MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY HONORS CONCENTRATION

The Molecular and Cellular Biology Honors Concentration is designed for students whose preparation and interests motivate them to desire a more intensive undergraduate biology experience and to prepare for graduate or professional school. The MCB Honors Concentration is based on the MCB concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/academic-units/molecular-cell-bio/molecular-cellular-biology-concentration). Students must satisfy all of the requirements for the MCB concentration in addition to the requirements for the MCB Honors Concentration. Students interested in the MCB Honors Concentration (http://mcb.illinois.edu/undergrad/honors) should contact the MCB Honors Concentration coordinator (shawna@illinois.edu) during the freshman year for more information.

Distinction

Students in MCB can qualify for Distinction via one of the following:

Distinction for Excellence in Research:

**To be eligible for graduation with Distinction a student must:**

Complete 3 semesters of MCB 290 for 2 credit hours or more each semester. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the end of penultimate semester. Give at least one poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research symposium or other approved venue. Obtain a letter of support from their Principal Investigator.

**To be eligible for graduation with High Distinction a student must:**

Complete 2 semesters of MCB 290 for 2 credit hours or more each semester. Complete 1 semester of MCB 492 for 3 credit hours or more. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the end of penultimate semester. Give at least one poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research symposium or other approved venue. Obtain a letter of support from their Principal Investigator. Submit a written thesis that is approved by the Distinction Committee.

**To be eligible for graduation with Highest Distinction a student must:**

Complete 2 semesters of MCB 290 for 2 credit hours or more each semester. Complete 1 semester MCB 492 for 3 credit hours or more. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.90 at the end of penultimate semester. Give at least one poster presentation at the Undergraduate Research symposium or other approved venue. Obtain a letter of support from their Principal Investigator. Submit a written thesis that is approved by the Distinction Committee. Distinction for Excellence in Academics:

**To be eligible for graduation with Academic Distinction a student must:**

Maintain a major GPA of 3.90 or higher in the MCB major (biology, chemistry, physics and math courses for the MCB major) at the end of their penultimate semester.