BIOLOGY CORE CURRICULUM (BIOCORE)

BIOCORE 181 — BECOMING A SCIENTIST: DOING BIOLOGY RESEARCH
2 credits.

Orientation to biology research on campus, work in a research team to investigate a novel research question, and do biology research on a choice of topics: from ecology and physiology to cell biology. Emphasis is on critical thinking required in designing and conducting experiments, analyzing and interpreting data, and communicating findings orally and in writing. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

BIOCORE 381 — EVOLUTION, ECOLOGY, AND GENETICS
3 credits.

Basic principles of ecology and interrelations between individuals, populations, communities, ecosystems and their environment; transmission genetics and introduction to population genetics; origin of life, evolutionary mechanisms, ancestral relationships among species, and the diversity of life. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: Declared in Biology Core Curriculum program

Course Designation: Gen Ed - Communication Part B
Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

BIOCORE 382 — EVOLUTION, ECOLOGY, AND GENETICS LABORATORY
2 credits.

Writing-intensive course with opportunities for students to make observations and generate and test their own questions. Includes field trips to the Biocore Prairie and local stream, and research projects that focus on genetics and evolution. Enroll Info: Completion of or concurrent registration in BIOCORE 381 (or Biocore 301 previous to Fall 2014)

Requisites: Declared in Biology Core Curriculum program

Course Designation: Gen Ed - Communication Part B
Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

BIOCORE 383 — CELLULAR BIOLOGY
3 credits.

Cellular and molecular basis of life. The main themes are the structure and function of cells and organelles, the flow of energy in cells, and the storage, expression, and regulation of genetic information. Enroll Info: BIOCORE 381 (or Biocore 301 previous to Fall 2014), CHEM 341 or 343; or consent of instructor

Requisites: BIOCORE 381

Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

BIOCORE 384 — CELLULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY
2 credits.

Writing-intensive course with opportunities for students to generate and test their own questions utilizing concepts and procedures of cell biology. Includes research projects in subcellular fractionation, protein structure and enzyme catalysis, molecular genetics of C.elegans worms, and signal transduction in yeast. Enroll Info: Completion of or concurrent registration in BIOCORE 383 (or Biocore 303 previous to Spring 2014) or BIOCHEM 501 GENETICS 466. Sophomore or Junior status or consent of instructor

Requisites: BIOCORE 381

Course Designation: Gen Ed - Communication Part B
Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

BIOCORE 401 — PEER MENTORING
1 credit.

Weekly seminar for development of mentoring, group facilitation, leadership, and interpersonal skills used in peer learning and leading mentored study groups. This course focuses on the pedagogy, skills, and effective techniques used to facilitate learning in small groups. Activities and assignments include discussion of readings, leading practice facilitation/p problem solving sessions and receiving feedback, development of practice problems and questions from lower order to higher order cognitive levels using Blooms Taxonomy, doing reciprocal mentor observations, and reflective journal assignments. Enroll Info: None

Requisites: BIOCORE 381, 383, and (BIOCORE 382 or 384)

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020
BIOCORE 485 — PRINCIPLES OF PHYSIOLOGY
3 credits.

Physiology course that considers how plants and animals interact with their environments to survive, obtain nutrients, exchange gases, and reproduce, also how the complex systems of neural and endocrine regulation in animals and hormonal and environmental regulation in plants allow cells and organs to communicate. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: BIOCORE 383
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

BIOCORE 486 — PRINCIPLES OF PHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY
2 credits.

Students experience the process of science by collaborating on two multi-week independent experiments to investigate their own questions about animal and plant physiology. Emphasis is on critical thinking required in designing and conducting experiments, analyzing and interpreting data, and communicating findings orally and in writing. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: BIOCORE 485 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

BIOCORE 587 — BIOLOGICAL INTERACTIONS
3 credits.

This capstone course helps students build on and integrate the knowledge and skills they have gained in the previous three semesters of Biocore lab and lecture coursework through readings and analysis of primary scientific literature. The course is organized such that students work in small groups to analyze current and emerging topics through the lens of scientific research. Topics include signaling pathways, systems biology, genetic disease, and cancer. Enroll Info: BIOCORE 381, 383, and 485 (or Biocore 301, 303, and 323 previous to Spring 2014); or consent of instructor
Requisites: BIOCORE 485
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

BIOCORE 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: Biocore 301 consent of instructor
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Summer 2021