#### **Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Catalog 2025-2026

## Major:

# Biology (B.A.)

## Departments/Programs:

#### Biology

The B.A. and the B.S. in biology can both provide students with the experience and knowledge necessary to have a successful career. A B.A. in biology requires 20 approved hours from Math, Physics, or Chemistry department courses. The B.A. has a more flexible supporting area and is a particularly appealing option for students who would like to combine their biology degree with another area of emphasis.

## Biology Major (B.A., 31 hours plus a 20-hour supporting program)

Biology Core	12 hours
BIO 1400FYW Introduction to Biological Inquiry	4 hours
BIO 2200 Genetics and Cell Biology	4 hours
BIO 2300 Ecology and Evolution	4 hours
Biology Electives	16 hours

## Area A. Cellular, Developmental and Molecular Biology

- BIO 3160 Medical Botany and
- BIO 3170 Medical Botany Lab (lab course)
- BIO 3690 Microbiology/BIO 3690L Microbiology Laboratory (lab course)
- BIO 3800 Molecular Genetics
- BIO 4190 Histology (lab course)
- BIO 4750 Immunology

## Area B. Population and Ecological Biology

- BIO 3180 Plant Taxonomy (lab course)
- BIO 3220 Parasitology (lab course)
- BIO 3500 Conservation Biology (lab course)
- BIO 3530 Principles of Marine Biology and Oceanography
- BIO 3640 Animal Behavior and
  - BIO 3650 Laboratory in Animal Behavior (lab course)
- BIO 4210 Ecology (lab course)
- BIO 4480 Vertebrate Zoology (lab course)
- BIO 4610 Evolution

#### **Additional Biology Electives**

8 hours

4 hours

4 hours

Capstone 3 hours
BIO 4990 Senior Capstone 3 hours

BIO 1080 Microbiology, BIO 1090 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology I, and BIO 1100 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology II may not fulfill biology major requirements.

**Required Supporting Program** 

20 hours An approved supporting program of 20 hours is also required, normally comprised of courses from the Math, Physics, or Chemistry departments. Required Supporting Program Courses:

- CHEM 1110 Chemical Principles I and CHEM 1110L Chemical Principles I Laboratory
- CHEM 2100 Organic Chemistry I and CHEM 2100L Organic Chemistry I Laboratory