Introduction

The Department of Biology offers undergraduate programs for students interested in a natural science education that will prepare them for careers in biological research, medicine and other health-related fields, teaching, environmental management and other fields that require a broad base of biological knowledge.

Educational Objectives

The Department of Biology trains students to understand and use the scientific method, and to engage in critical thinking and experimental design. We strongly encourage original laboratory and/or field research under the mentorship of biology faculty. The Bachelor of Science in Biology prepares the student for further training in natural science, such as biology graduate school, as well as medical, dental, or other health-care professions. The Bachelor of Arts degree prepares the student for a career in more humanities-related fields such as teaching or environmental law.

Degree Programs

Two undergraduate degrees are available in Biology: the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts.

Both require a major in Biology consisting of 34 credit hours in BIL with a minimum grade of C- in each course and an overall GPA of 2.0.

Additional course requirements for each degree are listed under Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Departmental Honors

Honors Program

See HONORS PROGRAMS elsewhere in this Bulletin for minimal requirements. In addition to the grade point averages specified in the minimal requirements, the following program constitutes the Biology Departmental Honors Program:

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Select a minimum of two of the following:

- BIL 495: Projects in Biology
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Select a minimum of two BIL credit hours from the following:

- BIL 299: Seminar in Research Problems
- BIL 374: Seminar in Biology
- BIL 375: Seminar in Biology
- BIL 402: Seminar In Biology

Complete a senior thesis, of superior quality, on the results of the research.

- BIL 498: Senior Thesis

Select research colloquium:

- BIL 499: Research Colloquium

An overall GPA of 3.3 and a biology GPA of 3.5.

Projects in Biology involve a research project carried out under the supervision of a member of the Department of Biology faculty or alternative faculty approved by the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Advanced placement, and in certain situations, course credit hour can be earned through the College Entrance Examination Board program, placement examinations, and departmental proficiency examinations.

For Graduate programs, consult the Graduate School section of this Bulletin.

Variations within the above program may be permitted by the Department Chair in special cases.

BIL 101. Introductory Biological Science. 3 Credit Hours.

An introduction to life sciences for the non-major. Students with credit in BIL 150 may NOT take this course to fulfill the natural science requirement. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

BIL 102. Elementary Biotechnology. 3 Credit Hours.

Major aspects of the biotechnology field for the non-science major. Food biotechnology, enzymes, environmental biotechnology, transgenic animals and plants, analytical biotechnology and more. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 103. Introduction to Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.

Overview of ecological and evolutionary principles; Relationships of organisms to living and non-living aspects of their environment; human impact on ecosystems. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 104. Genetics and Society. 3 Credit Hours.

The impact of new knowledge in genetics and heredity on society, including a consideration of questions about the inheritance of I.Q. and behavior, racial differences, genetic screening, control of reproduction, genetic engineering, forensic applications. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 105. Biology of Plants. 3 Credit Hours.

Evolution and diversity of the plant kingdom; economic and cultural importance of plants to humans. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
BIL 106. Biology of Animals. 3 Credit Hours.
Evolution and diversity of the animal kingdom and the relationship between humans and other animals. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 107. Introduction to Evolution. 3 Credit Hours.
Processes and mechanisms of evolution. A scientific approach to the study of evolution by natural selection, concepts of fitness and adaptation, genetic and developmental bases of evolutionary change, how new species arise, major trends in evolution, extinction and human evolution. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 108. Molecular Journey To Being Human. 3 Credit Hours.
With a focus on the human species, students will explore the nature of DNA and proteins, the origin of life, RNA World hypothesis, the origins of human ancestors and modern humans, the recently-completed Human Genome Project, the genetic basis human diversity, and the ethics of using genetic knowledge to improve the quality of human life.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 109. Human Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of human anatomy and physiology and the relationship of our species to its environment and other species. Not for credit in the biology major or minor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 110. Human Hereditary Disease. 3 Credit Hours.
An overview of genetics, emphasizing human traits and disorders and their effects on individuals, families, and society. Discover the beauty of human nature, and our knowledge of it, as you develop an understanding of human genetics.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 112. General Biology Honors Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
Special topics in biology correlated with BIL 150.
Component: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 150. General Biology. 4 Credit Hours.
Principles of biology at the cellular, genetic, and organismal levels of organization. Cell structure and function, energy transduction, biological information transfer, genetics, physiology.
Pre Or Corequisite: ENG 105 or 106. And BIL 151 or 152 or 153. And MTH 107 or Higher. Or ALEKS MTH Score = or > 55.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 113. General Biology Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
A laboratory approach to applying the scientific method. Experimental design and hypothesis testing at the cellular and molecular level.
Corequisite: BIL 150.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Summer.

BIL 114. General Biology Honors Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
Special topics in biology correlated with BIL 160.
Component: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 149. First Year Information. 1.00 Credit Hour.
First year seminar for incoming biology majors. Facilitation and encouragement of development of critical thinking skills, proficiency in oral and written expression, and an ability to solve problems by integrating knowledge from different disciplines in Biology.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 152. HHMI General Biology Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
Laboratory exercises to accompany BIL 150. Students teams engage in two inquiry-based laboratory research projects, each lasting six weeks, per semester.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 153. Introductory Biology/Chemistry Laboratory I. 1 Credit Hour.
Integrated biology and chemistry laboratory exercises for first year students.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 154. Evolution and Biodiversity. 4 Credit Hours.
Mechanisms of evolution from an organismal perspective. Systematics, biodiversity, evolutionary theory and mechanisms with emphasis on the morphological, ecological, and behavioral adaptations of selected representatives of the domains of living organisms.
Corequisite: ENG 105 or 106. And BIL 151 or 152. And MTH 107 or Higher.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 155. Evolution and Biodiversity Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
A laboratory approach to applying the scientific method. Experimental design and hypothesis testing at the organismal and ecological level.
Corequisite: BIL 150.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

BIL 156. HHMI Evolution And Biodiversity Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
Laboratory exercises to accompany BIL 150. Students teams engage in two inquiry-based laboratory research projects, each lasting six weeks, per semester.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 157. Evolution and Biodiversity Laboratory II. 1 Credit Hour.
Integrated biology and chemistry laboratory exercises for first year students.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.
BIL 175. First Year Seminar in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
One credit seminars on special topics in biology, as determined by the
instructor. Students may take BIL 175 up to two times for credit towards
the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in biology, as long as the
topic/title is different for each course.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 178. Community Science: Autism. 3 Credit Hours.
Student citizens in both science and communication will collaborate on
content intended to reach audiences on multiple platforms. Students
will be exposed to both history and cutting edge research surrounding
Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as the neuroscience and genetic basis
of autism spectrum disorders. Students will connect with people in the
local community, to lend these issues a face and context. Information
from readings, experts at the University of Miami, and the larger South
Florida Community. Students will work in teams to share expertise from
their fields of study to generate content for community consumption.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 190. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 194. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 195. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 212. Human Genetics. 3 Credit Hours.
A review of genetics, emphasizing human traits and disorders and their
effects on individuals, families, and society. After briefly reviewing
cellular and reproductive biology, we will explore genetics more deeply
while examining the implications of genetic processes and heredity
patterns for human health. We will then examine the genetic basis of
human evolution, finishing the semester with a discussion of genetic
technologies and their implications for human welfare.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 213. HIV and Emerging Diseases: Sex, Science, and Society. 3 Credit Hours.
The importance and value of science in ameliorating human suffering.
Students will hear from virologists, immunologists, cell biologist
behavioral scientists, primary care physicians, health care providers, drug
discoverers) policy makers vaccines, and HIV-infected individuals
aiming to inspire and encourage students to be enthusiastic about
science and scientific research on emerging diseases.
Prerequisite: BIL 150. And BIL 151. Or BIL 101.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 220. Evolution and Disease. 3 Credit Hours.
Evolutionary insights on the origins and emergence of diseases, drug
resistance, and how diseases have shaped human evolution.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 222. Plant Identification in an Evolutionary Context. 3 Credit Hours.
Plant identification in an Evolutionary Context An exploration of the
plants in the on-campus Gifford Arboretum as well as other plants that
students interact with in their daily environment (foods, beauty products,
fibers, medicines, poisons, etc.)
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 223. Plants and People. 3 Credit Hours.
A multi-disciplinary survey of ethnobotany and economic botany,
emphasizing the ecosystem services that plants provide to humans.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 226. General Botany. 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of the plant kingdom, including evolution, plant diversity,
reproduction, structure, function and ecology.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 228. Medical Botany. 3 Credit Hours.
History of medical botany, approaches to health by different cultures,
seperation and identification of secondary compounds and mechanisms
of action. Molecular and physiological action of different secondary
compounds in the treatment of common western ailments. In vivo
identification of local medicinal plants.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 230. Introduction to Marine Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
The sea as an environment. Marine life, its special problems and
adaptations. Emphasis on Caribbean organisms. Lecture, 3 hours.
Identical to Marine Science 230.
Corequisite: BIL 231.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 231. Introduction to Marine Biology Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
Experimental laboratory exploring ecology, physiology and behavior of
marine organisms in southern Florida marine habitats. Exercises cover
laboratory techniques in behavior, functional morphology, productivity,
fisheries research, osmoregulation and community ecology.
Corequisite: BIL 230.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.
BIL 244. Hormones and Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
A comparative approach to the relationship between hormonal mechanisms and behavior in both animal model systems and humans. An introduction to the endocrine system, sex differences in behavior, parental behavior, hormones and social behavior, learning and memory, stress and affective disorders, interactions between brain, hormones and behavior from a historical perspective viewing the emergence of key theories.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 250. Genetics. 3 Credit Hours.
The nature, organization, replication, expression, and evolution of the genetic materials.
Prerequisites: BIL 150 and 160. BIL 151 or 152 or 153. BIL 161 or 162.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

BIL 251. Genetics Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIL 250. Or Corequisite: BIL 250.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 252. HON: Honors Laboratory in Genetics. 2 Credit Hours.
Laboratory exercises in genetics.
Prerequisite: BIL 250. Or Corequisite: BIL 250.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 255. Cellular and Molecular Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
Structure, molecules, and functions of cells.
Prerequisites: BIL 150 and 160. BIL 151 or 152 or 153. BIL 161 or 162.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

BIL 256. Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
Laboratory exercises in cellular and organismal biology involving current research techniques and applications.
Prerequisite: BIL 255 Or BIL 259.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 258. Core Laboratory Techniques. 2 Credit Hours.
Conceptual and applied "methods" course in modern analytical techniques. It will expose students to the Department of Biology's three best-developed core laboratory facilities for imaging, molecular biology, and element analysis.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 261. High Altitude Biology and Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
Mechanisms of hypoxia resistance influencing the requirement to match oxygen supply and demand throughout the oxygen cascade. Topics drawn from genomics, integrated physiology, population genetics, biochemistry, gene expression, evolution, and alpine medicine. Taxonomic examples from the literature will include humans, other mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 267. Community Science. 3 Credit Hours.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 268. Neurobiology. 3 Credit Hours.
Neurons, organization of the nervous system, electrical properties of neurons, neurotransmitters, receptors, synaptic transmission, sensory and motor system, and complex brain functions.
Prerequisites: BIL 150 and 160. BIL 151 or 152 or 153. BIL 161 or 162.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 280. Writing in Biology. 0 Credit Hours.
Writing instruction by faculty using biological topics in BIL courses offered at the 200 level.
Components: IND.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 281. Undergraduate Learning Intern in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Undergraduate Learning Intern in Biology Students serve as peer mentors in a laboratory setting, assisting a graduate laboratory instructor in teaching basic biological concepts to first year undergraduates in BIL 151 and BIL 161.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 284. Special Laboratory Topics in Biology. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, listed as subtitle. May be combined/co-listed with other departments or programs.
Prerequisite: BIL 150 And BIL 151 And BIL 160 Or permission of instructor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 285. Special Topics in Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, co-listed with other departments or programs.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 299. Seminar in Research Problems. 2 Credit Hours.
Discussion of current research of the Biology Faculty.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
**BIL 311. Biostatistics. 3 Credit Hours.**
Descriptive and inferential univariate and bivariate statistics applied to biological data. Probability, probability distributions, data description and presentation, hypothesis testing, decision making and experimental design. (Not open to students with credit in MTH 224, PSY 204 or equivalent).
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Fall & Spring.

**BIL 312. Biostatistics Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.**
Computer laboratory exercises to complement BIL 311.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 311. Or Corequisite: BIL 311.
**Components:** LAB.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**BIL 315. Marine Biota and Biogeochemical Cycles. 3 Credit Hours.**
The diverse sources, transformations, and sinks of chemical constituents in the sea; distribution of dissolved and particulate materials in the sea. Role of marine organisms in marine biogeochemical cycling and the marine carbon cycle and its interaction with the terrestrial biosphere and atmosphere.
**Prerequisite:** MSC 320.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**BIL 316. Global Primary Production. 3 Credit Hours.**
Photosynthesis supports the vast majority of life on planet earth. Although terrestrial and aquatic photoautotrophs share the same basic photosynthetic mechanisms, the physical environment and the fate of primary product on differ on land versus in the sea. This course reviews the magnitude and processes that shape primary production in terrestrial, oceanic, and freshwater habitats. It includes the fate of primary production in the earth’s biomes, and the role of terrestrial and aquatic productivity in regulating, and responding to, variable climate.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 160.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**BIL 321. Invertebrate Zoology. 4 Credit Hours.**
Biology of invertebrates, with emphasis on tropical and subtropical marine forms. Field work and combined lecture-laboratory sessions.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 250 or BIL 255.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**BIL 324. The Biology of Fishes. 3 Credit Hours.**
Selected topics on the ecology and physiology of fishes. Lectures on reproduction, respiration, osmoregulation, sense systems, hormonal control.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 255 and BIL 360.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Offered by Announcement Only.

**BIL 328. Biology of Birds. 3 Credit Hours.**
General biology of birds, field identification, natural history and migrations of southern Florida species. Lecture, 2 hours; laboratory, 3 hours; six weekend field trips, 6 hours each. Binoculars required.
**At least one BIL course at the 200-level.**
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**BIL 329. Marine Vertebrate Zoology. 3 Credit Hours.**
The form and function of the vertebrate lineage of marine animals from early chordates to the evolution of cartilaginous and bony fish and the emergence of tetrapods, those that evolved from marine ancestors and have since returned to the seas. A comparative point of view will be used to assess the anatomy and physiology of each taxonomic group as well as behavioral and ecological adaptations related to their life history. Topics will include the emergence of the vertebrate body plan and the evolution of fish from agnathans through modern teleosts, as well as the tetrapod lineage of marine reptiles, marine birds, and marine mammals. Discussion of critical points in vertebrate evolution where genome-wide duplication events occurred as well as instances of convergent evolution in various lineages.
**Prerequisite:** MSC 230.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**BIL 330. Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.**
The interactions of living organisms with each other and with their abiotic environment.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 250. Or BIL 255. Calculus strongly recommended.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Fall & Spring.

**BIL 331. Ecology Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.**
Lab and field exercises in ecology. Some Saturday field trips required.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 330. Or Corequisite: BIL 330.
**Components:** LAB.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Fall & Spring.

**BIL 332. Tropical Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.**
Tropical ecosystem including world distribution of tropical climate biogeographical regions, deserts and environmental factors, grassland and primary production, savannah population dynamics, energy flow, biogeochemical cycling, succession, and biodiversity of tropical ecosystem.
**Prerequisite:** BIL 250 or BIL 255.
**Components:** LEC.
**Grading:** GRD.
**Typically Offered:** Fall.
BIL 333. Conservation Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
The challenges facing conservation practitioners and the toolkit that has been developed to face these threats. Examination of important conservation cases and how endangered species and ecosystems are distributed across the globe; common threats to biodiversity and methods that have been developed to face these threats at both species and landscape scales; government implementation of conservation strategies. Students will read papers from the primary literature on a weekly basis that provide examples of how conservation tools are developed and implemented. Biology 330 (Ecology) is recommended. Prerequisite: BIL 150 And BIL 151 And BIL 160 And BIL 161, BIL 330 recommended.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 334. Biogeography and Conservation. 3 Credit Hours.
The modern science of biogeography and its implications for the design of spatial strategies to conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services. Examination of the history of biogeography and its geographical and ecological foundations. Study of the fundamental biogeographic processes and uses them to investigate the evolution of biotas and explain the current biogeographic patterns. Exploration of the emerging field of conservation biogeography and its applications. Prerequisite: Or Corequisite: BIL 330.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 335. Tropical Field Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
Intensive field study in the Costa Rican rainforest conducted during semester recesses with additional pre-trip lectures. Requires payment of trip costs.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 337. Coastal Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.
Unprecedented pressure from population growth, tourism, and resource exploitation of coastal ecosystems provides a theme for an overview of current coastal ecology, especially within a conservation and management framework. Hands-on learning in ecophysiology, coastal oceanography, integration of biological communities, and coastal wetland classification for tropical Florida and the insular Caribbean. Students will review and actively participate in water quality and environmental monitoring.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 343. Animal Communication. 3 Credit Hours.
Communication evolves and functions across species - from invertebrates to humans - to a vast range of acoustic, visual, and chemical signals. Investigate how physical constraints shape animal signals, how animals convey information through signaling, and how honesty is maintained in communication systems. Learn about signaling in a variety of behavioral contexts, including mate attraction, competition, and predation.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 348. Climate Change & Public Health. 3 Credit Hours.
The mechanisms by which climate change adversely affects human health, and the policy options for mitigating our exposure.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 350. Survey of Marine Mammals. 3 Credit Hours.
The evolution and ecology of the cetaceans, pinnipeds, manatees, and allies: Natural history, zoo geography, physiology, husbandry, and biomedical aspects. Prerequisite: BIL 150 and MSC 230.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 352. Techniques in Scanning Electron Microscopy. 3 Credit Hours.
Tissue preparation, use of the scanning electron microscope, photography, and analysis and manipulation of digital images. Lecture 1 hour; laboratory 5 hours.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 353. Projects in Scanning Electron Microscopy. 2 Credit Hours.
Individual research projects in scanning electron microscopy. Six hours of laboratory. Prerequisite: BIL 352.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 355. Endocrinology. 3 Credit Hours.
The endocrine glands and the chemistry, mechanisms of action, and physiological effects of hormones. Emphasis on vertebrate hormones, including clinical aspects of human endocrinology.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 356. Comparative Physiology. 3 Credit Hours.
Animal and plant physiological processes such homeostasis, energy budget, movement, sensation, and reproduction with emphasis on the organismal level. Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255 or BIL 259.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 357. Comparative Biology of Cancer. 3 Credit Hours.
A multifaceted exploration of human cancer biology from molecular, cellular, genetic, and histological perspectives, highlighting cellular homeostasis as a precarious life-and-death balancing act. Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 360. Comparative Physiology. 3 Credit Hours.
Animal and plant physiological processes such homeostasis, energy budget, movement, sensation, and reproduction with emphasis on the organismal level. Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255 or BIL 259.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 365. Endocrinology. 3 Credit Hours.
The endocrine glands and the chemistry, mechanisms of action, and physiological effects of hormones. Emphasis on vertebrate hormones, including clinical aspects of human endocrinology.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 367. Biology Of Cancer. 3 Credit Hours.
A multifaceted exploration of human cancer biology from molecular, cellular, genetic, and histological perspectives, highlighting cellular homeostasis as a precarious life-and-death balancing act. Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 369. Fundamentals of the Biology of Aging. 3 Credit Hours.
How and why we age. The biology of aging at the molecular, cellular, and organismal levels in a comparative and evolutionary context. Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
BIL 371. Readings in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Independent readings on selected topics in biology under the supervision of individual faculty.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 372. Readings in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Independent readings on selected topics in biology under the supervision of individual faculty.
Components: IND.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 374. Seminar in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: BIL 150 and 160. BIL 151 or 152 or 153. BIL 161 or 162.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 375. Seminar in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Seminar on selected topics in biology.
Prerequisites: BIL 150 and 160. BIL 151 or 152 or 153. BIL 161 or 162.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 376. Complementary and Alternative Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.
Almost 40% of Americans use health care approaches outside of mainstream Western medicine. These non-traditional approaches include acupuncture, meditation, massage therapy, reiki, yoga, hypnotherapy, chiropractic manipulation, and herbal medicine. Some of these approaches seem to hold promise in the healing process, while others have had little research to date. In this course, we will examine scientific evidence for the efficacy of these different approaches.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 377. Peer-led Team Teaching of workshops for groups of BIL 150 students. May be taken once only for credit in the BIL major, but may be taken additional times for general education credit. Students may serve as workshop leaders for a second time for a stipend if they (1) have taken the course once before and (2) are graduating seniors.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 378. Peer-led Team Teaching of workshops for groups of BIL 150 students. May be taken once only for credit in the BIL major, but may be taken additional times for general education credit. Students may serve as workshop leaders for a second time for a stipend if they (1) have taken the course once before and (2) are graduating seniors.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 379. "DNA And The Changing World". 1 Credit Hour.
This is an online course, not intended for biology majors. It covers in-depth knowledge of DNA, gene, gene function, genome and inheritance with the focus on applying the knowledge to real-world issues; both personal and societal, from the history of life to challenges and opportunities in the modern times at the molecular level. Does not count towards a Biology major or minor.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

BIL 380. Writing in Biology. 0 Credit Hours.
Writing instruction by faculty using biological topics in BIL courses offered at the 300 level.
Components: IND.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 381. Workshop Leaders in Biology I. 1.00 Credit Hour.
Peer-led Team Teaching of workshops for groups of BIL 150 students. May be taken once only for credit in the BIL major, but may be taken additional times for a general education credit. Students may serve as workshop leaders for a second time for a stipend if they (1) have taken the course once before and (2) are graduating seniors.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 382. Workshop Leaders in Biology II. 1.00 Credit Hour.
Peer-led Team Teaching of workshops for groups of BIL 150 students. May be taken once only for credit in the BIL major, but may be taken additional times for general education credit. Students may serve as workshop leaders for a second time for a stipend if they (1) have taken the course once before and (2) are graduating seniors.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 383. Workshop Leaders in Biology III. 1.00 Credit Hour.
Peer-led Team Teaching of workshops for groups of BIL 150 students. May be taken once only for credit in the BIL major, but may be taken additional times for a general education credit. Students may serve as workshop leaders for a second time for a stipend if they (1) have taken the course once before and (2) are graduating seniors.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 384. Special Laboratory/Field Topics in Biology. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, listed as subtitle. Maybe combined/co-listed with other departments or programs.
Prerequisite: BIL 150 and BIL 151, BIL 160 and BIL 161 or Permission of Instructor.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 385. Special Topics in Biology. 2-6 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, listed as subtitle. May be co-listed with other departments or programs.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 386. Science Made Sensible Teaching Internship. 3 Credit Hours.
A teaching internship in which students spend at least 60 hours in Miami Dade County Public Schools assisting teachers with science education. Contributions to bimonthly workshops and group meetings, creation of lesson plans following Sunshine State Guidelines. One BIL course at the 200 level or Higher or permission of instructor.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 387. Nonacademic Career in Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
Speakers recruited from local biotech companies, conservation organizations, science museums, the National Park Service, and Customs as well as invasive species specialists, medical dosimetrists, principals of schools seeking biology teachers, and others will give weekly seminars about their practice of science in their occupations. Following each seminar, students will meet with speakers in an informal setting to discuss the particulars and or prospects of the career in question. The express purpose of this course is to provide students with an idea of the utility of their biology degree in the workplace. Papers or writings that pertain to a particular career will be assigned prior to the seminar so that students will be ready with questions for the speaker.
Prerequisite: 1 Course in BIL 200 or Higher.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 388. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 389. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 390. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 391. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 392. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 393. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 394. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 395. Special Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
BIL 402. Seminar In Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 403. Neuroscience Laboratory. 4 Credit Hours.
Research methods and laboratory experiments in contemporary neuroscience from individual cells to behavior. Scientific writing and computer applications in experimental design and analysis. Combined lecture and laboratory.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 415. Coral Reef Science and Management. 3 Credit Hours.
Coral reefs as biophysical and socioeconomic systems. Coral reef typology, geomorphology; biotic and abiotic components of coral reef ecosystems.
Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 426. Native and Introduced Plants of the Galapagos. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to the unique vegetation and introduced flora of the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. Current conservation measures used to control the threats affecting native flora, and future prospects for conserving indigenous plants and for ensuring their rational utilization.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 432. Ecology in the Galapagos. 3 Credit Hours.
Organisms in relation to their environment, with focus on interactive, hands-on learning that connects empirical nature with abstract thinking. Lectures, discussion and fieldwork on ecosystem ecology, plant dispersal and colonization; organisms’ responses to spatial and temporal variability in their environments, plant/animal interactions. Origins and effects of invasive species and actions of bio-control agents. Taught in the Galapagos as part of the UGalapagos semester.
Prerequisite: BIL 332.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 433. Conservation in Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
Intersection between economic development, science and conservation in one of the world’s most pristine and fragile ecosystems, the Galapagos Islands. Exploration of how tourism offers an alternative to unsustainable fisheries that once drove the local economy, yet has created a new set of pressures on the people and the environment. Mitigation efforts, science, and international conservation mesh with an understanding of local politics, customs and cultures. Taught in the Galapagos as part of the UGalapagos semester.
Prerequisite: BIL 432.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 435. Origins, Ecology and Conservation of Insular Diversity. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Three-week field course in the Solomon Islands. Ecological and evolutionary processes that maintain and create biological diversity in tropical islands. Natural selection, island biogeography, phylogenetics, community assembly, predator-prey interactions, sexual reproduction, mating systems, and social behavior. On-site field surveys and experiments. Combined lecture and laboratory/field course.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Summer.

BIL 436. Stable Isotope Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.
Stable isotopes of essential elements (Oxygen, Carbon, Nitrogen, Hydrogen and Sulfur) as natural tracers of ecological processes. Principles of Chemistry, Physics and Biology will be integrated to allow interpretation, via these tracers, of how fundamental elements are cycled through the biosphere.
Prerequisite: BIL 330.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 441. Animal Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
Mechanistic and evolutionary aspects of animal behavior. A survey of systems that illustrate the control, development and function of behavior in a variety of animals.
Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 442. Animal Behavior Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
An exploration of the amazing behaviors of animals from an explicitly evolutionary perspective. The study of the diversity of behavior in nature as shaped by natural and sexual selection. Topics will include: resource acquisition and defense, predator avoidance, mate choice and competition for mates, and cooperative behavior. Labs are inquiry based, with students designing, conducting and analyzing experiments to test hypotheses. Students will develop their scientific communication skills throughout the semester by gaining experience in oral presentations and writing manuscripts. Note that this course will involve two required field trips off campus.
BIL 150 and BIL 151, BIL 160 and BIL 161 Strongly Recommended: BIL 330.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 451. Ethics and Genetics. 3 Credit Hours.
Pressing social, ethical, and legal issues raised by our constantly increasing knowledge of genetics, and the applications of this knowledge already available or being proposed. Access to and use of personal genetic information; race and genetics; the diagnosis and treatment of inherited diseases; new modalities of healthcare delivery through genetics; the current state of stem cell research; genetically modified animals and plants as sources of food, medicines, and fuel; and the use of genomics.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
BIL 454. Biological Core Concepts Through Medical Case Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
A capstone course in which students will complete a series of medically-oriented case studies. Knowledge of biology, chemistry, math, and physics will be applied to real-world issues. Critical thinking will be used to solve basic medical problems, and facilitate understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of medicine.
Requisite: BIL 150 And BIL 151 And BIL 160 And BIL 161 Or equivalent And one BIL 200 level or higher course.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 455. Developmental Biology. 3 Credit Hours.
Principles of differentiation, morphogenesis and development. Critical analysis of the methods used to study these problems.
Prerequisite: BIL 250 or BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 456. Developmental Biology Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
Exploration of developmental genetics by exposing students to a variety of developmental biology experiments using microscopy, molecular biology, genetics and immunohistochemical techniques in three distinct model animals. Following a short series of introductory labs and lectures, students will develop a research proposal with the instructors and spend the remaining weeks of the semester working to complete their proposal under the guidance of the instructors. This class is restricted to students that have taken cell and molecular biology, developmental biology AND genetics.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 456. Environmental Physiology: Oxygen, Water, and Ionoregulatory Stress. 3 Credit Hours.
Laboratory course that combines and elaborates on concepts learned in Comparative Physiology (BIL 360). Topics will include homeostasis, interactions with the external environment, and life with limited oxygen and water. Lectures will be highly discussion-based; students will be expected to read primary research articles as suggested by the professor before lecture to foster participation in those discussions and form hypotheses about accompanying laboratory. Each lab will be written up as a formal laboratory report.
Prerequisite Or Corequisite: BIL 360 And permission of Instructor.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 456. Developmental Neuroscience. 3 Credit Hours.
Molecular, cellular, and physiological mechanisms controlling the proper development and function of neurons and neural circuits. Signalic mechanisms that regulate cell determination, proliferation, and differentiation. Neural migration and outgrowth, synaptic connectivity and plasticity, and neural basis of animal behavior.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 480. Writing in Biology. 0 Credit Hours.
Writing instruction by faculty using biological topics in BIL courses offered at the 400 level.
Components: IND.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 481. Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Training in Biology. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Training and teaching assistance for undergraduate workshops or laboratories, under the direct supervision of faculty. Specific topic is indicated by course subtitle. This course may be taken no more than twice for credit in the Biology major or minor, and if taken twice, teaching assistance must be for two different BIL courses. May be taken multiple times for general elective credit only.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 482. PRISM Teaching Fellow. 2 Credit Hours.
Undergraduate mentors to PRISM students, and teaching fellows to PRISM course instructors in biology.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 483. Civic Engagement In The Galapagos. 3 Credit Hours.
Biological and/or conservation projects in cooperation with citizens of the Galapagos.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 484. Special Laboratory Topics in Biology. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, listed as subtitle. May be combined/co-listed with other departments or programs.
Prerequisite: BIL 200 or Higher.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 485. Special Topics in Biology. 2-6 Credit Hours.
Topics relevant to the biological sciences, co-listed with other departments or programs.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 486. Advanced Science Made Sensible Teaching Internship. 3 Credit Hours.
A teaching internship in which students spend at least 60 hours in Miami Dade County Public Schools assisting teachers with science education. Contributions to bimonthly workshops and group meetings, development of problem-based lesson plans to promote critical thinking.
Prerequisite: BIL 386.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 491. Departmental Seminar in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Research seminars by distinguished biologists.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.
BIL 492. Departmental Seminar in Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Research seminars by distinguished biologists.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 495. Projects in Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
Individual, original laboratory or field research supervised by a member of the department faculty and concluded by a formal written report.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 496. Projects in Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
Individual, original laboratory or field research supervised by a member of the department faculty and concluded by a formal written report.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 498. Senior Thesis. 2 Credit Hours.
Formal thesis preparation supervised by a member of the departmental faculty including a public oral defense and submission of the written document to the department.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 499. Research Colloquium. 1 Credit Hour.
Discussion of current research done by undergraduate students.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 511. Advanced Biostatistics. 4 Credit Hours.
Statistical analyses needed to understand, present, and publish biological research. Examples will primarily be drawn from the biomedical and ecological fields. The course will begin with a review of descriptive statistics, probability theory, and univariate distributions, followed by an overview of experimental design and analysis of categorical data using contingency tables. This will be followed by a unit on parametric analysis of univariate data including both simple and multiple linear regression, model selection, and analysis of variance. The final unit will cover non-parametric versions of these analyses and more advanced multivariate statistical methods. Lectures will be accompanied by a computer lab in which students learn hands-on statistical analysis in SAS JMP.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 515. Object-Oriented Programming and Agent-Based Modelling. 3 Credit Hours.
Hands-on training in object-oriented programming using Java, including Java statistical packages, and in the development of agent-based and individual-based simulation models for ecological, physiological, social, economic and physical sciences. Introductions to cellular automata and modes based on social and behavioral networks. No prior programming experience required.
At least one BIL course at the 200 level or permission of instructor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 520. Evolution. 3 Credit Hours.
Evolutionary mechanisms and pathways: sources of hereditary variation, evolutionary forces, origins of adaptations, speciation, macro-evolution, origin of life and humankind.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 523. Advanced Biology of Marine Invertebrates. 4 Credit Hours.
Detailed study of major phyla of marine invertebrates. Special emphasis on taxa found in waters off southern Florida. Field course. Lectures, laboratory, special projects, and seminars.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 525. Advanced Herpetology. 3 Credit Hours.
Systematics, biogeography, and evolutionary biology of amphibians and reptiles, with emphasis on modern families. Combined lecture and laboratory.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 531. Advanced Field Ecology. 5 Credit Hours.
Principles of and practical experience in quantitative sampling of community structure, plant and animal populations, and animal activities. Emphasis on individual projects. Lecture, 3 hours; laboratory/field, 10 hours on alternate Saturdays, plus research projects.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 535. Molecular Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.
Molecular markers and analyses, and their applications to different problems in biology. Appropriate sampling, methods for assessing genetic diversity and differentiation. Approaches to studying gene flow, tools for behavioral ecology, remote sampling, tracking individuals, and paternity analysis, hybridization and speciation, DNA bar codes, and gene expression from a population biological perspective.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
BIL 536. Molecular Ecology Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
Laboratory techniques, molecular tools, applications, and analysis methods commonly used by researchers in the areas of molecular ecology and population genetics.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 537. Ecosystem Ecology. 3 Credit Hours.
Concepts and models of energy and nutrient flow, food webs, successional processes, human influences and effects of spatial heterogeneity.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 539. Conservation And Protected Areas. 3 Credit Hours.
The science and policy of park planning and management will be explored through four case studies. The case studies will explore key concepts in ecology and population biology relating to loss of habitat, habitat fragmentation, invasive species, pollution and declines in population size.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 551. Population Genetics and Genomics. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to population genetics, which examines the evolutionary processes that affect the genetic composition of natural populations: mutation, genetic drift, natural selection, and gene flow. Theoretical and empirical aspects will be examined via mathematical models, methods of measuring genetic variation, and readings of published case studies. Taxonomic focus will be broad and will include both model organisms (e.g., Drosophila), and non-model organisms.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 552. Bioinformatics Tools. 3 Credit Hours.
Databases and tools of bioinformatics as relevant to research in genomics and molecular biology. Bioinformatics applications. Information retrieval, analytical tools, BLAST searches, promoter analysis, protein structure-function analysis and various applications.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 553. Biomedical Data Science. 3 Credit Hours.
Computational skills for analysis of genomic data sets. Basics of using a command line interface (text editor, Unix/Linux/iOSX), and logging into and getting started on Pegasus2. Python will be used to write scripts for downloading, manipulating, and analyzing data. File sharing and version control using github will be introduced at this stage, which will include RCR training. Analysis, interpretation, and presentation of Next Generation Sequencing data set (RNAseq, exome, or whole genome; public or their own. Interpreting and presenting results, to enable students to extract information from the data rather than just statistically analyze it.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 554. Electron Microscopy. 4 Credit Hours.
Techniques in transmission electron microscopy (TEM) including tissue preparation, use of the electron microscope, photography, and interpretation of micrographs. Lecture, 1 hour; laboratory, 6 hours.
Components: LAB.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

BIL 555. Projects in Electron Microscopy. 2 Credit Hours.
Individual research projects in transmission electron microscopy, 6 hours.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

BIL 556. Ecological and Evolutionary Genomics. 3 Credit Hours.
The evolution of genomes, and the ecological interactions that drive their evolution.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 559. Life In The Cell. 3 Credit Hours.
A comprehensive, advanced overview of the molecular biology of the cell, cells, and genomes.
Prerequisite: BIL 255.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 561. Age of Death and Others Failure Time Analyses. 3 Credit Hours.
Understanding and analysis of the age at death for living things. Individuals or abject start in some pristine state (like being alive) and end in another state (as being dead). This change in state is called by an event term (as death) and our interest lies in knowing the time to the event (aka: “failure time”) as well as the rate at which events are occurring (as mortality rate).
Requisite: BIL 311 OR ECS 204 OR IEN 311 OR MSC 204 OR MTH 224 OR PSY 204 OR PSY 291.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 565. Evolution and Development. 3 Credit Hours.
Exploration of the relationship between common descent and biological diversity, principally changes in organismal development through time.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 566. Evolution and development of Nervous Systems. 3 Credit Hours.
Mechanisms/pathways/modules underlying formation of the nervous system during embryo development. How some properties of nervous systems have resisted change while others have diverged dramatically during evolution.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

BIL 575. Advanced Special Studies in Biology. 1-6 Credit Hours.
Content of course will vary by semester. Content in any semester will be indicated via subtitle in the class schedule.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
BIL 580. Writing in Biology. 0 Credit Hours.
Writing instruction by faculty using biological topics in BIL courses offered at the 500 level.
Components: IND.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

BIL 591. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

BIL 592. Studies in Biology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Special topics taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.