

QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY, DOCTORAL MINOR

Technological innovations have revolutionized the scale and detail with which biological systems can be explored. With that revolution has come a demand for scientists who can develop and analyze quantitative and predictive models of biological systems. The doctoral minor in Quantitative Biology (<https://qbi.wisc.edu/>) is designed to complement the depth of training in biological or quantitative sciences that a student achieves through UW–Madison’s graduate programs with the breadth that is needed to conduct research under this paradigm. In addition to coursework in biological, quantitative, and integrated courses, students in the program will take an inter-disciplinary research seminar to prepare them for research that crosses these boundaries. This training will prepare students for careers in academic and industrial settings, where the ability to cross disciplinary lines and work in teams with diverse expertise is critical.

ADMISSIONS

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Candidates should have an undergraduate degree in a biological, quantitative, or physical science/engineering. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required.

Students interested in completing a Quantitative Biology doctoral minor should discuss with their thesis advisor and contact the minor’s faculty director to determine appropriate coursework.

All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any doctoral minor. To apply to this minor, log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. Select the information for the doctoral minor for which you are applying.

REQUIREMENTS

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PhD candidates in any department or program may obtain an interdisciplinary minor in Quantitative Biology by earning:

- A minimum of 10 credits from the courses listed below, including:
 - A required, 1-credit research seminar (students are advised to take during first year of graduate program)
 - One course from a quantitative science
 - One course from a biological science
 - One integrated course

Code	Title	Credits
Students must complete the following course.		
B M E 780	Methods in Quantitative Biology	1
Quantitative Courses		3-4
Students must complete one of the following courses.		

CBE 660	Intermediate Problems in Chemical Engineering	
COMP SCI/E C E/ I SY E 524	Introduction to Optimization	
COMP SCI/ E C E 760	Machine Learning	
MATH 443	Applied Linear Algebra	
MATH/ COMP SCI 513	Numerical Linear Algebra	
MATH/ COMP SCI 514	Numerical Analysis	
MATH 519	Ordinary Differential Equations	
MATH 531	Probability Theory	
MATH 605		
MATH 619	Analysis of Partial Differential Equations	
MATH/ COMP SCI 714	Methods of Computational Mathematics I	
STAT/MATH 431	Introduction to the Theory of Probability	
STAT/B M I 541	Introduction to Biostatistics	
STAT/ F&W ECOL 571	Statistical Methods for Bioscience I	
STAT/ F&W ECOL 572	Statistical Methods for Bioscience II	
STAT 609	Mathematical Statistics I	
STAT 610	Introduction to Statistical Inference	
STAT/I SY E/ MATH/OTM 632	Introduction to Stochastic Processes	
STAT/MATH 709	Mathematical Statistics	
STAT/MATH 710	Mathematical Statistics	
Integrated Courses		3
Students must complete one of the following courses.		
B M E 556	Systems Biology: Mammalian Signaling Networks	
B M E/CBE 782	Modeling Biological Systems	
B M E/CBE 783	Design of Biological Molecules	
B M I/ COMP SCI 576	Introduction to Bioinformatics	
B M I/BIOCHEM/ BMOLCHEM/ MATH 609	Mathematical Methods for Systems Biology	
B M I/ COMP SCI 775	Computational Network Biology	
B M I/ COMP SCI 776	Advanced Bioinformatics	
B M I 826	Special Topics in Biostatistics and Biomedical Informatics (Statistics in Human Genetics)	
or B M I/ STAT 620	Statistics in Human Genetics	
B M I/STAT 877	Statistical Methods for Molecular Biology	
BIOCHEM 570		
BOTANY/ PL PATH 563	Phylogenetic Analysis of Molecular Data	

GENETICS 885	Advanced Genomic and Proteomic Analysis
MICROBIO 657	Bioinformatics for Microbiologists
ONCOLOGY 778	Bioinformatics for Biologists
Biological Courses	2-3
Students must complete one of the following courses.	
BIOCHEM 501	Introduction to Biochemistry
BIOCHEM 601	Protein and Enzyme Structure and Function
BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MICROBIO 612	Prokaryotic Molecular Biology
BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MD GENET 620	Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
BIOCHEM/ BOTANY 621	Plant Biochemistry
BIOCHEM 625	Mechanisms of Action of Vitamins and Minerals
BIOCHEM/ CHEM 704	Chemical Biology
BIOCHEM 719	From Atoms to Molecules
GENETICS 466	Principles of Genetics
GENETICS/ BOTANY/M M & I/ PL PATH 655	Biology and Genetics of Fungi
GENETICS 701	Advanced Genetics
MICROBIO 526 MICROBIO 607	Physiology of Microorganisms
MICROBIO/ BMOLCHEM 668	Microbiology at Atomic Resolution
ONCOLOGY 703	Carcinogenesis and Tumor Cell Biology
PATH 750 & PATH 752	Cellular and Molecular Biology/ Pathology and Cellular and Molecular Biology/ Pathology Seminar
ZOOLOGY 570	Cell Biology
Total Credits	10

PEOPLE

PEOPLE QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY PHD MINOR COMMITTEE

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For a complete list of relevant Quantitative Biology faculty, please see All Faculty (<https://qbi.wisc.edu/research/all-faculty/>).