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upper-division electives selected from areas of special interest.

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Biotechnology is centered in the laboratory and employs sophisticated molecular biology techniques for applications in human and animal health, agriculture, environment, and specialty biochemical manufacturing. In the next century, the major driving force for biotechnology will be the strategic use of the data derived from large-scale genome sequencing projects.

Bioinformatics turns raw data from genome sequencing and new experimental methodologies such as microarrays and proteomics into useful and accessible information about gene function, protein structure, molecular evolution, drug targets and disease mechanisms using computational analyses, statistics, and pattern recognition. Our approach also includes team projects drawn from biotechnology industries to focus on real-world problems and applications of biological and computational sciences and to inculcate interpersonal as well as problem-solving skills using multiple perspectives.

CAREERS: No changes made.

Requirements for the Degree Program

COMMON LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMPHASES OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY (8 UNITS):

- BIOL 200* Principles of Organismal and Population Biology, GE-B2 (4)
- BIOL 201 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology (4)

FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY:

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR (39 units)

1. Required Biology Courses (25 units)
   - BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
   - BIOL 302 Genetics (4)
   - BIOL 303 Evolutionary Biology (3)
   - BIOL 304 Comparative Animal Physiology (3)
   - BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)
   - BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment, GE-B2, UDID (4)
   - BIOL 499 Senior Capstone (3)

2. Electives in Biology (14 units)
   Select from the following list of courses, one of which must be a lab course.
   - BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
   - BIOL 310 Animal Biology and Ecology (4)
   - BIOL 311 Plant Biology and Ecology (4)
   - BIOL 312 Marine Biology (4)
   - BIOL 313 Conservation Biology (4)
   - BIOL 316 Invertebrate Zoology (4)
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   **AND**
   - A MINIMUM OF 2 UNITS TAKEN FROM THE FOLLOWING:
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   - BIOL 423 Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology (3)
   - BIOL 424 Human Physiology (3)
   - BIOL 425 Human Genetics (3)
   - BIOL 427 Developmental Biology (4)
   - BIOL 428 Biology of Cancer (3)
   - BIOL 431* Bioinformatics, GE-B2, B4, UDID (4)

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (73 units)**

1. **Chemistry (16 units)**
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
   - CHEM 311 Organic Chemistry I (3)
   - CHEM 312 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
   - CHEM 314 Organic Chemistry II (3)
   - CHEM 315 Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)

2. **Physics (8 units)**
   - Select either
     - PHYS 100 Introduction to Physics I (4)
     - PHYS 101 Introduction to Physics II (4)
   - or
     - PHYS 200 General Physics I (4)
     - PHYS 201 General Physics II (4)

3. **Statistics and Mathematics (7 units)**
   - BIOL 203* QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BIOLOGY, GE-B3 (3)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)

4. **Other Required GE Courses in Categories A-E (36 units)**
   - Category A (9)
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- BIOL 494 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (1-3)
- BIOL 497 DIRECTED STUDY (1-3)

REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER
| BIOL 303 Evolutionary Biology (3) |
| BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4) |
| BIOL 401 Biotechnology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (5) |
| BIOL 431* Bioinformatics, GE-B2, B4, UDID (4) |

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**AND**

- BIOL 499 Senior Capstone Colloquium (1)

2. Electives in Biology (9 units)

*Select from the following list of courses:*

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- BIOL 428 Biology of Cancer (3)
- BIOL 432* Principles of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, GE-B2, D, UDID (3)
- BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment, GE-B2, UDID (4)

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (72 units):**

1. Chemistry (minimum 15 units)
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
   - CHEM 311 Organic Chemistry I (3)
   - CHEM 312 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
   - **AND select either**
   - CHEM 318 Biological Chemistry (3)
   - or
   - CHEM 314 Organic Chemistry II (3)
   - CHEM 315 Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
   - (A year-long organic chemistry sequence with laboratory taken at a community college may be accepted for the Biology major in lieu of CHEM 311, 312, 314, 315.)

2. Physics (8 units)

   *select either*
   - PHYS 100 Introduction to Physics I (4)
   - PHYS 101 Introduction to Physics II (4)
   - or
   - PHYS 200 General Physics I (4)
   - PHYS 201 General Physics II (4)

3. Statistics and Mathematics (7 units)
   - BIOL 203* QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BIOLOGY, GE-B3 (3)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)

4. Other Required GE Courses in Categories A-E (36 units)
   - Category A (9)
   - Category C (12)
   - Category D (12)
   - Category E (3)

5. American Institutions Requirement (6 units)
(Note: Students completing the following courses to satisfy this category will obtain a Minor in Chemistry in addition to a Major in Biology:

- CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
- CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
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- CHEM 312 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 314 Organic Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 315 Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 400 Biochemistry (4)

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3. Statistics and Mathematics (7 units)
   - BIOL 202 Biostatistics (3)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)

4. Required General Education Courses (6 UNITS)
   - ENGL 330 Writing in the Disciplines, GE-A1, A2, UDID (3)
   AND select one of the following:
   - BIOL 326* Scientific and Professional Ethics, GE-D (3)
   - PHYS/ENGL 338* Science and Conscience, GE-B1, C2, UDID (3)

5. Other GE Courses in Categories A-E (30 units)
   - Category A (6) three units covered by a required GE course for the degree program
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   - Category C (9) three units covered by a required GE course for the degree program
   - Category D (12)
   - Category E (3)

6. American Institutions Requirement (6 units)

FOR EMPHASIS IN MEDICAL IMAGING:

ADDITIONAL LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR (8 units):
- BIOL 210 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4)
- BIOL 211 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4)

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR (38 units):

1. Required Biology and Physics Courses (30 units)
   - BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
   - BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
   - BIOL 302 Genetics (4)
   - BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)
   - BIOL/PHYS 416 Radiobiology and Radionuclides (3)
   - BIOL/PHYS 434* Introduction to Biomedical Imaging, GE-B1, E, UDID (4)
   - BIOL/PHYS 464 Biomedical Instrumentation (4)
   - BIOL 499 Senior Capstone (3)

2. Electives in Biology and Physics (8 units):

   Select from the following list of courses:
   - BIOL/PHYS 315 Introduction to Biophysics (4)
   - BIOL 401 Biotechnology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (5)
   - BIOL 420 Cellular and Molecular Immunology (4)
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AND A MINIMUM OF 2 UNITS TAKEN FROM the following:
- PHYS 492 Physics Internship (3)
- BIOL or PHYS 494 Independent Research (1-3)
- BIOL or PHYS 497 Directed Study (1-3)

REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (66 units):
1. Chemistry (15 units)
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
   - CHEM 311 Organic Chemistry I (3)
   - CHEM 312 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
   - CHEM 318 Biological Chemistry (3)
   (An organic chemistry I-equivalent course with laboratory taken at a community college may be accepted for the Biology major in lieu of CHEM 311 and 312.)
2. Mathematics (4 units)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)
3. PHYSICS (8 units)
   - select either
   - PHYS 100 Introduction to Physics I (4)
   - PHYS 101 Introduction to Physics II (4)
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2. Mathematics (4 units)
   - MATH 150 Calculus I (4)

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5. Other GE Courses in Categories A-D (27 units)
   - Category A (6) three units covered by a required GE course for the degree program
   - Category B- covered by required courses for the degree program
   - Category C (9) three units covered by a

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BIOLOGY (120 units):**

**COMMON LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMPHASES (8 units):**

- BIOL 200* Principles of Organismal and Population Biology, GE-B2 (4)
- BIOL 201 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology (4)

**FOR EMPHASIS IN GENERAL BIOLOGY:**

**UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR (37 units):**

1. Required Biology Courses (25 units)
   - BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
   - BIOL 302 Genetics (4)
   - BIOL 303 Evolutionary Biology (3)
   - BIOL 304 Comparative Animal Physiology (3)
   - BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)
   - BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment (4)
   - BIOL 499 Senior Capstone (3)

2. Electives in Biology (12 units)
   - Select at least three courses from the following list, one of which must be a lab
required GE course for the degree program
  category d (12)
Category E- covered by a required GE course
  for the degree program
6. American Institutions Requirement (6 units)

(Courses with * are double-counted toward GE
  credits.)

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   - BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
   - BIOL 302 Genetics (4)
   - BIOL 303 Evolutionary Biology (3)
   - BIOL 304 Comparative Animal Physiology (3)
   - BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)
   - BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment (4)

   **AND**

2. Electives in Biology (12 units)
   - Select at least three courses from the following list, one of which must be a lab course.
     - BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
     - BIOL 310 Animal Biology and Ecology (4)
     - BIOL 311 Plant Biology and Ecology (4)
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3. Other Required GE Courses in Categories A-E (36)

   - BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
   - BIOL 310 Animal Biology and Ecology (4)
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   - BIOL 401 Biotechnology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (5)
   - BIOL 402 Toxicology (3)
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   - BIOL 428 Biology of Cancer (3)
   - BIOL 431* Bioinformatics, GE-B2, B4, UDID (4)
   - BIOL 432* Principles of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, GE-B2, D, UDID (3)
   - BIOL 450 Ichthyology: The Biology of Fishes (4)

   **NO MORE THAN 2 UNITS TAKEN FROM THE FOLLOWING:**
   - BIOL 492 INTERNSHIP (2-3)
   - BIOL 494 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (1-3)
   - BIOL 497 DIRECTED STUDY (1-3)

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (53-54 units):**

1. Chemistry (8 units)
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
2. Mathematics and Statistics (3-4 units)
   - Select one of the following:
     - BIOL 203* QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BIOLOGY, GE-B3 (3)
     - MATH 105 Pre-Calculus (4)
     - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)
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ELECTIVES IN ANY DISCIPLINE (21-22 units)

FOR EMPHASIS IN PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES:
UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR (32 units):
1. Required Biology Courses (21-22 units)
   BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
   BIOL 302 Genetics (4)
   BIOL 304 Comparative Animal Physiology (3)
   BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)
   AND
   Select one of the following:
   BIOL 303 Evolutionary Biology (3)
   BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment, GE-B2, UDID (4)
   AND
   BIOL 499 Senior Capstone (3)
2. Electives in Biology (10-11 units)
   Select at least three courses from the following list, one of which must be a lab course.
   BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
   BIOL 310 Animal Biology and Ecology (4)
   BIOL 311 Plant Biology and Ecology (4)
   BIOL 312 Marine Biology (4)
   BIOL 313 Conservation Biology (4)
   BIOL 316 Invertebrate Zoology (4)
   BIOL 317 Parasitology (4)
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- BIOL 433* Ecology and the Environment, GE-B2, UDID (4)

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A minimum of 2 units taken from the following:
- BIOL 492 Internship (2-3)
- BIOL 494 Independent Research (1-3)
- BIOL 497 Directed Study (1-3)

**AND**

BIOL 499 Senior Capstone Colloquium (1)

2. Electives in Biology (10-11 units)

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- BIOL 301 Microbiology (4)
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- BIOL 427 Developmental Biology (4)
- BIOL 428 Biology of Cancer (3)

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (69-70 units):**

1. Chemistry (16 units)
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
   - CHEM 311 Organic Chemistry I (3)
   - CHEM 312 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
   - CHEM 314 Organic Chemistry II (3)
   - CHEM 315 Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)

2. Mathematics and Statistics (3-4 units)
   *Select one of the following:*
   - BIOL 203*, QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR BIOLOGY, GE-B3 (3)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)

   *(check with professional schools or pre-professional advisor for specific requirements in this category.)*

3. Physics (8 units)
   - PHYS 100 Introduction to Physics I (4)
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4. Other Required GE Courses in Categories A-E (36)
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- BIOL 450 Ichthyology: The Biology of Fishes (4)

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING AND OTHER GE COURSES (76 units):**

1. Required Education Course (3 units)
   - EDUC 330* Introduction To Secondary Schooling, GE-D, UDID (3)

2. Mathematics and Statistics (7 units)
   - MATH 105 Pre-Calculus (4)
   - MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)

3. Physical Sciences (24 units)
   - CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
   - CHEM 122 General Chemistry II (4)
   - GEOL 121 Physical Geology (4)
   - PHYS 100 Introduction to Physics I (4)
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4. Other Required GE Courses in Categories A-E (36)
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5. American Institutions Requirements (6)

(Courses with * are double-counted toward GE credits.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOINFORMATICS (33-34 units)**

(Pending approval from the Chancellor’s Office and offered through California State University)
1. Required Education Course (3 units)
   EDUC 330* Introduction To Secondary
   Schooling, GE-D, UDID (3)
2. Mathematics and Statistics (7 units)
   BIOL 202* Biostatistics, GE-B3 (3)
   AND
   MATH 105 Pre-Calculus (4)
   Or
   MATH 150* Calculus I, GE-B3 (4)
3. Physical Sciences (24 units)
   CHEM 121* General Chemistry I, GE-B1 (4)
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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF
SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY
AND BIOINFORMATICS (33-35 units)
(Pending approval from the Chancellor’s Office
and offered through California State University
Channel Islands Extended Education Program)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
- Applicants must have a BS/BA
degree in Biology, Computer
Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or
Mathematics. Alternatively, they
must have a BA/BS degree in any
field and equivalent work
experiences in one of the above
fields. The prerequisite courses for
the graduate level courses should be
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Master of Science Degree in Biotechnology
and Bioinformatics is a professional degree
program designed to meet the needs of
biotechnology industry and related public and
private agencies and organizations. The program
combines rigorous scientific training in
interdisciplinary areas in biotechnology and
bioinformatics with course work and experience
in business management and regulatory affairs.
The program includes a set of core courses with
two emphases to choose from: biotechnology
and bioinformatics.

Biotechnology is centered in the laboratory and
employs sophisticated molecular biology
techniques for applications in human and animal
health, agriculture, environment, and specialty
biochemical manufacturing. In the next century,
the major driving force for biotechnology will be
the strategic use of the data derived from large-
scale genome sequencing projects.

Bioinformatics turns raw data from genome
sequencing and new experimental methodologies
such as microarrays and proteomics into useful
and accessible information about gene function,
protein structure, molecular evolution, drug
targets and disease mechanisms using
computational analyses, statistics, and pattern
recognition. Our approach also includes team
projects drawn from biotechnology industries to
focus on real-world problems and applications of
biological and computational sciences and to
inculcate interpersonal as well as problem-
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   MAY BE GRANTED CONDITIONAL
courses after conditional admission.

- Applicants seeking admission to the professional MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program must be officially accepted into the CSUCI academic program.
- Applicants must declare themselves as graduate students in the professional MS degree program in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.
- Applicants will be evaluated by the program admissions committee which will consider the applicants in the context of the total applicant pool using our general admission standards. No arbitrary grade point or test score will be used in the evaluation process. However, the following materials are required for our evaluation and admission process.
- Applicants must submit to the program their transcript from their undergraduate institution, Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test scores or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores.
- Applicants, who have received their undergraduate degrees from a university where English is not the language of instruction, or have studied fewer than two years at a university where instruction is in English, must submit to the program their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores for evaluation.
- A one page “Statement of Purpose” from the applicant and two letters of recommendations from people who are able to judge the applicant’s capacity for both academic and professional success should be submitted to the program for evaluation.
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:
COMMON CORE COURSES (16 units):
BINF 500 DNA and Protein Sequence Analysis
- Although a BS/BA in the natural or life science, computer science, or mathematics is likely to provide the most thorough academic preparation for our program, it is not a prerequisite for admission. Relevant work experience in fields of biotechnology, computing, pharmaceuticals, medical, environmental, and agricultural biotechnology, clinical trials, regulatory affairs, intellectual property law, and management in biotechnology is looked upon favorably. However, as our program demands sophisticated technical training which requires a comparable level of requisite knowledge and skills, some deficiency in academic preparation among applicants who have relevant work experience may be offered conditional admission, contingent upon successful completion of prerequisite academic work specified by the admissions committee.

- Once admitted, students must remain in good academic standing throughout the duration of their enrollment in CSUCI.

- Students must complete and fulfill the requirements of the degree program within a designated period specified by the university.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:
COMMON CORE COURSES (19 units):
BINF 500 DNA and Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
BINF 501 Biological Informatics (3)
BIOL 502 Techniques in Genomics and Proteomics (2)
BIOL 503 Biotechnology Law and Regulation (3)
MGT 471 Project Management (3)
BIOL 600 Team Project (4)
BIOL 601 Seminar Series in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (1)

For Biotechnology Emphasis (17 units):
REQUIRED COURSES (7 units):
BIOL 504 Molecular Cell Biology (3)
BIOL 505 Molecular Structure (4)

ELECTIVES (10 units):
A minimum of 10 units chosen from the following courses and/or from the elective courses under the Bioinformatics Emphasis:
BIOL 506 Molecular Evolution (4)
BIOL 507 Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacoproteomics (3)
BIOL 508 Advanced Immunology (4)
BIOL 509 Plant Biotechnology (4)
MGT 421 Human Resource Management (3)

For Bioinformatics Emphasis (18 units):
REQUIRED COURSES (12 units):
BINF 501 BIOLOGICAL INFORMATICS (3)
BINF 510 Database Systems for Bioinformatics (3)
BINF 511 Computational Genomics (3)
BINF 513 Programming for Bioinformatics (3)

ELECTIVES (6 units):
A minimum of two courses chosen from the following and/or from the elective courses under the Biotechnology Emphasis, with at least one course in the BINF category:
BINF 512 Algorithms for Bioinformatics (3)
BINF 514 Statistical Methods in Computational Biology (3)
PHYS 445 Image Analysis and Pattern Recognition (3)
MGT 421 Human Resource Management (3)
### For Biotechnology Emphasis (14 units):

**REQUIRED COURSES (7 units):**
- BIOL 504 Molecular Cell Biology (3)
- BIOL 505 Molecular Structure (4)

**ELECTIVES (7 units):**  
A minimum of 7 units chosen from the following courses and/or from the elective courses under the Bioinformatics Emphasis:
- BIOL 506 Molecular Evolution (4)
- BIOL 507 Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacoproteomics (3)
- BIOL 508 Advanced Immunology (4)
- BIOL 509 Plant Biotechnology (4)
- MGT 421 Human Resource Management (3)

### For Bioinformatics Emphasis (15-16 units):

**REQUIRED COURSES (9 units):**
- BINF 510 Database Systems for Bioinformatics (3)
- BINF 511 Computational Genomics (3)
- BINF 513 Programming for Bioinformatics (3)

**ELECTIVES (6-7 units):**  
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- PHYS 445 Image Analysis and Pattern Recognition (3)
- MGT 421 Human Resource Management (3)

### PROPOSED COURSE OF STUDY:

#### For Biotechnology Emphasis:

**Year 1 (15 units)**
- Semester 1
  - BINF 500 DNA and Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
  - BIOL 501 Biological Informatics (3)
  - BIOI 600 Team Project (4)
  - Electives (7)

**Year 2 (20 units)**
- Semester 1
  - BIOL 502 Techniques in Genomics and Proteomics (2)
  - BIOL 505 Molecular Structure (4)
  - Electives (3)
- Semester 2
  - BINF 500 DNA and Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
  - BIOL 503 Biotechnology Law and Regulation (3)
  - BIOL 601 Seminar Series in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (1)

#### For Bioinformatics Emphasis:

**Year 1 (13 units)**
- Semester 1
  - BINF 501 Biological Informatics (3)
  - MGT 471 Project Management (3)
- Semester 2
  - BINF 500 DNA and Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
  - BIOL 503 Biotechnology Law and Regulation (3)
  - BIOL 601 Seminar Series in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (1)

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**Requirements for the Minor in Biology (21 units)**

No changes made.

**Requirements for the Certificate in Biotechnology (23-24 units)**

No changes made.

**Requirements for Honors in Biology**

No changes made.
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR IN BIOLOGY (21 units)  
No changes made.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (23-24 units)  
No changes made.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HONORS IN BIOLOGY  
No changes made.
SUMMARY OF CHANGES

1. Moved BIOL 492, 494 and 497 courses from required to elective courses in biology for the BS and BA programs;
2. Made BIOL 499 a 3-unit course for the BS and BA programs;
3. Removed ENGL 330, BIOL 326 and PHYS 338 from required GE courses for the following emphases: BS in Biology (ENGL 330), BS in Biology with Emphases in Cell and Molecular Biology and Medical Imaging (ENGL 330 and BIOL 326 or PHYS 338);
4. Modified the Admission Requirements for the MS program;
5. Streamlined the Admission Requirements for the MS program;
6. Deleted BINF 501 course from the MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics with an Emphasis in Biotechnology, and
7. Rearranged the sequence of Proposed Course of Study for the MS program.

JUSTIFICATION

1. In the last four-and-a-half years of offering the biology degree programs, we have observed uneven experiences from the students who completed the BIOL 499 Senior Capstone Colloquium where students were required to present what they had completed in their service learning projects in BIOL 492, 494 or 497. This was mainly due to the sheer numbers of students required to complete either BIOL 492, 494 or 497, and the limited faculty members who could supervise students carrying out these projects. To enrich our students’ educational experience and to improve the quality of the Biology Program, we would like to move the BIOL 492, 494 and 497 courses from required to elective courses in biology. All biology undergraduate students are still required to complete the newly designed BIOL 499 course that will provide them with an enriched capstone course. We realize that various other program areas have been using these similar types of service learning courses as electives as well.

2. BIOL 499 in its original design was to have students to present in written and oral forms what they have learned from carrying out the BIOL 492, 494 and 497 projects. Since the latter three courses are no longer required but only elective courses, the previous objectives of BIOL 499 as a capstone course for students are no longer there. We redesigned the BIOL 499 course to make it a senior capstone course that will have major scientific writing and bioethics components incorporated into the course and its discussions. Students will also orally present their study of scientific journals and findings in the course.

3. Because of the modification of BIOL 499 which will emphasize writing and bioethics as well as oral and written communications, there is no longer a need to require students to take ENGL 330, BIOL 326 or PHYS 338.

4. The modification is to align MS program admission requirements with the general CSU admission requirements for graduate students.

5. All applicants for the MS program need to go through a dual admission process: the CSUCI university admission process and the MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program admission process. The Catalog lists the CSUCI University Admission Requirements for graduate students under the section of Admissions, Recruitment, Records, and Registration. However, it does not cover specific program admission requirements. For the convenience of the potential graduate student applicants and for the clarity of the dual admission process, the specific Admission Requirements for the MS program need to be listed under the program description. For example, the Education Program listed all the program specific
Admission Requirements under each of their Credential Programs in the Catalog. The Biology Program believes that it is important for us to list all the program admission requirements as well.

6. BINF 501, as a bioinformatics course, is not necessary for students in the Biotechnology Emphasis of the MS program, and therefore is deleted from this emphasis. It remains as a required course for the Bioinformatics Emphasis.

7. The rearrangement is stemming from our current implementation of the MS program.

____Ching-Hua Wang___________________Nov. 22, 2005____________________________
Proposer of Program Modification Date
Approvals

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Program Chair     Date

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Curriculum Committee Chair   Date

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Program Modification Consultation Sheet

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