

BSC. MAJOR IN BIOLOGY

The BSc. Major in Biology, offered through the Department of Biological & Chemical Sciences, covers the living world, from molecules to ecosystems, building up-to-date knowledge and practical skills in areas that are at the forefront of modern Biology and of relevance to the Caribbean. The flexibility of the programme caters to individual interests and career goals.

Students will:

- Develop an appreciation for and knowledge of the living world.
- Become a creative problem-solver and critical thinker in the laboratory, field and classroom.
- Acquire knowledge and practical skills in areas that are at the forefront of modern Biology and relevant to the Caribbean.
- Develop transferable skills widely applicable to various careers.

Students will need 93 credits approved by the Faculty of Science and Technology. For the Biology Major, 30 credits from Biology, Biochemistry, Ecology and Microbiology (10 courses) are required.

Students must do these two courses:

BIOC2371 - Molecular Techniques

BIOL2373 - Skills for Biologists

And four of these courses:

BIOC2365 - Primary Metabolism

ECOL2460 - Essentials of Ecology

MICR2260 - Essential Microbiology

BIOL2166 - Advanced Genetics I

BIOL2370 - Flowering Plant Physiology

BIOL2371 - Ecophysiology of Animals

Also, 4 more courses that you choose from the complete courses list provided below:

MAJOR IN BIOLOGY COURSES:

LEVEL I

BIOC1015 Introduction to Biochemistry
BIOL1020 Diversity of Life I
BIOL1025 Diversity of Life II
BIOL1030 Introduction to Genetics

LEVELS II & III (30 credits)

BOTH courses (6 credits):

BIOC2371 Molecular Techniques
BIOL2373 Skills for Biologists^{1,2}

Two courses (6 credits) from:

BIOC2365 Primary Metabolism
ECOL2460 Essentials of Ecology
MICR2260 Essential Microbiology

Two courses (6 credits) from:

BIOL2166 Advanced Genetics I
BIOL2370 Flowering Plant Physiology
BIOL2371 Ecophysiology of Animals

Six (6) credits from:

Level II BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR courses
Level III BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR courses

Six (6) credits from:

Level III BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR courses

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE COURSES

Level II Courses:

BIOC2365 Primary Metabolism
BIOC2366 Protein Biochemistry
BIOC2370 Cell Signals
BIOC2900 Biochemistry Exchange Elective
BIOL2166 Advanced Genetics I

BIOL2370 Flowering Plant Physiology
BIOL2371 Ecophysiology of Animals
BIOL2372 Plants for Caribbean Landscapes
BIOL2463 Sustainable Land Use
BIOL2465 Tropical Horticulture
BIOL2466 Tropical Energy and Bioprocessing
BIOL2900 Biology Exchange Elective
ECOL2460 Essentials of Ecology
ECOL2461 Caribbean Island Biodiversity
ECOL2462 Marine Biota
ECOL2900 Ecology Exchange Elective
MICR2260 Essential Microbiology
MICR2261 Eukaryotic Microbes
MICR2262 Methods in Microbiology
MICR2900 Microbiology Exchange Elective

Level III Courses:

BIOC3260 Principles of Biotechnology
BIOC3261 Mitochondrial Bioenergetics
BIOC3370 Basis of Human Disease
BIOL3901 Multidisciplinary Project
BIOL3990 Biology Project
BIOC3265 Principles of Bioinformatics
BIOL3025 Molecular Plant Pathology
ECOL3100 Statistics for Ecologists
ECOL3460 Biology & Ecology of Coral Reefs
ECOL3461 Ecology of a Changing Planet
ECOL3462 Behaviour: An Evolutionary Approach
ECOL 3463 Tropical Crop Ecology
MICR3265 Microbiology of Food
MICR3266 Ecology of Microorganisms
MICR3267 Essential Virology
MICR3268 Microbial Pathogenesis

¹This course is offered in both semesters but it is recommended that Biology Majors take this course in Semester 2.

²Students following this Major who have passed BIOL1010 Basic Skills for Biologists cannot take BIOL2373 Skills for Biologists but must substitute any BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR level 2 or 3 course for the latter.

MINOR IN BIOLOGY (Fifteen (15) Credits):

BIOC2371 Molecular Techniques*

AND

BIOL2370 Flowering Plant Physiology

OR

BIOL2371 Ecophysiology of animals

AND Three 3-credit courses (9 credits) from

[Biological Sciences Elective Courses:](#)

Level II BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR courses

Level III BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR courses

*BIOC2371 Molecular Techniques must be replaced in the BIOL Minor by any BIOC/BIOL/ECOL/MICR 3-credit, level 2 or 3 course when the BIOL Minor is combined with a BIOC, ECOL or MICR Major.

Typical careers related to this field of study include:

- Quality Assurance Officer
- Environmental Officer
- Science Teacher
- Biosafety Officer
- Health Care Sales Representative
- Horticulturist
- Research Scientist

Students can then continue on to postgraduate programmes in Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Food Science, Forensics, Plant Pathology, and other areas of applied Biology.

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