

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY FOR TRANSFER

Biology is the scientific exploration of life. It allows students to study organisms from the molecular level to the communities in which they live. The program provides a foundation for further study in the life sciences and related fields of study, which includes, but is not limited to, medicine, dentistry, agriculture, botany, genetics, microbiology, zoology, entomology, and ecology. The Associate in Science in Biology for Transfer is designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Biology or similar major. Priority admission with junior status to the CSU system will be granted. Students completing this degree are exempt from Mendocino College Institutional Requirements. Students pursuing this degree must follow the IGETC for STEM GE pattern.

Required Courses – Major:

		Units
BIO 250	Cell and Molecular Biology	4
BIO 255	Botany, Plant Diversity, and Ecology	4
BIO 257	Zoology, Animal Diversity and Evolution	4
CHM 250	General Chemistry I	5
CHM 251	General Chemistry II	5
MTH 210	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	5
	OR	
MTH 230	Calculus for Business and Economics	3
PHY 210	General Physics I	4
	AND	
PHY 211	General Physics II	4
	OR	
PHY 220	Physics for Scientists and Engineers I	4
	AND	
PHY 221	Physics for Scientists and Engineers II	4
Total Major Units		33 - 35
Total Degree Units		60

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze major biological concepts and discriminate how these concepts are connected within various areas of the biological and physical sciences.
2. Apply scientific methodology in the form of designing and conducting experiments and evaluating hypotheses.
3. Collect data through use of laboratory techniques that include, but are not limited to, light microscopy, gel electrophoresis, spectrophotometry, and demonstrate appropriate lab safety.

Career Opportunities in BIOLOGY

Students who complete a baccalaureate degree in Biology or a similar major may be hired in the major or allied fields as a biomedical engineer, geneticist, pharmacologist, botanist, aquatic biologist, clinical lab technologist, food/drug inspector, fish and game warden or environmental specialist.

Associate Degree for Transfer requirements pursuant to SB 1440:

- 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU-transferable units.
- the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for STEM pattern.
- a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college district.
- obtainment of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.