

# ENTOMOLOGY, B.S.

## WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

While entomology clearly is “big science,” our department prides itself on a “small campus” feel in which we get to know our undergraduate students during their time with us.

In the classroom, we strive to maintain labs at not more than 15-20 students to maximize individualized and participatory learning. Students are given additional opportunities for deep and engaged learning experiences through honors options that are generally available for most courses and field and/or lab experiences in many of the upper-level courses.

Very nearly all our majors have opportunities to work alongside our faculty and graduate students in research labs and in the field. Our major accommodates 1–3 credits (of the 15 entomology credits required to major) in the area of directed/independent study and internships to promote extracurricular and outside the traditional classroom learning.

Many of our undergraduate majors are also involved in service learning and teaching through our departmental “Insect Ambassadors (<https://insectambassadors.wiscweb.wisc.edu/>)” outreach program to K–12, various clubs, and organizations. We are committed (<http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/ento/outreach/>) to the UW System goal to provide Wisconsin’s citizens with opportunities to benefit from, and contribute to, the state’s growing “knowledge economy” through the land-grant university three-fold mission of teaching, research, and public service. We also have an active Undergraduate Entomology Society for majors—or any UW–Madison students interested in entomology. Research and internship opportunities are also available in the UW Insect Research Collection (WIRC) (<http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/wirc/>) as well as possible participation in WIRC sponsored collecting expeditions in Wisconsin and around the United States.