

CAL POLY BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT
BIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Fall 2026-Current

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.
- A total of **20 units** from approved courses is required to complete the minor

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Select **7 units** from the following (at least one class must be from list A):

LIST A	LIST B
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 1111 General BIO) and BIO 1112 BIO Lab for non-majors (3+1)	<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 1113 Biology of Sex (3)
or <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 1151 Life: Molecules and Cells (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2213 Life Science for Engineers (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 114 Plant Diversity and Ecology (4) or	<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2215 Biodiversity of California (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> BOT 1121 General Botany (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2217 Wildlife Conservation Biology (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 1150 Life: History and Diversity (4) or	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 3210 Biology of Plants and Animals for Future Teachers (4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4)	
or <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 2232 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MCRO 2221 Introduction to Microbiology (4)	
or <input type="checkbox"/> MCRO 2224 General Microbiology I (4)	

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES

Select **13 units** from the following:

Any course with BIO, BOT, MCRO, or MSCI prefix, with the exception of BIO 4450, BIO 4485, BIO 4495 and MSCI 4401. A maximum of one unit of BIO 3300 or 4400 can be used.

OPTIONAL WORKSHEET FOR ADVISING PURPOSES

COURSE #	# of UNITS	SEMESTER & YEAR