COURSES

The courses listed below represent the curriculum offered within the biological sciences discipline. The additional teacher's certification requires 30 credit hours of supplemental teaching curriculum, after which students will be prepared to teach secondary education (grades 6-12). Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Conservation Biology
The study of the conservation of biodiversity based in the principles of ecology, evolution, and genetics. The primary goal of this course is to understand natural ecological systems in the context of a human dominated world to learn to best maintain biological diversity in concert with an exploding human population. This is accomplished through lecture, Socratic discussion, and videos.

Developmental Biology
The study of animal development from fertilization through organogenesis. Major developmental events, embryo anatomy, the origin of major cell types, cell-cell interactions as well as the molecular mechanisms guiding development are explored.

Parasitology
This course is designed to actively engage students in the study of parasitology. The course emphasizes parasites of public health concern reviewing recent studies using current technologies. Major conceptual themes include evolutionary relationships, virulence, origins of a parasitic life, life histories, manipulation of hosts, host immune responses, and consequences for hosts.

Possible Careers:

- High School Biology Teacher
- Ecologist
- Veterinarian
- Microbiologist

Life’s Funny, Isn’t It? That’s one thing people say. Or amazing. Or chaotic, beautiful, unfair, and too short. But a biologist says that life is discoverable. And as a teacher of biology, you are—quite literally—teaching future generations about life. Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, environmental service, molecular genetics, virology, botany, ecology, marine biology, microbiology, physiology, zoology—our program is the first step toward all of these specialties and more. Whether your interest is micro or macro, we’ll turn you into an expert-level life scientist and teacher.

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