer****3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Molecular Block, senior standing.

This seminar requires students to draw on nearly all of their training as biology majors to understand the disease of cancer in great detail. Topics include the genetic/cellular basis for the disease, physiological effects of tumor progression and metastasis, environmental influences, treatment modalities, and the personal, familial and societal impacts of the disease. Students read extensively for the course and summarize and formally present current research in the field in an effort to develop their scientific communication skills. Numerous short reviews of research articles are also produced by students. Formerly BI 0381A.

**BI 0399B Senior Capstone Seminar: Molecular Mechanisms of Human Disease****3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Molecular Block, senior standing.

This seminar covers the molecular and cellular events that underlie complex human diseases. Students learn to critically analyze and interpret primary literature on the molecular aspects of such diseases as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and AIDS. Students summarize and present selected articles at each meeting and use these acquired skills to investigate a particular topic of their choice in the form of a grant proposal for their final project. Formerly BI 0381B.

**BI 0399C Senior Capstone Seminar: Bacterial Pathogenesis****3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Molecular Block, senior standing.

This seminar examines the role of prokaryotes in disease, with an emphasis on the genetics and physiology of disease mechanisms. Topics include aspects of the human immune response, host-parasite relationships, and the epidemiology and evolution of infectious disease. Formerly BI 0381C.

**BI 0399D Senior Capstone Seminar: Nutritional Epigenetics 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Molecular or Physiology Block, senior standing.

This seminar will cover emerging topics in nutritional epigenetics - the mechanisms by which nutrients regulate gene expression. Emphasis will be placed on genes regulated by essential dietary compounds (e.g. carbohydrates, lipids, vitamins and minerals) within the context of conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer. Students will analyze and present scientific literature and write a grant proposal. Formerly BI 0381D.

**BI 0399E Senior Capstone Seminar: Reproductive Tactics 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Physiology Block, senior standing.

This seminar explores the ways animals have evolved creative mechanisms, physiological and behavioral, to maximize their reproductive success. Topics will include mate choice and sexual conflict, paternity, variability in reproductive anatomy, mechanisms for successful fertilization, sperm competition and sperm choice. Course format: A reading extensive course. Students will read from a source text for foundation ideas, then will each find and present to the entire class, scientific research papers from the primary literature. Formerly BI 0382A.

**BI 0399F Senior Capstone Seminar: Coral Reef Ecology 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course, EVME Environmental Studies Major Elective**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Ecology Block, senior standing.

Students study the complex ecological relationships found in coral reef ecosystems. Topics include discussions of reef development, coral symbiosis and growth, reef trophic dynamics, ecology and behavior of coral reef fish and invertebrates, and effects of natural and human disturbance on coral reef communities. Course format: seminar in which students read, analyze, and present scientific research papers from the primary literature. Formerly BI 0383A.

**BI 0399G Senior Capstone Seminar: Ecology of the North Atlantic Coast 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Ecology Block, senior standing.

This seminar examines the processes that generate ecological patterns in North Atlantic coastal ecosystems with a focus on the ecology of salt marshes, tidal rivers, sandy beaches, and rocky shores, and the human impact on these systems. The course centers on student-led discussions of readings from scientific literature. Formerly BI 0383B.

**BI 0399H Senior Capstone Seminar: Principles of Aquaculture 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Ecology Block, senior standing.

This seminar introduces students to the rapidly-growing science of aquaculture or fish farming. Using a comprehensive approach, the course includes discussions of the following topics: historical development, culture and rearing techniques, diseases, regulations, and permitting and marketing of aquatic plants and animals. Course format: seminar in which students read, analyze, and present scientific and technical papers from the primary literature. Field trips to nearby aquaculture facilities may be included. Formerly BI 0383C.

**BI 0399I Senior Capstone Seminar: Topics in Evolutionary Biology 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Ecology Block, senior standing.

Evolution is the theme that unites all fields of biology. The broad objective of this course is to encourage students to integrate all the knowledge they have acquired as a biology major to critically interpret and analyze questions from an evolutionary perspective. In this seminar, we will read and discuss the current literature on major evolutionary topics, which have revolutionized the way in which we think about genomics, sex and reproduction, and our own human beginnings. We will also address important contemporary but controversial topics such as evolutionary medicine and evolutionary psychology. The course centers on student led discussions, presentations and literature critiques. Formerly BI 0383D.

**BI 0399J Senior Capstone Seminar: Pathophysiology of Bone and Cartilage 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Physiology Block, senior standing.

This seminar will focus on the biochemistry and physiology of human bone and cartilage. Emphasis will be placed on the normal development and healing of these tissues along with an introduction to common skeletal tissue disorders such as osteoporosis and arthritis. Students will be expected to analyze and present scientific literature while integrating the material with basic knowledge acquired from previous courses.

**BI 0399K Senior Capstone Seminar: Ichthyology 3 Credits****Attributes:** BICP Biology Major Capstone Course**Prerequisites:** BI 0170, BI 0171, BI 0172, one course from the Physiology Block, senior standing.

This seminar will explore the diversity of fishes, the largest group of vertebrates. Topics for discussion will include feeding, locomotion, metabolism, and sensory systems of fishes. Students will analyze and present scientific literature and write a grant proposal.