ANIMAL BIOLOGY

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Major: Biology
Degrees Offered: M.S., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: Ecology, Ethology & Evolution (in all degrees)

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biology-Ecology, Ethology & Evolution and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program (https://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd)

Graduate Degree Programs

The Department of Animal Biology administers graduate degree programs as concentrations in biology. Areas of training include physiological, population, community, and evolutionary ecology; population, molecular and quantitative genetics; evolutionary biology, behavioral ecology and evolution, physiology, evolution and development, functional anatomy, systematics, and conservation biology.

Admission

Acceptance for graduate study in animal biology is based on the applicant’s research potential and academic achievement. An undergraduate degree in the life sciences is the usual preparation, but students majoring in mathematics, computer science, or the physical and social sciences are also considered. Courses required for admission are inorganic and organic chemistry, a year of physics, and mathematics through calculus. Students lacking one or more of these courses may be admitted with the provision that such deficiencies be completed in addition to the normal graduate course load. A grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last two years of undergraduate work or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp (http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp).

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of fellowships and teaching and research assistantships for qualified students.

Master of Science in Biology with Concentration in Ecology, Ethology & Evolution

Thesis Option

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Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

- A concentration is required
- Masters Thesis Deposit Required: Yes
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required: 12
- Overall:
  - Minimum GPA: 3.0

1. For additional details and requirements refer to the department and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Non-Thesis Option

Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

- A concentration is required
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required: 12
- Overall:
  - Minimum GPA: 3.0

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biology with Concentration in Ecology, Ethology & Evolution

Candidates for the Ph.D. degree must demonstrate excellence by examination and, in consultation with an adviser and doctoral committee, plan and carry out original thesis research with distinction. A preliminary examination evaluating the ability of students to integrate subject matter related to their fields is given during the third year. Additional requirements may be prescribed by the adviser and doctoral committee. A final examination, in which the student defends the thesis, and a presentation of the thesis at the departmental seminar complete the program.

Courses in statistics are required

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Total Hours 64

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Other Requirements

A concentration is required.

Experience in Teaching is required as part of the academic work of all PH.D. candidates in this program.

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