MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY, BSLAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Molecular & Cellular Biology

school website: https://mcb.illinois.edu/undergrad/
school faculty: School Faculty (https://mcb.illinois.edu/people)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/
email: undergrad@mcb.illinois.edu

The Molecular and Cellular Biology major provides students with a solid preparation in molecular biology, molecular genetics, microbiology, cellular biology, biochemistry, physiology, and structural biology. Students will also acquire a strong background in chemistry, math and physical sciences. After completion of the core curriculum in MCB, students may complete the required advanced course work by taking a variety of MCB courses or by selecting a more focused group of courses in any of the following areas: biochemistry, cells and tissues, developmental biology, infection and immunity, microbiology, genetics, neurobiology and physiology. The MCB Advising Program (MAP) staff is available to help students plan their combination of advanced courses.

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Certain advanced courses may be taken prior to completion of the MCB 250-MCB 253, MCB 354 sequence with permission of an academic advisor. A minimum of 15 hours of 300- or 400-level courses in MCB from the approved list is required.

In addition, undergraduate research (MCB 290, or departmental equivalent) is strongly recommended for students planning to go to graduate school. No more than 10 hours of MCB 290, or departmental equivalent credit may be counted towards the 120 hours required for a degree in MCB.

Students earning a degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology may not also earn a second degree in the Specialized Curriculum in Biochemistry.

Students earning a degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology may not double major in Integrative Biology.

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. 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 3.25 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 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.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: 67-71 hours, including 21 hours of 300- or 400-level courses; 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus. Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

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<td>or STAT 211 &amp; Biostatistics</td>
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Select one group of courses:

CHEM 102 General Chemistry I  & CHEM 10E General Chemistry Lab I
& CHEM 10F General Chemistry II
& CHEM 10G General Chemistry Lab II

CHEM 202 Accelerated Chemistry I  & CHEM 203A Accelerated Chemistry Lab I
& CHEM 203B Accelerated Chemistry II
& CHEM 203C Accelerated Chemistry Lab II

CHEM 232 Elementary Organic Chemistry I  CHEM 233 Elementary Organic Chem Lab I  4 2

Select one group of courses:

PHYS 101 College Physics: Mech & Heat  & PHYS 102A College Physics: E&M & Modern

PHYS 211 University Physics: Mechanics  & PHYS 212A University Physics: Elec & Mag
 & PHYS 213A and Univ Physics: Thermal Physics
 & PHYS 214A and Univ Physics: Quantum Physics

IB 150 Organismal & Evolutionary Biol  4

MCB 150 Molecular & Cellular Basis of Life  4

MCB 250 Molecular Genetics  3

MCB 251 Exp Techniqs in Molecular Biol  2

MCB 252 Cells, Tissues & Development  3

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<td>At least four additional courses at the 300- to 400-level from the Approved List of Advanced Courses for MCB Majors are also required, including one lab course. (<a href="http://mcb.illinois.edu/undergrad/courses/advanced">http://mcb.illinois.edu/undergrad/courses/advanced</a>)</td>
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