BIOLOGY (BIO)

BIO 102. Ecosystem Ecology and Biogeochemistry. 3 Units.
An introduction to ecosystem ecology and terrestrial biogeochemistry. This course will focus on the dynamics of carbon and other biologically essential elements in the Earth System, on spatial scales from local to global.

BIO 104. Advance Molecular Biology: Epigenetics and Proteostasis. 5 Units.
Molecular mechanisms that govern the replication, recombination, and expression of eukaryotic genomes. Topics: DNA replication, DNA recombination, gene transcription, RNA splicing, regulation of gene expression, protein synthesis, and protein folding. Satisfies Central Menu Area 1. Prerequisite: Biology core or BIO 83 (BIO 82 and 86 are strongly recommended).
Same as: BIO 200

BIO 105A. Ecology and Natural History of Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. 4 Units.
Formerly 96A - Jasper Ridge Docent Training. First of two-quarter sequence training program to join the Jasper Ridge education/docent program. The scientific basis of ecological research in the context of a field station, hands-on field research, field ecology and the natural history of plants and animals, species interactions, archaeology, geology, hydrology, land management, multidisciplinary environmental education; and research projects, as well as management challenges of the preserve presented by faculty, local experts, and staff. Participants lead research-focused educational tours, assist with classes and research, and attend continuing education classes available to members of the JRPB community after the course. NOTE: All classes take place at Jasper Ridge.
Same as: EARTHSYS 105A

BIO 105B. Ecology and Natural History of Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. 4 Units.
Formerly 96B - Jasper Ridge Docent Training. Second of two-quarter sequence training program to join the Jasper Ridge education/docent program. The scientific basis of ecological research in the context of a field station, hands-on field research, field ecology and the natural history of plants and animals, species interactions, archaeology, geology, hydrology, land management, multidisciplinary environmental education; and research projects, as well as management challenges of the preserve. These topics are presented by faculty, local experts, and staff. Participants lead research-focused educational tours, assist with classes and research, and attend continuing education classes available to members of the JRPB community after the course. NOTE: All classes take place at Jasper Ridge.
Same as: EARTHSYS 105B

BIO 107. Human Physiology Laboratory. 4 Units.
This laboratory course is active and inquiry based. Aspects of exercise and temperature are explored; however, the specific questions the class tackles differ each quarter. Samples of past questions: Does lactic acid accumulation correlate with exercise fatigue at different exercise and body temperatures? Does palm cooling during exercise mitigate the effect of body temperature on fatigue with or without evaporative cooling? Students participate both as experimenters and as subjects of the experiments in two-person teams. Participants must be in good physical condition, though not necessarily athletes, and must be willing to participate in strenuous exercise routines under adverse environmental conditions. Varsity athletes concurrently participating in a spring sport must consult the instructor before applying. Discussion sessions include student presentations of journal articles, data analyses, and feedback on individual WIM research proposals. By application only, see sites.stanford.edu/bio107/humbio136 for the application form. Prerequisite: Bio 84 or HumBio 4A. Satisfies WIM for Biology.

BIO 109A. Extending Life by Controlling Chronic Disease. 3 Units.
The variability of the human genome and the role of genomic information in research, drug discovery, and human health. Concepts and interpretations of genomic markers in medical research and real life applications. Human genomes in diverse populations. Original contributions from thought leaders in academia and industry and interaction between students and guest lecturers. Students with a major, minor or coterm in Biology 109A/209A or 109B/209B may count toward degree program but not both.
Same as: BIOC 109A, BIOC 209A, HUMBIO 158

BIO 109B. The Human Genome and Disease: Genetic Diversity and Personalized Medicine. 3 Units.
Continuation of 109A/209A. Genetic drift: the path of human predecessors out of Africa to Europe and then either through Asia to Australia or through northern Russia to Alaska down to the W. Coast of the Americas. Support for this idea through the histocompatibility genes and genetic sequences that predispose people to diseases. Guest lectures from academia and pharmaceutical companies. Prerequisite: Biology or Human Biology core. Students with a major, minor or coterm in Biology 109A/209A or 109B/209B may count toward degree program but not both.
Same as: BIOC 109B

BIO 105C. Natural History, Marine Biology, and Research. 2 Units.
Monterey Bay is home to the nation’s largest marine sanctuary and also home to Stanford’s Hopkins Marine Station. This course based at Hopkins, explores the spectacular biology of Monterey Bay and the artistic and political history of the region. We will conduct investigations across all of these contexts toward an inclusive understanding of place, ultimately to lead us to explore our own lives in relation to the natural world, historical and cultural milieu, and the direction of our individual life path. The location at the entry point to the Big Sur Coast of California provides a unique outdoor laboratory in which to study the biology of the bay and the adjacent coastal lands. It is also an area with a deep cultural, literary and artistic history. We will meet marine biologists, experts in the literary history of Cannery Row and the writings of John Steinbeck, local artists and photographers, experts in the neuroscience of creativity, as well as people who are very much involved in the forces and fluxes that steer modern culture. This rich and immersive approach provides students a rare opportunity to reflect on their relationships to nature, culture, and their own individual goals. The course emphasizes interactions and discussions. We will be together all of the time, either at our base at the Belden House in Pacific Grove, hiking and camping in Big Sur’s pristine Big Creek Reserve on the rocky coast, and traveling to the Tassajara Mountain Zen Center in the Ventana wilderness for several days. This is not an ordinary academic experience, instead it is an adventure of a personal, intellectual, spiritual and physical kind. We welcome people with wide interests; artists, poets, writers, engineers, scientists and musicians. Mostly we invite people with an open mind and a sense of adventure. Students are expected to have read the several books provided as introductory material before the course begins, and each is also expected to become our local expert in an area such as plant identification, bird identification, poetry, weather prediction, photography, history, ethnography, etc. The course requires an individual research project of your choice on a topic related to the general theme. Final reports will be presented at the last meeting of the group and may involve any medium, including written, oral, and performance media. Note: This course will be held at the Hopkins Marine Station in the Monterey region, and housing will be provided nearby. Transportation from campus to the housing site will be provided once students arrive to campus on Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). Transportation to campus from the Belden House in Pacific Grove will be provided on Saturday, September 23.
BIO 110. The Chromatin-Regulated Genome. 3 Units.
Maintenance of the genome is a prerequisite for life. In eukaryotes, all DNA-templated processes are tightly connected to chromatin structure and function. This course will explore epigenetic and chromatin regulation of cellular processes related to aging, cancer, stem cell pluripotency, metabolic homeostasis, and development. Course material integrates current literature with a foundational review of histone modifications and nucleosome composition in epigenetic inheritance, transcription, replication, cell division and DNA damage responses. Prerequisite: BIO 41 or BIO 83 or consent of instructor.
Same as: BIO 210

BIO 112. Human Physiology. 4 Units.
Human physiology will be examined by organ systems: cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal and endocrine. Molecular and cell biology and signaling principles that underlie organ development, pathophysiology and opportunities for regenerative medicine are discussed, as well as integrative control mechanisms and fetal development. Prerequisite: Human Biology core or Biology Foundations or equivalent or consent of instructor.
Same as: HUMBIO 133

BIO 113. Fundamentals of Molecular Evolution. 4 Units.
The inference of key molecular evolutionary processes from DNA and protein sequences. Topics include random genetic drift, coalescent models, effects and tests of natural selection, combined effects of linkage and natural selection, codon bias and genome evolution. Satisfies Central Menu Areas 1 or 4. Prerequisites: Biology core or BIO 82, 85 or graduate standing in any department, and consent of instructor.
Same as: BIO 244

BIO 115. The Hidden Kingdom - Evolution, Ecology and Diversity of Fungi. 4 Units.
Fungi are critical, yet often hidden, components of the biosphere. They regulate decomposition, are primary partners in plant symbiosis and strongly impact agriculture and economics. Students will explore the fascinating world of fungal biology, ecology and evolution via lecture, lab, field exercises and Saturday field trips that will provide traditional and molecular experiences in the collection, analysis and industrial use of diverse fungi. Students will choose an environmental niche, collect and identify resident fungi, and hypothesize about their community relationship. Prerequisite: BIO 81, 85 recommended.
Same as: BIO 239

BIO 116. Ecology of the Hawaiian Islands. 4 Units.
Terrestrial and marine ecology and conservation biology of the Hawaiian Archipelago. Taught in the field in Hawaii as part of quarter-long sequence of courses including Earth Sciences and Anthropology. Topics include ecological succession, plant-soil interactions, conservation biology, biological invasions and ecosystem consequences, and coral reef ecology. Restricted to students accepted into the Earth Systems of Hawaii Program.
Same as: EARTHSYS 116

BIO 117. Biology and Global Change. 4 Units.
The biological causes and consequences of anthropogenic and natural changes in the atmosphere, oceans, and terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. Topics: glacial cycles and marine circulation, greenhouse gases and climate change, tropical deforestation and species extinctions, and human population growth and resource use. Prerequisite: Biology or Human Biology core or BIO 81 or graduate standing.
Same as: EARTHSYS 111, ESS 111

BIO 119. Evolution of Marine Ecosystems. 3-4 Units.
Life originally evolved in the ocean. When, why, and how did the major transitions occur in the history of marine life? What triggered the rapid evolution and diversification of animals in the Cambrian, after more than 3.5 billion years of Earth's history? What caused Earth's major mass extinction events? How do ancient extinction events compare to current threats to marine ecosystems? How has the evolution of primary producers impacted animals, and how has animal evolution impacted primary producers? In this course, we will review the latest evidence regarding these major questions in the history of marine ecosystems. We will develop familiarity with the most common groups of marine animal fossils. We will also conduct original analyses of paleontological data, developing skills both in the framing and testing of scientific hypotheses and in data analysis and presentation.
Same as: EARTHSYS 122, GEOLSCI 123, GEOLSCI 223B

BIO 120. Bacteria in Health and Disease. 3 Units.
Enrollment limited to junior and senior undergraduates, graduate students and medical students. Introduces students to the bacteria that live in and on humans and, in some cases, can cause disease and sometimes death. Topics include the biology of the interaction of the simple microbe with complex human biology and the factors that determine whether or not we coexist relatively peacefully, suffer from overt disease, or succumb to the bacterial onslaught.
Same as: MI 120

BIO 121. ORNITHOLOGY. 2 Units.
Advanced undergraduate survey of ornithology, introducing students to the biology of birds and giving them to tools to use birds as model systems for research. Topics will include avian evolution, physiology, adaptations, behavior, and ecology. Focus throughout on identification of California birds and applications to current bird conservation issues. Course will include lectures and a field component which will expose students to standard avian research techniques such as mistnetting, banding, and point count surveys. Prerequisite: BIO 81 or BIO 105 or instructor approval.
Same as: BIO 221

BIO 124. Topics in Cancer Biology. 3 Units.
This discussion-based course will explore the scientific tools used to study the molecular and genetic basis of cancer and to develop treatments for this disease. Topics covered may include cancer models, traditional and targeted cancer therapies, and the development of resistance to treatment. Students will develop skills in critical reading of primary research articles and will also complete a final project. Prerequisites: Human Biology core or BIO 82, 83, 86, or with permission of instructor.

BIO 126. Introduction to Biophysics. 3-4 Units.
Core course appropriate for advanced undergraduate students and graduate students with prior knowledge of calculus and a college physics course. Introduction to how physical principles offer insights into modern biology, with regard to the structural, dynamical, and functional organization of biological systems. Topics include the roles of free energy, diffusion, electromotive forces, non-equilibrium dynamics, and information in fundamental biological processes.
Same as: APPPHYS 205, BIO 226

BIO 12N. Sensory Ecology of Marine Animals. 3 Units.
Animals living in the oceans experience a highly varied range of environmental stimuli. An aquatic lifestyle requires an equally rich range of sensory adaptations, including some that are totally foreign to us. In this course we will examine sensory system in marine animals from both an environmental and behavioral perspective and from the point of view of neuroscience and information systems engineering.
BIO 130. Ecosystems of California. 4 Units.
California is home to a huge diversity of ecosystem types and processes. This course provides an introduction to the natural history, systematics, and ecosystem ecology of California ecosystems, based on a combination of lectures, student-led projects, and weekend field trips. Ecosystems to be explored will range from coasts to mountains and from desert to wetlands. Requirements include three essays and participation in three field trips (of six options).
Same as: EARTHSYS 130A

BIO 132. Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics. 4 Units.
Laboratory and lectures. Advanced microscopy and imaging, emphasizing hands-on experience with state-of-the-art techniques. Students construct and operate working apparatus. Topics include microscope optics, Koehler illumination, contrast-generating mechanisms (bright/dark field, fluorescence, phase contrast, differential interference contrast), and resolution limits. Laboratory topics vary by year, but include single-molecule fluorescence, fluorescence resonance energy transfer, confocal microscopy, two-photon microscopy, microendoscopy, and optical trapping. Limited enrollment. Recommended: basic physics, basic cell biology, and consent of instructor.
Same as: APPPHYS 232, BIO 232, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232

BIO 134. Molecular and cellular analysis of human cancer cell lines. 4 Units.
This laboratory course will use cultured mammalian cells to study whether drug treatment can restore function to mutant versions of the tumor suppressor p53. Students will perform a variety of cellular and molecular techniques, including RT-PCR and immunofluorescence, to test certain abilities of their mutant in the presence and absence of the drug. The project will culminate with student-designed experiments testing a functional aspect of p53 and presentation of the results for both expert and lay audiences. Strongly suggested prerequisite: BIO 45, BIO 82, 83, 86.

This advanced course explores the science of valuing nature, beginning with its historical origins, and then its recent development in natural (especially ecological), economic, psychological, and other social sciences. We will use the ecosystem services framework (characterizing benefits from ecosystems to people) to define the state of knowledge, core methods of analysis, and research frontiers, such as at the interface with biodiversity, resilience, human health, and human development. Intended for diverse students, with a focus on research and real-world cases. To apply, please email the instructor (gdaily@stanford.edu) with a brief description of your background and research interests.
Same as: BIO 238, EARTHSYS 139, EARTHSYS 239

BIO 140. The Science of Extreme Life of the Sea. 3 Units.
Covers the way marine animals and plants live in extreme environments by examining morphological, ecological, and genetic adaptions to low temperature, high heat, deep water, etc. We also cover extreme lifestyles such as fast swimming, small and large body size, and novel reproductive systems. Lecture material is punctuated with a series of tutorials on narrative writing skills in science, especially creative non-fiction, memoirs, braided essays and short fiction. The goal is to integrate quantitative thinking about the life sciences with creative writing that brings facts to life. Prerequisites: core courses in biology, creative writing, environmental sciences or engineering. Two lectures back to back on Tuesdays with a Writing intermezzo between.

BIO 141. Biostatistics. 5 Units.
Introductory statistical methods for biological data: describing data (numerical and graphical summaries); introduction to probability; and statistical inference (hypothesis tests and confidence intervals). Intermediate statistical methods: comparing groups (analysis of variance); analyzing associations (linear and logistic regression); and methods for categorical data (contingency tables and odds ratio). Course content integrated with statistical computing in R.
Same as: STATS 141

BIO 142. Molecular Geomicrobiology Laboratory. 3-4 Units.
In this course, students will be studying the biosynthesis of cyclic lipid biomarkers, molecules that are produced by modern microbes that can be preserved in rocks that are over a billion years old and which geologist use as molecular fossils. Students will be tasked with identifying potential biomarker lipid synthesis genes in environmental genomic databases, expressing those genes in a model bacterial expression system in the lab, and then analyzing the lipid products that are produced. The overall goal is for students to experience the scientific research process including generating hypotheses, testing these hypotheses in laboratory experiments, and communicating their results through a publication style paper. Prerequisites: BIO 83 and CHEM 35 or permission of the instructor.
Same as: EARTHSYS 143, ESS 143, ESS 243

BIO 144. Conservation Biology: A Latin American Perspective. 3 Units.
BIO 144: Conservation Biology: A Latin American Perspective (BIO 234, HUMBIO 112) Principles and application of the science of preserving biological diversity. Conceptually, this course is designed to explore the major components relevant to the conservation of biodiversity, as exemplified by the Latin American region. The conceptual frameworks and principles, however, should be generally applicable, and provide insights for all regions of the world. Satisfies Central Menu Area 4 for Biology majors. Prerequisite: BIO 101 or BIO 43 or HUMBIO 2A or BIO 81 and 84 or consent of instructor. All students will be expected to conduct a literature research exercise leading to a written report, addressing a topic of their choosing, derived from any of the themes discussed in class.
Same as: BIO 234, HUMBIO 112

BIO 145. Ecology and Evolution of Animal Behavior. 3 Units.
Ecological and evolutionary perspectives on animal behavior, with an emphasis on social and collective behavior. This is a project-based course in a lecture/seminar format. Seminars will be based on discussion of journal articles. Independent research projects on the behavior of animals on campus. Prerequisites: Biology or Human Biology core or BIO 81 and 85 or consent of instructor; Biology/ES 30. Recommended: statistics.
Same as: BIO 245

BIO 147. Ecosystem Ecology and Biogeochemistry. 3 Units.
An introduction to ecosystem ecology and terrestrial biogeochemistry. This course will focus on the dynamics of carbon and other biologically essential elements in the Earth System, on spatial scales from local to global. Prerequisites: Biology 117, Earth Systems 111, or graduate standing.
Same as: BIO 240, EARTHSYS 147, EARTHSYS 247

BIO 149. The Neurobiology of Sleep. 4 Units.
Preference to seniors and graduate students. The neurochemistry and neurophysiology of changes in brain activity and conscious awareness associated with changes in the sleep/wake state. Behavioral and neurobiological phenomena including sleep regulation, sleep homeostasis, circadian rhythms, sleep disorders, sleep function, and the molecular biology of sleep. Enrollment limited to 16.
Same as: BIO 249, HUMBIO 161

BIO 150. Human Behavioral Biology. 5 Units.
Multidisciplinary. How to approach complex normal and abnormal behaviors through biology. How to integrate disciplines including sociobiology, ethology, neuroscience, and endocrinology to examine behaviors such as aggression, sexual behavior, language use, and mental illness.
Same as: HUMBIO 160
BIO 151. Mechanisms of Neuron Death. 3 Units.
For undergraduates with backgrounds in neuroscience. Cell and molecular biology of neuron death during neurological disease.
Topics: the amyloid diseases (Alzheimer’s), prion diseases (kuru and Creutzfeldt-Jakob), oxygen radical diseases (Parkinson’s and ALS), triplet repeat diseases (Huntington’s), and AIDS-related dementia. Student presentations. Enrollment limited to 15; application required. Apply at http://web.stanford.edu/~thankes/2019bioapp.fb by 4:30pm on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

BIO 152. Imaging: Biological Light Microscopy. 3 Units.
This intensive laboratory and discussion course will provide participants with the theoretical and practical knowledge to utilize emerging imaging technologies based on light microscopy. Topics include microscope optics, resolution limits, Köhler illumination, confocal fluorescence, two-photon, TIRF, FRET, photobleaching, super-resolution (SIM, STED, STORM/PALM), tissue clearing/CLARITY/light-sheet microscopy, and live-cell imaging. Applications include using fluorescent probes to analyze sub-cellular localization and live cell-translocation dynamics. We will be using a flipped classroom for the course in that students will watch iBiology lectures before class, and class time will be used for engaging in extensive discussion. Lab portion involves extensive in-class use of microscopes in the CSIF and NMS core microscopy facilities.
Same as: MCP 222

BIO 153. Cellular Neuroscience: Cell Signaling and Behavior. 4 Units.
Neural interactions underlying behavior. Prerequisites: PSYCH 1 or basic biology. Same as: PSYCH 120

BIO 154. Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology. 4 Units.
For advanced undergraduate students. Cellular and molecular mechanisms in the organization and functions of the nervous system. Topics: wiring of the neuronal circuit, synapse structure and synaptic transmission, signal transduction in the nervous system, sensory systems, molecular basis of behavior including learning and memory, molecular pathogenesis of neurological diseases. Satisfies Central Menu Areas 2 or 3 for Bio majors. Highly recommended: BioCore or BIO 82, 83, 86, or consent of instructor.

BIO 155. Cell and Developmental Biology of Plants. 3 Units.
In this course we will learn how plants are built at different organizational scales from the cell, tissue, organ and organ system level. We will also learn about the experimental methods used to study plants at these different organizational levels and how to interpret and evaluate experiments that use such methods. Broadly relevant skills that will be cultivated in the course include: evaluating primarily literature, identifying gaps in knowledge, formulating research questions and designing new experimental strategies. Prerequisites: BIO 80 series. Same as: BIO 255

BIO 157. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants. 3-4 Units.
Biochemical and molecular basis of plant growth and adaptation. Topics include: hormone signal transduction; photoreceptor chemistry and signaling; metabolite sensing and transport; dynamics of photosynthesis; plant innate immunity and symbiosis. Lectures and readings will emphasize research methods. Prerequisite: Biology core or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

BIO 158. Developmental Neurobiology. 4 Units.
For advanced undergraduates and coterminal students. The principles of nervous system development from the molecular control of patterning, cell-cell interactions, and trophic factors to the level of neural systems and the role of experience in influencing brain structure and function. Topics: neural induction and patterning cell lineage, neurogenesis, neuronal migration, axonal pathfinding, synapse elimination, the role of activity, critical periods, and the development of behavior. Satisfies Central Menu Areas 2 or 3. Prerequisite: BIO 42 or BIO 82, 83, 84, 86. Same as: BIO 258

BIO 159. Cell improvisation and tissue engineering. 4 Units.
This course will cover the molecular mechanisms underlying the generation of diverse cell types and tissues during embryonic and post-embryonic animal development. Topics include the role of cell-cell communication in controlling developmental decisions, the organization and patterning of large groups of cells via morphogen signaling, the specification of individual cell types, and the role of stem cells in development. The course emphasizes the experimental logic and methods of research in developmental biology and includes discussions of research papers.

BIO 160. Developmental Biology. 4 Units.
This course will cover the molecular mechanisms underlying the generation of diverse cell types and tissues during embryonic and post-embryonic animal development. Topics include the role of cell-cell communication in controlling developmental decisions, the organization and patterning of large groups of cells via morphogen signaling, the specification of individual cell types, and the role of stem cells in development. The course emphasizes the experimental logic and methods of research in developmental biology and includes discussions of research papers.

BIO 16. Conservation Storytelling: Pre-course for BOSP South Africa. 1 Unit.
Limited to students admitted to the BOSP South Africa overseas seminar. Through 4 workshop meetings, students will develop and pitch story ideas, form teams in which a writer and a photographer agree to collaborate on a story, and conduct background research prior to departing for South Africa.

BIO 171. Principles of Cell Cycle Control. 3 Units.
Genetic analysis of the key regulatory circuits governing the control of cell division. Illustration of key principles that can be generalized to other synthetic and natural biological circuits. Focus on tractable model organisms; growth control; irreversible biochemical switches; chromosome duplication; mitosis; DNA damage checkpoints; MAPK pathway-cell cycle interface; oncogenesis. Analysis of classic and current primary literature. Satisfies Central Menu Area 2. Same as: BIO 271, CSB 271

BIO 172. Ecological Dynamics: Theory and Applications. 4 Units.
Structured population models with age and phenotypic variation. Integral population models, model fitting and dynamics. Fitness and dynamic heterogeneity. Examples from natural populations (sheep, roe deer, plants, birds). Graduate students will be responsible for additional problem sets. Prerequisites: calculus and linear algebra. Same as: BIO 272

BIO 174. Human Skeletal Anatomy. 5 Units.
Study of the human skeleton (a. k. a. human osteology), as it bears on other disciplines, including medicine, forensics, archaeology, and paleoanthropology (human evolution). Basic bone biology, anatomy, and development, emphasizing hands-on examination and identification of human skeletal parts, their implications for determining an individual’s age, sex, geographic origin, and health status, and for the evolutionary history of our species. Three hours of lecture and at least three hours of supervised and independent study in the lab each week. Same as: ANTHRO 175, ANTHRO 275, BIO 274, HUMBIO 180
BIO 175. Collective Behavior and Distributed Intelligence. 3 Units.
This course will explore possibilities for student research projects based on presentations of faculty research. We will cover a broad range of topics within the general area of collective behavior, both natural and artificial. Students will build on faculty presentations to develop proposals for future projects.
Same as: SYMSYS 275

BIO 176. The Developmental Basis of Animal Body Plan Evolution. 4 Units.
Animals are grouped into phyla with defined organizational characteristics such as multicellularity, axis organization, and nervous system organization, as well as morphological novelties such as eyes, limbs and segments. This course explores the developmental and molecular origins of these animal innovations. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: None.
Same as: BIO 276

BIO 177. Plant Microbe Interaction. 3 Units.
Molecular basis of plant symbiosis and pathogenesis. Topics include mechanisms of recognition and signaling between microbes and plant hosts, with examples such as the role of small molecules, secreted peptides, and signal transduction pathways in symbiotic or pathogenic interactions. Readings include landmark papers together with readings in the contemporary literature. Prerequisites: Biology core and two or more upper division courses in genetics, molecular biology, or biochemistry. Recommended: plant genetics or plant biochemistry.
Same as: BIO 277

BIO 178. Microbiology Literature. 3 Units.
For advanced undergraduates and first-year graduate students. Critical reading of the research literature in prokaryotic genetics and molecular biology, with particular applications to the study of major human pathogens. Classic and foundational papers in pathogenesis, genetics, and molecular biology; recent literature on bacterial pathogens such as Salmonella, Vibrio, and/or Yersinia. Diverse experimental approaches: biochemistry, genomics, pathogenesis, and cell biology. Prerequisites: Declared Biology major, and must have taken Biology 82 (Genetics) and Biology 83 (Biochemistry). Enrollment for undergraduates is limited to Biology majors in junior or senior year. Co-term or Ph.D. students in basic life sciences departments such as Biology, Bioengineering, and Genetics may also enroll in 278.
Same as: BIO 278

BIO 180. Microbial Physiology. 3 Units.
Introduction to the physiology of microbes including cellular structure, transcription and translation, growth and metabolism, mechanisms for stress resistance and the formation of microbial communities. These topics will be covered in relation to the evolution of early life on Earth, ancient ecosystems, and the interpretation of the rock record. Recommended: introductory biology and chemistry.
Same as: EARTHSYS 255, ESS 255, GEOLSCI 233A

BIO 182. Modeling Cultural Evolution. 3 Units.
Seminar. Quantitative models for the evolution of socially transmitted traits. Rates of change of learned traits in populations and patterns of cultural diversity as a function of innovation and cultural transmission. Learning in constant and changing environments. Possible avenues for gene-culture coevolution.
Same as: BIO 282

BIO 183. Theoretical Population Genetics. 3 Units.
Models in population genetics and evolution. Selection, random drift, gene linkage, migration, and inbreeding, and their influence on the evolution of gene frequencies and chromosome structure. Models are related to DNA sequence evolution. Prerequisites: calculus and linear algebra, or consent of instructor.
Same as: BIO 283

BIO 193. Interdisciplinary Approaches to Human Health Research. 1 Unit.
For undergraduate students participating in the Stanford ChEM-H Undergraduate Scholars Program. This course will expose students to interdisciplinary research questions and approaches that span chemistry, engineering, biology, and medicine. Focus is on the development and practice of scientific reading, writing, and presentation skills intended to complement hands-on laboratory research. Students will read scientific articles, write research proposals, make posters, and give presentations.
Same as: BIOE 193, CHEM 193, CHEMENG 193

BIO 196A. Biology Senior Reflection. 3 Units.
Capstone course series for seniors. Creative, self-reflective and scientifically relevant projects conceived, produced and exhibited over the course of three quarters. Explore scientific content of personal interest through creative forms including but not limited to writing, music, fine arts, performing arts, photography, film or new media. A written essay on the creative process and scientific significance of the selected topic will accompany the creative work. Completed projects may be included in a creative portfolio. Required enrollment in 196A,B,C. Satisfies WIM in Biology. May be repeat for credit.

BIO 196B. Biology Senior Reflection. 3 Units.
Capstone course series for seniors. Creative, self-reflective and scientifically relevant projects conceived, produced and exhibited over the course of three quarters. Explore scientific content of personal interest through creative forms including but not limited to writing, music, fine arts, performing arts, photography, film or new media. A written essay on the creative process and scientific significance of the selected topic will accompany the creative work. Completed projects may be included in a creative portfolio. Required enrollment in 196A,B,C. May be repeat for credit.

BIO 196C. Biology Senior Reflection. 3 Units.
Capstone course series for seniors. Creative, self-reflective and scientifically relevant projects conceived, produced and exhibited over the course of three quarters. Explore scientific content of personal interest through creative forms including but not limited to writing, music, fine arts, performing arts, photography, film or new media. A written essay on the creative process and scientific significance of the selected topic will accompany the creative work. Completed projects may be included in a creative portfolio. Required enrollment in 196A,B,C. May be repeat for credit.

BIO 197WA. Senior Writing Project: The Personal Essay in Biology. 3 Units.
Seminar focused on writing. Compose, workshop and revise scientifically relevant and personal essays in biology directed at a mainstream audience, interweaving research, interview, memoir, and other elements of nonfiction craft. Satisfies WIM in Biology.

BIO 198. Directed Reading in Biology. 1-15 Unit.
Individually arranged under the supervision of members of the faculty.

BIO 198X. Out-of-Department Directed Reading. 1-15 Unit.
Individually arranged under the supervision of members of the faculty. Credit for work arranged with out-of-department faculty is restricted to Biology majors and requires department approval. See https://biology.stanford.edu/academics/undergraduate-research/directed-reading for information and petitions. May be repeated for credit.

BIO 199. Advanced Research Laboratory in Experimental Biology. 1-15 Unit.
Individual research taken by arrangement with in-department instructors. See http://biohonors.stanford.edu for information on research sponsors, units, and credit for summer research. May be repeated for credit.
BIO 199W. Senior Honors Thesis: How to Effectively Write About Scientific Research. 3 Units.
Workshop. For seniors pursuing an honors thesis in a biology-focused major or program. Focus on improving scientific writing and synthesizing in the context of students’ individual research projects. Complete literature review which will form the basis for the thesis introduction. Develop methods section of the thesis. Small seminar-style discussion sections with research-based discussions, student-led PowerPoint presentations, and writing workshops. Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in 199 or 199X or equivalent. Satisfies WIM in Biology.

BIO 199X. Out-of-Department Advanced Research Laboratory in Experimental Biology. 1-15 Unit.
Individual research by arrangement with out-of-department instructors. Credit for 199X is restricted to declared Biology majors and requires department approval. See https://biology.stanford.edu/academics/undergraduate-research/research for information on research sponsors, units, petitions, deadlines, credit for summer research, and out-of-Stanford research. May be repeated for credit.

BIO 200. Advance Molecular Biology: Epigenetics and Proteostasis. 5 Units.
Molecular mechanisms that govern the replication, recombination, and expression of eukaryotic genomes. Topics: DNA replication, DNA recombination, gene transcription, RNA splicing, regulation of gene expression, protein synthesis, and protein folding. Satisfies Central Menu Area 1. Prerequisite: Biology core or BIO 83 (BIO 82 and 86 are strongly recommended). Same as: BIO 104

BIO 202. Ecological Statistics. 3 Units.
Intended for graduate students (and advanced undergraduates in special circumstances with consent of instructors) in biology and related environmental sciences, this course is an introduction to statistical methods for ecological data analysis, using the programming language R. The course will have lectures, discussions, and independent research projects using the students' own data or simulated or publicly available data.

BIO 204. Neuroplasticity: From Synapses to Behavior. 3 Units.
This course will focus on neuroplasticity from a broad perspective, from molecular cellular mechanism to its involvement in behavior and diseases. Emphasis will be on: a) molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying various forms of neuroplasticity; b) the neuroplasticity during brain development; c) the neuroplasticity in adult brain with respect to learning and memory; and d) maladaptive neuroplasticity in neurodegenerative disease and drug addiction. This course is designed for Ph.D. students from both the Biology and Neuroscience programs. Open to advanced undergraduates by consent of instructor.

BIO 208. Spanish in Science/Science in Spanish. 2 Units.
For graduate and undergraduate students interested in the natural sciences and the Spanish language. Students will acquire the ability to communicate in Spanish using scientific language and will enhance their ability to read scientific literature written in Spanish. Emphasis on the development of science in Spanish-speaking countries or regions. Course is conducted in Spanish and intended for students pursuing degrees in the sciences, particularly disciplines such as ecology, environmental science, sustainability, resource management, anthropology, and archeology. Same as: EARTH SYS 207, LATIN AM 207

BIO 210. The Chromatin-Regulated Genome. 3 Units.
Maintenance of the genome is a prerequisite for life. In eukaryotes, all DNA-templated processes are tightly connected to chromatin structure and function. This course will explore epigenetic and chromatin regulation of cellular processes related to aging, cancer, stem cell pluripotency, metabolic homeostasis, and development. Course material integrates current literature with a foundational review of histone modifications and nucleosome composition in epigenetic inheritance, transcription, replication, cell division and DNA damage responses. Prerequisite: BIO 41 or BIO 83 or consent of instructor. Same as: BIO 110

BIO 214. Advanced Cell Biology. 4 Units.
For Ph.D. students. Taught from the current literature on cell structure, function, and dynamics. Topics include complex cell phenomena such as cell division, apoptosis, signaling, compartmentalization, transport and trafficking, motility and adhesion, and differentiation. Weekly reading of current papers from the primary literature. Preparation of an original research proposal. Prerequisite for advanced undergraduates: BIO 129A or 160, and consent of instructor. Same as: BIO 224, MCP 221

BIO 221. ORNITHOLOGY. 2 Units.
Advanced undergraduate survey of ornithology, introducing students to the biology of birds and giving them to tools to use birds as model systems for research. Topics will include avian evolution, physiology, adaptations, behavior, and ecology. Focus throughout on identification of California birds and applications to current bird conservation issues. Course will include lectures and a field component which will expose students to standard avian research techniques such as mistnetting, banding, and point count surveys. Prerequisite: BIO 81 or BIO 105 or instructor approval. Same as: BIO 121

BIO 222. Exploring Neural Circuits. 3 Units.
Seminar: The logic of how neural circuits control behavior; how neural circuits are assembled during development and modified by experience. Emphasis is on primary literature. Topics include: neurons as information processing units; simple and complex circuits underlying sensory information processing and motor control; and development and plasticity of neural circuits. Advanced undergraduates and graduate students with background in physical science, engineering, and biology may apply to enroll. Enrollment is by application only. Recommended: background in neuroscience.

BIO 223. Stochastic and Nonlinear Dynamics. 3 Units.
Theoretical analysis of dynamical processes: dynamical systems, stochastic processes, and spatiotemporal dynamics. Motivations and applications from biology and physics. Emphasis is on methods including qualitative approaches, asymptotics, and multiple scale analysis. Prerequisites: ordinary and partial differential equations, complex analysis, and probability or statistical physics. Same as: APPPHYS 223, BIOE 213, PHYSICS 223

BIO 226. Introduction to Biophysics. 3-4 Units.
Core course appropriate for advanced undergraduate students and graduate students with prior knowledge of calculus and a college physics course. Introduction to how physical principles offer insights into modern biology, with regard to the structural, dynamical, and functional organization of biological systems. Topics include the roles of free energy, diffusion, electromotive forces, non-equilibrium dynamics, and information in fundamental biological processes. Same as: APPPHYS 205, BIO 126

BIO 227. Foundations of Community Ecology. 2 Units.
Discussion of classic papers in community ecology (Forbes, Clements, Gleason, Grinnell, Lindeman, Preston, Elton, Hutchinson, May, MacArthur, Odum, Connell, Paine, Tilman, etc.) and contemporary papers on related topics, to develop historical perspectives to understand current issues and identify future directions. Prerequisite for undergraduates: consent of instructor.
BIO 229. Fundamentals and Frontiers in Plant Biology. 3 Units.
This course will serve as a primer for all levels of graduate, co-term, and upper-level undergraduates interested in learning about the fundamental aspects of plant biology; the latest advances in tools, techniques, and theories that link basic science with translational science and applications for solving major societal challenges of today and tomorrow. In addition, this course will serve to introduce the breadth of plant research on campus and help solidify a cohort of students interested in plant biology.

BIO 230. Molecular and Cellular Immunology. 4 Units.
Mechanisms of immune responses in health and disease; innate and adaptive immunity; development of the immune system; molecular biology, structure, and function of antibodies and T-cell receptors; cellular basis of immune responses and their regulation; genetic control of immune responses and disease susceptibility; immunotherapies for treating diseases. Lectures and discussion in class and in sections. Satisfies Central Menu Areas 1 or 2. For upper class undergraduate and graduate students who have not had an introductory immunology course. Prerequisites for undergraduates: Biology Core, Human Biology Core, or BIO 83 and 86, or consent of instructor. For graduate students: College-level molecular biology, biochemistry, and cell biology, or consent of instructor.

BIO 230A. Molecular and Cellular Immunology Literature Review. 1 Unit.
Special discussion section for graduate students. Supplement to BIO 230. Pre- or corequisite: BIO 230 or other introductory immunology course.

BIO 231. Structural Equation Modeling for Ecologists. 1 Unit.
We will focus on learning to use structural equation modeling (SEM) as a technique for ecological inference. Class will include short lectures, paper discussions, and SEM coding workshops in R. Meetings will generally last only 60 minutes.

BIO 232. Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics. 4 Units.
Laboratory and lectures. Advanced microscopy and imaging, emphasizing hands-on experience with state-of-the-art techniques. Students construct and operate working apparatus. Topics include microscope optics, Koehler illumination, contrast-generating mechanisms (bright/dark field, fluorescence, phase contrast, differential interference contrast), and resolution limits. Laboratory topics vary by year, but include single-molecule fluorescence, fluorescence resonance energy transfer, confocal microscopy, two-photon microscopy, microendoscopy, and optical trapping. Limited enrollment. Recommended: basic physics, basic cell biology, and consent of instructor.

Same as: AP PHYS 232, BIO 132, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232

BIO 234. Conservation Biology: A Latin American Perspective. 3 Units.
BIO 144: Conservation Biology: A Latin American Perspective (BIO 234, HUMBIO 112)nPrinciples and application of the science of preserving biological diversity. Conceptually, this course is designed to explore the major components relevant to the conservation of biodiversity, as exemplified by the Latin American region. The conceptual frameworks and principles, however, should be generally applicable, and provide insights for all regions of the world. Satisfies Central Menu Area 4 for Biology majors. Prerequisite: BIO 101 or BIO 43 or HUMBIO 2A or BIO 81 and 84 or consent of instructor. All students will be expected to conduct a literature research exercise leading to a written report, addressing a topic of their choosing, derived from any of the themes discussed in class.

Same as: BIO 144, HUMBIO 112

BIO 238. Ecosystem Services: Frontiers in the Science of Valuing Nature. 3 Units.
This advanced course explores the science of valuing nature, beginning with its historical origins, and then its recent development in natural (especially ecological), economic, psychological, and other social sciences. We will use the ecosystem services framework (characterizing benefits from ecosystems to people) to define the state of knowledge, core methods of analysis, and research frontiers, such as at the interface with biodiversity, resilience, human health, and human development. Intended for diverse students, with a focus on research and real-world cases. To apply, please email the instructor (gdaily@stanford.edu) with a brief description of your background and research interests.

Same as: BIO 138, EARTHSYS 139, EARTHSYS 239

BIO 239. The Hidden Kingdom - Evolution, Ecology and Diversity of Fungi. 4 Units.
Fungi are critical, yet often hidden, components of the biosphere. They regulate decomposition, are primary partners in plant symbiosis and strongly impact agriculture and economics. Students will explore the fascinating world of fungal biology, ecology and evolution via lecture, lab, field exercises and Saturday field trips that will provide traditional and molecular experiences in the collection, analysis and industrial use of diverse fungi. Students will chose an environmental niche, collect and identify resident fungi, and hypothesize about their community relationship. Prerequisite: BIO 81, 85 recommended.

Same as: BIO 116

BIO 240. Ecosystem Ecology and Biogeochemistry. 3 Units.
An introduction to ecosystem ecology and terrestrial biogeochemistry. This course will focus on the dynamics of carbon and other biologically essential elements in the Earth System, on spatial scales from local to global. Prerequisites: Biology 117, Earth Systems 111, or graduate standing.

Same as: BIO 147, EARTHSYS 147, EARTHSYS 247

BIO 244. Fundamentals of Molecular Evolution. 4 Units.
The inference of key molecular evolutionary processes from DNA and protein sequences. Topics include random genetic drift, coalescent models, effects and tests of natural selection, combined effects of linkage and natural selection, codon bias and genome evolution. Satisfies Central Menu Areas 1 or 4. Prerequisites: Biology core or BIO 82, 85 or graduate standing in any department, and consent of instructor.

Same as: BIO 113

BIO 245. Ecology and Evolution of Animal Behavior. 3 Units.
Ecological and evolutionary perspectives on animal behavior, with an emphasis on social and collective behavior. This is a project-based course in a lecture/seminar format. Seminars will be based on discussion of journal articles. Independent research projects on the behavior of animals on campus. Prerequisites: Biology or Human Biology core or BIO 81 and 85 or consent of instructor; Biology/ES 30. Recommended: statistics.

Same as: BIO 145

BIO 247. Genomic approaches to the study of human disease. 3 Units.
This course will cover a range of genetic and genomic approaches to studying human phenotypic variation and disease. We will discuss the genetic basis of Mendelian and complex diseases, as well as clinical applications including prenatal testing, and pediatric and cancer diagnostics. The course will include lectures as well as critical reading and discussion of the primary literature. Prerequisite: BIO 82 or equivalent. Open to advanced undergraduate students.

Same as: GENE 247
BIO 249. The Neurobiology of Sleep. 4 Units.
Preference to seniors and graduate students. The neurochemistry
and neurophysiology of changes in brain activity and conscious
awareness associated with changes in the sleep/wake state. Behavioral
and neurobiological phenomena including sleep regulation, sleep
homeostasis, circadian rhythms, sleep disorders, sleep function, and
the molecular biology of sleep. Enrollment limited to 16.
Same as: BIO 149, HUMBIO 161

BIO 24N. Visions of Paradise: Garden Design. 3 Units.
Through literature readings and field trips to local gardens learn the
principles and esthetics of classic garden designs: Italian Renaissance,
botanical teaching, Japanese, English cottage, and others. Design a
personal vision of paradise with details of species, visual and scent
impact, water features, and hardscape. Open your eyes to a new
appreciation of the world of plants and learn some physiology and
genetics that explains the specific properties of individual species.

BIO 251. Evolution by the numbers. 3 Units.
Topics in evolution from a quantitative perspective. From basic principles of
evolutionary dynamics to fundamental questions that are far-from-
being answered; from eary life, metabolic processes, and the molding
of the earth by microbes, to spread of human epidemics; from analysis of
genomes and molecular phylogenies to aspects of multi-cellular
development. Intended for students with no biology background as well
as biology students who are comfortable with probability and ordinary
differential equations. Advanced undergraduate as well.
Same as: APPHYS 237

BIO 254. Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology. 3-5 Units.
For graduate students. Includes lectures for BIO 154. Cellular and
molecular mechanisms in the organization and functions of the nervous
system. Topics: wiring of the neuronal circuit, synapse structure and
synaptic transmission, signal transduction in the nervous system,
sensory systems, molecular basis of behavior including learning and
memory, molecular pathogenesis of neurological diseases.
Same as: NBIO 254

BIO 255. Cell and Developmental Biology of Plants. 3 Units.
In this course we will learn how plants are built at different organizational
scales from the cell, tissue, organ and organ system level. We will
also learn about the experimental methods used to study plants at
these different organizational levels and how to interpret and evaluate
experiments that use such methods. Broadly relevant skills that will be
cultivated in the course include: evaluating primarily literature, identifying
gaps in knowledge, formulating research questions and designing new
experimental strategies. Prerequisites: BIO 80 series.
Same as: BIO 155

BIO 258. Developmental Neurobiology. 4 Units.
For advanced undergraduates and cterminal students. The principles of
nervous system development from the molecular control of patterning,
cell-cell interactions, and trophic factors to the level of neural systems
and the role of experience in influencing brain structure and function.
Topics: neural induction and patterning cell lineage, neurogenesis,
neuronal migration, axonal pathfinding, synapse elimination, the role
of activity, critical periods, and the development of behavior. Satisfies
Central Menu Areas 2 or 3. Prerequisite: BIO 42 or BIO 82, 83, 84, 86.
Same as: BIO 158

BIO 25Q. Cystic fibrosis: from medical conundrum to precision medicine
success story. 3 Units.
Preference to sophomores. The class will explore cystic fibrosis (CF), the
most prevalent fatal genetic disease in the US, as a scientific and medical
whodunit. Through reading and discussion of medical and scientific
literature, we will tackle questions that include: how was life expectancy
with CF increased from weeks to decades without understanding the
disease mechanism? Why is the disease so prevalent? Is there an
advantage to being a carrier? Is CF a single disease or a continuum of
physiological variation or what is a disease? How did research into CF
lead to discovery of the underlying cause of most other genetic diseases
as well?nThis class is open to both graduate and undergraduate
students, but requires sufficient background in college level genetics,
cell biology and biochemistry. Undergraduates who are interested are
required to contact the course director first.
Same as: GENE 267, NENS 267

BIO 257. Principles of Cell Cycle Control. 3 Units.
Genetic analysis of the key regulatory circuits governing the control
of cell division. Illustration of key principles that can be generalized
to other synthetic and natural biological circuits. Focus on tractable
model organisms; growth control; irreversible biochemical switches;
chromosome duplication; mitosis; DNA damage checkpoints; MAPK
pathway-cell cycle interface; oncogenesis. Analysis of classic and current
primary literature. Satisfies Central Menu Area 2.
Same as: BIO 171, CSB 271

BIO 272. Ecological Dynamics: Theory and Applications. 4 Units.
Structured population models with age and phenotypic variation. Integral
population models, model fitting and dynamics. Fitness and dynamic
heterogeneity. Examples from natural populations (sheep, roe deer,
plants, birds). Graduate students will be responsible for additional
problem sets. Prerequisites: calculus and linear algebra.
Same as: BIO 172
BIO 273A. Environmental Microbiology I. 3 Units.
Basics of microbiology and biochemistry. The biochemical and biophysical principles of biochemical reactions, energetics, and mechanisms of energy conservation. Diversity of microbial catabolism, flow of organic matter in nature: the carbon cycle, and biogeochemical cycles. Bacterial physiology, phylogeny, and the ecology of microbes in soil and marine sediments, bacterial adhesion, and biofilm formation. Microbes in the degradation of pollutants. Prerequisites: CHEM 33, CHEM 121 (formerly CHEM 35), and BIOSCI 41, CHEMENG 181 (formerly 188), or equivalents.
Same as: CEE 274A, CHEMENG 174, CHEMENG 274

BIO 273B. Microbial Bioenergy Systems. 3 Units.
Introduction to microbial metabolic pathways and to the pathway logic with a special focus on microbial bioenergy systems. The first part of the course emphasizes the metabolic and biochemical principles of pathways, whereas the second part is more specifically directed toward using this knowledge to understand existing systems and to design innovative microbial bioenergy systems for biofuel, biofiltration, and environmental applications. There also is an emphasis on the implications of rerouting of energy and reducing equivalents for the fitness and ecology of the organism. Prerequisites: CHEMENG 174 or 181 and organic chemistry, or equivalents.
Same as: CEE 274B, CHEMENG 456

BIO 274. Human Skeletal Anatomy. 5 Units.
Study of the human skeleton (a. k. a. human osteology), as it bears on other disciplines, including medicine, forensics, archaeology, and paleoanthropology (human evolution). Basic bone biology, anatomy, and development, emphasizing hands-on examination and identification of human skeletal parts, their implications for determining an individual’s age, sex, geographic origin, and health status, and for the evolutionary history of our species. Three hours of lecture and at least three hours of supervised and independent study in the lab each week.
Same as: ANTHRO 175, ANTHRO 275, BIO 174, HUMBIO 180

BIO 274S. Hopkins Microbiology Course. 3-12 Units.
(Formerly GES 274S.) Four-week, intensive. The interplay between molecular, physiological, ecological, evolutionary, and geochemical processes that constitute, cause, and maintain microbial diversity. How to isolate key microorganisms driving marine biological and geochemical diversity, interpret culture-independent molecular characterization of microbial species, and predict causes and consequences. Laboratory component: what constitutes physiological and metabolic microbial diversity; how evolutionary and ecological processes diversify individual cells into physiologically heterogeneous populations; and the principles of interactions between individuals, their population, and other biological entities in a dynamically changing microbial ecosystem. Prerequisites: CEE 274A and CEE 274B, or equivalents.
Same as: BIOHOPK 274, CEE 274S, ESS 253S

BIO 276. The Developmental Basis of Animal Body Plan Evolution. 4 Units.
Animals are grouped into phyla with defined organizational characteristics such as multicellularity, axis organization, and nervous system organization, as well as morphological novelties such as eyes, limbs and segments. This course explores the developmental and molecular origins of these animal innovations. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: None.
Same as: BIO 176

BIO 277. Plant Microbe Interaction. 3 Units.
Molecular basis of plant symbiosis and pathogenesis. Topics include mechanisms of recognition and signaling between microbes and plant hosts, with examples such as the role of small molecules, secreted peptides, and signal transduction pathways in symbiotic or pathogenic interactions. Readings include landmark papers together with readings in the contemporary literature. Prerequisites: Biology core and two or more upper division courses in genetics, molecular biology, or biochemistry. Recommended: plant genetics or plant biochemistry.
Same as: BIO 177

BIO 278. Microbiology Literature. 3 Units.
For advanced undergraduates and first-year graduate students. Critical reading of the research literature in prokaryotic genetics and molecular biology, with particular applications to the study of major human pathogens. Classic and foundational papers in pathogenesis, genetics, and molecular biology; recent literature on bacterial pathogens such as Salmonella, Vibrio, and/or Yersinia. Diverse experimental approaches: biochemistry, genomics, pathogenesis, and cell biology. Prerequisites: Declared Biology major, and must have taken Biology 82 (Genetics) and Biology 83 (Biochemistry). Enrollment for undergraduates is limited to Biology majors in junior or senior year. Co-term or Ph.D. students in basic life sciences departments such as Biology, Bioengineering, and Genetics may also enroll in 278.
Same as: BIO 178

BIO 279. Integrated Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Tradeoffs. 1-3 Unit.
This course explores the science of valuing nature, with a brief overview of its historical origins and then a primary focus on its recent development in the sciences (ecology, hydrology, and health sciences, integrating some economics, psychology, and other social sciences). The principal aim of the course is to enable facility in new research and real-world applications of InVEST models (for integrated valuation of ecosystem services and tradeoffs). Prerequisite: some experience with GIS (geographic information systems). Permission from the instructor is required. (Email Prof. Daily gdaily@stanford.edu.)

BIO 27S. Evolution: From DNA to Dinosaurs. 3 Units.
This course centers on the fundamental idea of evolution, which impacts fields as disparate as genetics to paleontology. You will learn about the history of evolutionary thought, including Darwin’s idea of evolution by natural selection, and explore evolutionary timescales both small and large. Topics include population genetics, genomics, molecular evolution, evolutionary forces, formation of new species, evolutionary divergences in the history of life, and evidence of evolution, including patterns from DNA and the fossil record.

BIO 282. Modeling Cultural Evolution. 3 Units.
Seminar. Quantitative models for the evolution of socially transmitted traits. Rates of change of learned traits in populations and patterns of cultural diversity as a function of innovation and cultural transmission. Learning in constant and changing environments. Possible avenues for gene-culture coevolution.
Same as: BIO 182

BIO 283. Theoretical Population Genetics. 3 Units.
Models in population genetics and evolution. Selection, random drift, gene linkage, migration, and inbreeding, and their influence on the evolution of gene frequencies and chromosome structure. Models are related to DNA sequence evolution. Prerequisites: calculus and linear algebra, or consent of instructor.
Same as: BIO 183

BIO 286. Natural History of the Vertebrates. 4 Units.
Broad survey of the diversity of vertebrate life. Discussion of the major branches of the vertebrate evolutionary tree, with emphasis on evolutionary relationships and key adaptations as revealed by the fossil record and modern phylogenetics. Modern orders introduced through an emphasis on natural history, physiology, behavioral ecology, community ecology, and conservation. Lab sessions focused on comparative skeletal morphology through hands-on work with skeletal specimens. Discussion of field methods and experience with our local vertebrate communities through field trips to several of California’s distinct biomes. Prerequisite: Biology core.
BIO 287A. Advanced Topics in Mathematical Evolutionary Biology. 3 Units.
Focused examination of specific topics in mathematical evolutionary biology. Course themes may include: mathematical properties of statistics used in human population genetics, mathematics of evolutionary trees, and the intersection of population genetics and phylogenetics.

BIO 288. Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology. 3 Units.
This course covers the fundamentals of molecular genetics, including principles of how genes work, how gene expression is regulated in both prokaryotes and eukaryotes, and how signals are passed from cells to cells that are far away. We will also explore key advances in biotechnology, including cloning, sequencing, and next-generation sequencing, and discuss case studies involving cancer, Huntington's Disease, and more.

BIO 290. Teaching Practicum in Biology. 1-5 Unit.
Open to upper-division undergraduates and graduate students. Practical, supervised teaching experience in a biology lab or lecture course. Training often includes attending lectures, initiating and planning discussion sections, and assisting in the preparation course materials. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

BIO 291. Development and Teaching of Core Experimental Laboratories. 1-2 Unit.
Preparation for teaching the core experimental courses (44X and 44Y). Emphasis is on lab, speaking, and writing skills. Focus is on updating the lab to meet the changing technical needs of the students. Taken prior to teaching either of the above courses. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: selection by instructor.

BIO 292. Curricular Practical Training. 1 Unit.
This course is required for international students who are participating in professional internships in organizations (e.g. research institutes, education, medicine, business, policy) with a focus in the biological sciences. Students will be engaged in on-the-job training under the guidance of experienced, on-site supervisors. This course meets the requirements for curricular practical training (CPT) for students with F-1D/S status. Prior to the internship, students are required to submit a concise report detailing the proposed project and work activities. After the internship, students are required to submit a summary of the work completed, skills learned, and reflection of the professional growth gained as a result of the internship. This course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Qualified offer of employment and consent of instructor.

BIO 294. Cellular Biophysics. 3 Units.
Physical biology of dynamical and mechanical processes in cells. Emphasis is on qualitative understanding of biological functions through quantitative analysis and simple mathematical models. Sensory transduction, signaling, adaptation, switches, molecular motors, actin and microtubules, motility, and circadian clocks. Prerequisites: differential equations and introductory statistical mechanics.
Same as: APPPHYS 294, BIOPHYS 294

BIO 296. Teaching and Learning in Biology. 1 Unit.
This course provides students teaching in the Department of Biology with basic training, support, and professional development in their teaching roles. Topics include student engagement, assessment, feedback and more. Should be taken concurrently with the first teaching position.

BIO 299. Biology PhD Lab Rotation. 1-10 Unit.
Limited to first year Biology PhD students. Lab rotations with Biosciences faculty.

BIO 300. Graduate Research. 1-10 Unit.
For graduate students only. Individual research by arrangement with in-department instructors.

BIO 300X. Out-of-Department Graduate Research. 1-10 Unit.
Individual research by arrangement with out-of-department instructors. Master's students: credit for work arranged with out-of-department instructors is restricted to Biology students and requires approved department petition. See http://biohonors.stanford.edu for more information. May be repeated for credit.

BIO 301. Frontiers in Biology. 1-3 Unit.
Limited to and required of first-year Ph.D. students in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. Current research in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology emphasizing primary research literature. Held in conjunction with the department's Monday seminar series. Students and faculty meet weekly before the seminar for a student presentation and discussion of upcoming papers.

Required of first-year PhD students in population biology and ecology and evolution. Major conceptual issues and developing topics. This course is open only to Biology PhD students and is not open to auditors.

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BIO 308. Current Topics in Molecular and Cell Biology. 1 Unit.
This seminar explores new discoveries and technologies used to make them. Weekly lectures by faculty from the Hopkins Marine Station.

BIO 309. Ecology for Everyone. 4 Units.
Everything is connected, but how? Ecology is the science of interactions and the changes they generate. This project-based course links individual behavior, population growth, species interactions, and ecosystem function. Introduction to measurement, observation, experimental design and hypothesis testing in field projects, mostly done in groups. The goal is to learn to think analytically about everyday ecological processes involving bacteria, fungi, plants, animals and humans. The course uses basic statistics to analyze data; there are no math prerequisites except arithmetic. Open to everyone, including those who may be headed for more advanced courses in ecology and environmental science.

BIO 310. Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease in a Changing World. 3 Units.
This seminar will explore the ways in which anthropogenic change, climate change, habitat destruction, land use change, and species invasions effects the ecology and evolution of infectious diseases. Topics will include infectious diseases of humans, wildlife, livestock, and crops, effects of disease on threatened species, disease spillover, emerging diseases, and the role of disease in natural systems. Course will be taught through a combination of popular and scientific readings, discussion, and lecture.

BIO 3. Frontiers in Marine Biology. 1 Unit.
An introduction to contemporary research in marine biology, including ecology, conservation biology, environmental toxicology, behavior, biomechanics, evolution, neurobiology, and molecular biology. Emphasis is on new discoveries and the technologies used to make them. Weekly lectures by faculty from the Hopkins Marine Station.
BIO 313. Ethics in the Anthropocene. 1 Unit.
Today, in the Anthropocene, humankind impacts the environment on a massive scale, with severe outcomes for species, ecosystems, and landscapes. The consequences of this impact raise many ethical questions, with new dilemmas forcing us to consider new moral values and re-consider old ones. In this course, we will become acquainted with environmental and conservation ethics and philosophy, and acquire the toolkit of concepts and ideas that will allow us to tackle the current environmental ethical debates. We will explore the role of ethics in the environmental and conservation sciences by discussing the philosophical foundations for moral values in the Anthropocene, as well as by examining practical current-day issues, such as reintroductions, invasive species and conservation advocacy.

BIO 329. Matrix Methods for Dynamic Models and Data Analysis. 1 Unit.

BIO 32O. Neuroethology: The Neural Control of Behavior. 3 Units.
Preference to sophomores. Animal behavior offers insights about evolutionary adaptations and this seminar will discuss the origins of the study of animal behavior and its development to the present. How does the nervous system control behavior and how is it changed by behavior? We will analyze and discuss original research papers about the neural basis of behavior. The use and misuse of parallels between animal and human behavior. Possible field trip to observe animals in their natural habitat.
Same as: HUMBIO 91Q

BIO 330. Stochastic Methods for Simulation, Dynamics and Data Analysis. 1 Unit.

BIO 332. Evolutionary Genomics. 2 Units.
We will read classic and modern papers relevant to evolutionary genomics, and discuss. We will cover a broad range of topics, methods, and species.

BIO 342. Plant Biology Seminar. 1-3 Unit.
Topics in plant biology presented at a weekly seminar. Topics announced at the beginning of each quarter. Current literature. May be repeated for credit. See https://dbp.rosepearlshed.edu/events.

BIO 346. Advanced Seminar on Prokaryotic Molecular Biology. 1 Unit.
Enrollment limited to PhD students associated with departmental research groups in genetics or molecular biology.
Same as: CSB 346, GENE 346

BIO 35N. Climate change ecology: Is it too late?. 3 Units.
This Introductory Seminar will explore the consequences of climate change on ecological communities, focusing on two emerging concepts: "disequilibrium," which emphasizes that it can take long time for communities to respond to climate change because of species interactions, and "historical contingency," which proposes that the order in which species invade and disappear as communities re-assemble in response to climate change will determine which species will persist. The seminar will involve lecture, discussion, writing, and visit to Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve.

BIO 375. Field Ecology & Conservation. 4 Units.
This course is based on question-driven research in the field, addressing both conceptual frameworks and methodological aspects of evolutionary ecology and conservation biology. It consists of faculty-led research projects and student independent projects. The field part takes place in a tropical rain forest research station in Mexico September 5-15, 2014. The field component is followed by sessions on campus, where the research data are analyzed, discussed and prepared as scientific papers. The training includes presentations of the papers in a mini-symposium organized as a professional meeting.

BIO 380. Career Exploration and Planning. 1 Unit.
Thinking about and planning for life beyond graduate school is one of the most anxiety-provoking activities students face. In this course, students will share their personal stories and dilemmas about career decisions, discuss various career options with a PhD in life sciences, and learn to design their own path. There will be three career panels with invited guests from various career tracks, including research, teaching, administration, industry, startup, investment, law, journalism, policy, and more. Open to Biology PhD students in year 3 or beyond. The class will meet at Carnegie Institution for Science's conference room building 600, located at 260 Panama St, Stanford, CA 94305.

BIO 383. Seminar in Population Genetics. 1-3 Unit.
Literature review, research, and current problems in the theory and practice of population genetics and molecular evolution. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

BIO 384. Theoretical Ecology. 1-3 Unit.
Recent and classical research papers in ecology, and presentation of work in progress by participants. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

BIO 386. Conservation and Population Genomics. 1 Unit.
This once a week reading and discussion group will consider how advances in genome technology have enabled new explorations in conservation and population biology. Papers to be read will include technical applications of new genome tools, the role of bioinformatics, and long-standing questions in conservation and population biology that might now be answered.

BIO 3N. Views of a Changing Sea: Literature & Science. 3 Units.
The state of a changing world ocean, particularly in the eastern Pacific, will be examined through historical and contemporary fiction, non-fiction and scientific publications. Issues will include harvest and mariculture fisheries, land-sea interactions and oceanic climate change in both surface and deep waters.

BIO 45. Introduction to Laboratory Research in Cell and Molecular Biology. 4 Units.
Investigate yeast strains that are engineered to express the human tumor suppressor protein, p53, and use modern molecular methods to identify the functional consequences of p53 mutations isolated from tumor cells. Learn about the protein's role as Guardian of the Genome through lectures and by reading and discussing journal articles. Use molecular visualization programs to examine the structure of normal and mutant p53 proteins. Assay the ability of mutant p53 to direct expression of several reporter genes. During guided reflection, investigate further and identify what could be wrong with the p53 mutants you have been studying. Conduct lab experiments to test hypotheses, analyze data, and present your findings through a team oral presentation, as well as a scientific poster. Although there are no pre-requisites to enroll in this class, having taken CHEM 31X, or 31A and B, and 33 and being currently enrolled or past enrollment in appropriate Biology Foundation classes or HumBio core classes is recommended. Note: This class has a $25 course fee.
BIO 459. Frontiers in Interdisciplinary Biosciences. 1 Unit.
Students register through their affiliated department; otherwise register for CHEMENG 459. For specialists and non-specialists. Sponsored by the Stanford BioX Program. Three seminars per quarter address scientific and technical themes related to interdisciplinary approaches in bioengineering, medicine, and the chemical, physical, and biological sciences. Leading investigators from Stanford and the world present breakthroughs and endeavors that cut across core disciplines. Pre-seminars introduce basic concepts and background for non-experts. Registered students attend all pre-seminars; others welcome. See http://biox.stanford.edu/courses/459.html. Recommended: basic mathematics, biology, chemistry, and physics.
Same as: BIO 459, BIOE 459, CHEM 459, CHEMENG 459, PSYCH 459

BIO 46. Introduction to Research in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. 4 Units.
The goal of this course is to develop an understanding of how to conduct biological research, using a topic in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Plant Biology as a practical example. This includes the complete scientific process: assessing background literature, generating testable hypotheses, learning techniques for field- and lab-based data collection, analyzing data using appropriate statistical methods, and writing and sharing results. To build these skills, this course focuses on the microorganisms associated with lichen epiphytes. Students, working in teams, develop novel research hypotheses and execute the necessary experiments and measurements to test these hypotheses. In addition, students will learn how to manipulate, visualize and analyze data in R.
The capstone of the course is an oral defense of students’ findings, as well as a research paper in the style of a peer-reviewed journal article. Labs are completed both on campus and at Jasper Ridge. Lab fee. Information about this class is available at http://bio44.stanford.edu. Satisfies WIM in Biology.

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BIO 4N. Peopleomics: The science and ethics of personalized genomic medicine. 3 Units.
Exploration of the new field of personalized genomic medicine. Personalized medicine is based on the idea that each person’s unique genome sequence can be used to predict risk of acquiring specific diseases, and to make more informed medical choices. The science behind these approaches; where they are heading in the future; and the ethical implications such technology presents. Lectures augmented with hands-on experience in exploring and analyzing a real person’s genome.

BIO 50S. Introduction to Cancer Biology. 3 Units.
Introduction to the molecular basis of cancer. This course will examine the biological processes that are disrupted in cancer, such as DNA repair, cell cycle control and signaling pathways, as well as the science behind some current treatments. Prerequisites: general biology.
BIO 61. Science as a Creative Process. 4 Units.
What is the process of science, and why does creativity matter? We'll delve deeply into the applicability of science in addressing a vast range of real-world problems. This course is designed to teach the scientific method as it's actually practiced by working scientists. It will cover how to ask a well-posed question, how to design a good experiment, how to collect and interpret quantitative data, how to recover from error, and how to communicate findings. Facts matter! Course topics will include experimental design, statistics and statistical significance, formulating appropriate controls, modeling, peer review, and more. The course will incorporate a significant hands-on component featuring device fabrication, testing, and measurement. Among other "Dorm Science" activities, we'll be distributing Arduino microcontroller kits and electronic sensors, then use these items, along with other materials, to complete a variety of group and individual projects outside the classroom. The final course assignment will be to develop and write a scientific grant proposal to test a student-selected myth or scientific controversy. Although helpful, no prior experience with electronics or computer programming is required. Recommended for freshmen. Same as: APPPHYS 61

BIO 62. Microbiology Experiments. 4 Units.
Micro-X is an on-ramp course in which we explore classic to modern bacteriology experiments with a focus on design and logic. Bacterial biochemistry, structure, metabolism, and genetics are covered in lecture. The lab includes microbial culture, microscopic examination, and bacteriophage discovery and characterization.

BIO 6N. Ocean Conservation: Pathways to Solutions. 3 Units.
We will learn how to design pathways to solutions by integrating social sciences and governance into our case studies. We will address both conventional (fisheries management, reducing the impacts of global shipping, marine protected areas) and emerging research and management approaches (marine spatial planning, dynamic ocean management, environmental DNA). Oceans are facing long-term challenges, like overfishing and pollution that we know how to solve, and emerging challenges, like climate change and ocean plastics, for which solutions are more elusive. Ultimately to achieve long-term sustainability, solutions have to work for both people and the planet. These puzzles offer challenging complex systems problems that will require our best interdisciplinary thinking to solve.

BIO 7N. Introduction to Conservation Photography. 3 Units.
Introduction to the field of conservation photography and the strategic use of visual communication in addressing issues concerning the environment and conservation. Students will be introduced to basic digital photography, digital image processing, and the theory and application of photographic techniques. Case studies of conservation issues will be examined through photographs and multimedia platforms including images, video, and audio. Lectures, tutorials, demonstrations, and optional field trips will culminate in the production of individual and group projects.

BIO 7SL. Introduction to Biology Lab. 2 Units.
Optional laboratory to be taken with BIO7S. Introduction to basic biological laboratory techniques, including microscopy, identification of biomolecules, assaying enzyme activity, genetic manipulation of microorganisms, assaying the effects of gene mutation on protein function, and using PCR to genotype organisms.

BIO 802. TGR Dissertation. 0 Units.

BIO 81. Introduction to Ecology. 4 Units.
This course will introduce you to the first principles of the science of ecology, the study of interactions between organisms and their environment. Prerequisites: None.

BIO 82. Genetics. 4 Units.
The focus of the course is on the basic mechanisms underlying the transmission of genetic information and on the use of genetic analysis to study biological and medical questions. Major topics will include: (1) the use of existing genetic variation in humans and other species to identify genes that play an important role in determining traits and disease-susceptibility, (2) the analysis of mutations in model organisms and their use in the investigation of biological processes and questions and (3) using genetic information for diagnosis and the potential for genetic manipulations to treat disease. Prerequisites: None, but BIO 83 is recommended.

BIO 83. Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. 4 Units.
Introduction to the molecular and biochemical basis of life. Lecture topics include the structure and function of proteins, nucleic acids, lipids and carbohydrates, energy metabolism, signal transduction, epigenetics and DNA repair. The course will also consider how defects in these processes cause disease. Prerequisites: None.

BIO 84. Physiology. 4 Units.
The focus of Physiology is on understanding how organisms tackle the physical challenges of life on Earth. This course will provide an overview of animal and plant physiology and teach an understanding of how organisms maintain homeostasis, respond to environmental cues and coordinate behaviors across multiple tissues and organ systems. We will examine the structure and function of organs and organ systems and how those systems are controlled and regulated to maintain homeostasis. Control and regulation requires information as does the ability to respond to environmental stimuli, so we will give special consideration to hormonal and neural information systems. We will also be concerned with the interactions and integration of the activities of the different organ systems we study. Prerequisites: none.

BIO 85. Evolution. 4 Units.
Principles of evolution. Adaptation and natural selection. Darwin and the history of evolutionary thought. Population genetics, including genetic variation and mutation, and effects of migration, drift, linkage, and recombination. Evolutionary phenomena: developmental evolution, life history evolution, molecular evolution, sexual selection, social evolution, and speciation. Pattern and process in biological diversity. Case studies, including human evolution. Prerequisites: None. NOTE: Section enrollments will be handled on Canvas. Students will receive a message on how to sign up.

BIO 86. Cell Biology. 4 Units.
This course will focus on the basic structures inside cells and how they execute cellular functions. Topics include organelles, membrane trafficking, the cytoskeleton, cell division, and signal transduction. Classic and recent primary literature will be incorporated into lectures with an emphasis on state of the art experimental approaches. Prerequisites: BIO 83 is highly recommended.

BIO 8N. Human Origins. 3 Units.
A survey of the anatomical and behavioral evidence for human evolution and of the increasingly important information from molecular genetics. Emphasis on the split between the human and chimpanzee lines 6-7 million years ago, the appearance of the australopiths by 4.1 million years ago, the emergence of the genus Homo about 2.5 million years ago, the spread of Homo from Africa 1.7-1.6 million years ago, the subsequent divergence of Homo into different species on different continents, and the expansion of fully modern humans (Homo sapiens) from Africa about 50,000 years ago to replace the Neanderthals and other non-modern Eurasians.

BIO 8S. Introduction to Human Physiology. 4 Units.
Normal functioning and pathophysiology of major organ systems: nervous, respiratory, cardiovascular, renal, digestive, and endocrine. Additional topics include integrative physiology, clinical case studies, and applications in genomics-based personalized medicine.