

Biology: Organismal, Ecological, & Evolutionary Biology Option

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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This option is designed for students preparing to do graduate work or to seek full-time employment in this field. Employment can be found with national and state conservation and resource management agencies, park services, environmental consulting agencies, zoological parks, botanical gardens, and public health facilities, etc. This option can be customized to the student's interest in learning more about field biology, botany, zoology, ecology, etc. This is an option also appropriate for students considering veterinary school.

Faculty advisors in this area are active in research and they involve students in their research. These opportunities give students the potential to conduct, present, and publish research carried out with faculty members.

Organismal Biology students will...

- Meet with their advisor each semester to assess their progress towards post-graduation goals.
- Take a core of courses prepares them in any area of biology.
- Take rigorous coursework in evolutionary biology, ecology, plant biology, and animal biology which prepares them for advanced study or employment.
- Complete 80 hours for 2 credit hours of experiential learning, usually in field studies or internships.
- Complete additional coursework in geology and mathematics to qualify them for employment and graduate school.
- Attend classes in the renovated Magill Hall furnished with modern equipment.
- Have access to the Miller Reserve Wetlands Restoration project, the Kelso Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Reis Biological Research Station.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Recent Internship and Field Studies Experiences

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Open Rivers & Wetland Field Station
- Trail of Tears State Park
- Big Oak Tree State Park
- Fults Hill Prairie Nature Reserve
- Whiterock Nature Preserve, Illinois
- Saltlick Nature Preserve, Illinois
- World Bird Sanctuary
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Black Hills, South Dakota
- St. Louis Zoo, Missouri

Graduate and Professional School Matriculation

- Southeast Missouri State University
- University of Missouri
- University of Missouri, School of Veterinary Medicine
- Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- University of Illinois- Champagne, School of Veterinary Medicine

Recent Employment Realized

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Open Rivers & Wetland Field Station
- Trail of Tears State Park
- National Park Service
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Woodland Hills High School
- LAD Foundation

Admission Requirements

A college preparatory sequence that includes three years of science (including biology, chemistry, and physics) and mathematics through advanced algebra is encouraged.

Special Options with Biology

Southeast offers a Master of Natural Science in Biology.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Required Courses:

___ ***BI163 Evolution & Ecology (4)***

___ BI173 Cell & Organismal Biology (4)

___ ***BI283 Genetics (4)***

___ BI389 Career Development in Biology (1)

___ CH185/085/005 General Chemistry (5)

Choose one math course:

___ MA116 Precalculus A (3)

___ MA137 Precalculus (5)

___ MA139 Applied Calculus (3)

___ MA140 Analytical Geometry & Calculus I (5)

Choose one additional math course:

___ MAxxx Additional math (for which MA116 is a prerequisite) (3)
OR

___ MA155 Statistical Reasoning (3)

Experiential Learning Requirement: 2 hours

___ BI 471-473 Internships in Biology (2)

___ BI 551-553 Biology Field Studies (2)

___ BI563-565 Experience in Museum Curation (1-3)

___ BI 570 Development of Instructional Materials (1)

___ BI 589-591 Biological Research (2)

Organismal, Ecological, & Evolutionary Option Required Courses

___ BI300 Introduction to Evolutionary Biology (3)

___ ***BI332 General Ecology (3)***

___ BI438 Biogeography (3)

___ BO310 Plant Biology (4)

___ ZO310 Animal Biology (4)

___ **Biology Electives: 7 Hours**

___ Any BI, BO, ZO, BT courses, 300 level and above (7)

University Studies Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	BI173	4
	<i>BI163</i>	4	EN100	3
	CH185/085/005	5	Additional math	3
	MA116/137/139/140	3-5	University Studies	3
			University Studies	3
	Total	15-17	Total	16
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.0				
SECOND YEAR	<i>BI283</i>	4	<i>BI332</i>	3
	University Studies	3	BO310	4
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	Total	16	Total	16
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.0				
THIRD YEAR	BI389	1	BI300	3
	ZO310	4	Biology electives	4
	Biology elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	14	Total	16
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.0				
FOURTH YEAR	Experiential Learning Crs	2	BI438	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	4
	Elective	3		
	Total	14	Total	13
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.0				

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.00 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS in Biology degree.