

BIOLOGY IN ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING MAJORS, CERTIFICATE

The biology in engineering certificate (BEC) is designed for engineering students who want to strengthen their biology backgrounds. It is offered especially to encourage engineering students in traditional disciplines to prepare themselves to understand the special engineering problems in biology and medicine. A student successfully fulfilling the requirements will have the notation "Biology in Engineering Certificate" added to the transcript.

HOW TO GET IN

The Biology in Engineering Certificate was designed and is administered by a Biology in Engineering Certificate Committee composed of faculty from multiple engineering disciplines. Students normally should begin the program during their sophomore or junior year, but seniors may also apply.

Prerequisites to enter the certificate program:

- Prior admission to an engineering B.S. degree program (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/engineering/#degreesmajorscertificatestext>) or Biological Systems Engineering (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/biological-systems-engineering/biological-systems-engineering-bs/>) through the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/>) at the UW-Madison.
- Students pursuing an undergraduate degree at UW-Madison need to have completed at least one intermediate-level (minimum 200-level) engineering course.

Click here (<https://go.wisc.edu/bme-bec-application/>) for certificate application.

REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requires a minimum of 15 credits:

GENERAL BIOLOGY: 5 CREDITS

Code	Title	Credits
Choose one combination:		
BIOCORE 381 & BIOCORE 382	Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics and Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics Laboratory	5
BIOCORE 383 & BIOCORE 384	Cellular Biology and Cellular Biology Laboratory	5
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 101 & ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 102	Animal Biology and Animal Biology Laboratory	5
ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 151	Introductory Biology	5

ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 152	Introductory Biology	5
ZOOLOGY 153	Introductory Biology (and)	3
BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	Animal Biology Laboratory (or)	

choose 2 more credits from list below

ADVANCED BIOLOGY: 5-CREDIT MINIMUM

Code	Title	Credits
Advanced Biology (5 cr. minimum): Recommended to choose a lecture/lab combination as outlined below, but any combination of courses is acceptable		
ANAT&PHY 335	Physiology	5
ANAT&PHY 435	Fundamentals of Human Physiology	5
BIOCORE 485 & BIOCORE 486	Principles of Physiology and Principles of Physiology Laboratory	5
BIOCORE 587	Biological Interactions	3
BIOCHEM 501	Introduction to Biochemistry	3
BIOCHEM 507	General Biochemistry I	3
BIOCHEM 508	General Biochemistry II	3-4
BMOLCHEM 314	Introduction to Human Biochemistry	3
GENETICS 466 & GENETICS 545	Principles of Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	5
GENETICS/ MD GENET 662	Cancer Genetics	3
MICROBIO 303 & MICROBIO 304	Biology of Microorganisms and Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory	5
MICROBIO/ FOOD SCI 324 & MICROBIO/ FOOD SCI 325	Food Microbiology Laboratory and Food Microbiology	5
MICROBIO 330	Host-Parasite Interactions	3
M M & I 301 & M M & I 302	Pathogenic Bacteriology and Medical Microbiology Laboratory	5
M M & I 341	Immunology	3
M M & I/PATH-BIO 528	Immunology	3
M M & I/ BIOCHEM 575	Biology of Viruses	2
ZOOLOGY/ ENVIR ST 315 & ZOOLOGY 316	Limnology-Conservation of Aquatic Resources and Laboratory for Limnology-Conservation of Aquatic Resources	4-5
ZOOLOGY/ENTOM/ M M & I/PATH-BIO 350	Parasitology	3
ZOOLOGY/ANTHRO/ BOTANY 410	Evolutionary Biology	3
ZOOLOGY 430	Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates	5

ZOOLOGY 470 & ZOOLOGY 555	Introduction to Animal Development and Laboratory in Developmental Biology	6	CIV ENGR/ M&ENVTOX/ SOIL SCI 631	Toxicants in the Environment: Sources, Distribution, Fate, & Effects	3
ZOOLOGY 504	Modeling Animal Landscapes	3-5	COMP SCI/B M I 576	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3
ZOOLOGY/ ENVIR ST 510 & ZOOLOGY/ ENVIR ST 511	Ecology of Fishes and Ecology of Fishes Lab	5	E C E 542	Introduction to Microelectromechanical Systems	3
ZOOLOGY/ PSYCH 523	Neurobiology	3	I S Y E/B M E 564	Occupational Ergonomics and Biomechanics	3
ZOOLOGY 525	Tropical Herpetology	1	INTEREGR 301	Engineering and Biology: Technological Symbiosis	1-4
ZOOLOGY 570	Cell Biology	3	M S & E 553	Nanomaterials & Nanotechnology	3
ZOOLOGY 611 & ZOOLOGY 612	Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology and Comparative Physiology Laboratory	5			

BIOLOGY IN ENGINEERING: 3-CREDIT MINIMUM

Code	Title	Credits
Biology in Engineering (3 cr. minimum): Choose one		3
B M E/M E 414	Orthopaedic Biomechanics - Design of Orthopaedic Implants	3
B M E/M E 415	Biomechanics of Human Movement	3
B M E/PHM SCI 430	Biological Interactions with Materials	3
B M E/E C E 462	Medical Instrumentation	3
B M E/E C E 463	Computers in Medicine	3
B M E/M E 505	Biofluidics	3
B M E 510	Introduction to Tissue Engineering	3
B M E 520	Stem Cell Bioengineering	3
B M E 545	Engineering Extracellular Matrices	3
B M E 550	Introduction to Biological and Medical Microsystems	3
B M E/M E 615	Tissue Mechanics	3
B M E/MED PHYS/ PHM COL-M/ PHYSICS/ RADIOL 619	Microscopy of Life	3
BSE 249	Engineering Principles for Biological Systems	3
BSE 349	Quantitative Techniques for Biological Systems	3
BSE 364	Engineering Properties of Food and Biological Materials	3
BSE 365	Measurements and Instrumentation for Biological Systems	3
BSE/FOOD SCI/ M E 441	Rheology of Foods and Biomaterials	3
BSE/FOOD SCI 642	Food and Pharmaceutical Separations	2-3
CBE/B M E 560	Biochemical Engineering	3
CIV ENGR 320	Environmental Engineering	3
CIV ENGR 322	Environmental Engineering Processes	3
CIV ENGR/ SOIL SCI 623	Microbiology of Waterborne Pathogens and Indicator Organisms	3

SEMINAR: 1 CREDIT

Code	Title	Credits
B M E 517	Biology in Engineering Seminar	1
Total Credits		1

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Develop an understanding of basic biology and a selected area of advanced biology.
2. Develop an understanding of the challenges in biology, medicine, public health, and environmental health that are currently being addressed by engineering research and development.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in the application of engineering principles to solve problems in the field based on biological principles.

PEOPLE

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