

B.A. Biology with Natural History Concentration

The B.A. in Biology with Natural History Concentration is designed for students who want to pursue a career where skills and knowledge of natural history (outdoor or environmental education, interpretation, identification, field studies) are desirable. The B.A. has fewer courses in Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics than the B.S. in Biology, and more upper division electives, providing students with greater latitude to design their own program of study. Students who pursue the B.A. in Biology *will not meet the minimum requirements* for admission to most graduate research programs in biological sciences or professional programs in the health sciences.

The B.A. degree requires that students complete all of the General Education Objectives (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>) described in the Academic Information section of this catalog. Students must also satisfy the core requirements listed below and the requirements of the Natural History Concentration. All graduates of this degree program will earn a B.A. in Biology regardless of the concentration selected.

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Objective 1		6
Objective 2		3
Objective 3		3
Objective 4		6
Objective 5		7
Objective 6		6
Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8		3
Objective 7		
Objective 8		
Objective 9		3
Total Credits		37

Required Core Courses:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 1101 & 1101L	Biology I and Biology I Lab	4
BIOL 1102 & 1102L	Biology II and Biology II Lab	4
BIOL 2206 & BIOL 2207	Cell Biology and Cell Biology Laboratory	4
BIOL 2209 & 2209L	General Ecology and General Ecology Laboratory	4
BIOL 3358	Genetics	3
BIOL 4417	Organic Evolution	3
BIOL 4491 & BIOL 4492	Seminar and Seminar	2
Total Credits		24

Required Supporting Science Courses:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 1160 or MATH 1153	Survey of Calculus Statistical Reasoning	3
CHEM 1111 & 1111L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	5
CHEM 1112 & 1112L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Natural History

Students in the B.A. in Biology program with the Concentration in Natural History should meet with an advisor to select the most appropriate courses for their interests. Students in this program may consider a Minor in another program, such as Outdoor Education (see the College of Education, Department of Human Performance and Sport Studies (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/humanperformanceandsportstudies/>), for details) or Geology (see College of Science and Engineering, Department of Geosciences (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/scienceengineering/geosciences/>), for details).

In addition to completing the Required Core courses and the General Education Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>), students earning a B.A. in Biology in the Natural History concentration must complete the following requirements.

Required Electives

Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Courses:¹

Code	Title	Credits
At least 2 courses with Animal emphasis		7-8
At least 2 courses with Plant emphasis		7-8

¹ See the Suggested Animal and Plant Biology course lists below.

Biology Electives (any Biology course):

Code	Title	Credits
At least 3 courses in Biology, excluding BIOL 1100.		8-10

Suggested Supporting Courses from Other Departments:

Code	Title	Credits
GEOL 1100	The Dynamic Earth	3
GEOL 1101	Physical Geology	3
MUSE 4411	Introduction to Museum Studies	2
HPSS 3386	Outdoor Leadership	3
HPSS 4440	Survey of Outdoor Education Literature	3
HPSS 4445	Methods of Teaching Outdoor Activities and Practicum	3-4

Suggested Animal Biology Courses:

Code	Title	Credits	Major Academic Plan (MAP) (https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/)
BIOL 3303 & 3303L	Principles of Animal Physiology and Principles of Animal Physiology Lab	4	
BIOL 3310 & 3310L	Invertebrate Zoology and Invertebrate Zoology Lab	4	
BIOL 3314 & 3314L	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy and Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy Lab	4	
BIOL 4423	General Parasitology	3	
BIOL 4426 & 4426L	Herpetology and Herpetology Lab	4	
BIOL 4427 & 4427L	Ichthyology and Ichthyology Lab	4	
BIOL 4431 & 4431L	General Entomology and General Entomology Lab	4	
BIOL 4438	Ornithology	4	
BIOL 4441 & 4441L	Mammalogy and Mammalogy Lab	4	
BIOL 4459 & 4459L	Fish Ecology and Fish Ecology Laboratory	4	
BIOL 4462 & 4462L	Freshwater Ecology and Freshwater Ecology Lab	4	
BIOL 4495	Animal Behavior	4	

Suggested Plant Biology Courses:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 2213	Fall Flora	2
BIOL 2214	Spring Flora	2
BIOL 4412 & 4412L	Systematic Botany and Systematic Botany Lab	4
BIOL 4404	Plant Physiology	3
BIOL 4404L	Plant Physiology Lab ¹	1
BIOL 4405 & 4405L	Plant Form and Function and Plant Form and Function Lab	4
BIOL 4408	Plant Ecology	3
BIOL 4408L	Plant Ecology Lab ¹	1
BIOL 4442	Plant Animal Interactions	3

¹ These are optional labs.**Degree Totals**

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements	0
	General Education	37
	Major Requirements (w/o General Education)	26
	Upper Division Free Electives	28
	Free Electives	29
Total Credits		120

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