

## ZOOLOGY

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**Department of Zoology  
College of Natural Science**
**101 Preview of Zoology**

Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) R: Open to freshmen in the Zoology Major.

Zoology as a discipline. Availability of diverse career options. Integration of human and technical skills in scientific problem solving.

**141 Introductory Human Genetics**

Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to students in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major or in the Biological Science Major or in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Major or in the Entomology Major or in the Genetics Major or in the Human Biology Major or in the Microbiology Major or in the Physiology Major or in the Plant Biology Major or in the Zoology Major. Not open to students with credit in ZOL 341.

Inheritance of human traits. Impact of genetic technology on society. Ethical and legal issues. Risks and benefits of genetic technology.

**162 Organismal and Population Biology**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biological Science and Plant Biology. Administered by Biological Science. P: BS 161 or BS 181H or LB 145 SA: BS 110, BS 148H Not open to students with credit in BS 182H or LB 144.

Biological diversity and organismal biology. Principles of evolution, transmission genetics, population biology, community structure, ecology.

**172 Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(1-3) Interdepartmental with Biological Science and Plant Biology. Administered by Biological Science. P: (BS 162 or concurrently) or (BS 182H or concurrently) SA: BS 110, BS 158H Not open to students with credit in BS 192H or LB 144.

Nature and process of organismal biology including experimental design, statistical methods, hypothesis testing in genetics, ecology, and evolution.

**182H Honors Organismal and Population Biology**

Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Biological Science and Lyman Briggs and Plant Biology. Administered by Biological Science. SA: BS 148H, BS 110 Not open to students with credit in BS 162 or LB 144.

Diversity and basic properties of organisms, with emphasis on genetic principles, ecological interactions, and the evolutionary process. Historical approach to knowledge discovery.

**192H Honors Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory**

Fall. 2(1-3) Interdepartmental with Biological Science and Lyman Briggs and Plant Biology. Administered by Biological Science. P: BS 182H or concurrently SA: BS 158H, BS 110 Not open to students with credit in BS 172 or LB 144.

Nature and process of organismal biology, including experimental design and statistical methods, hypothesis testing, genetics, ecology, and evolution.

**303 Oceanography**

Fall. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Geological Sciences. Administered by Zoology. P: (CEM 141 or CEM 181H or LB 171 or CEM 151) and (PHY 231 or PHY 183 or PHY 193H or LB 273 or PHY 183B or PHY 231C)

Physical, chemical, biological, and geological aspects of oceanography: ocean circulation, waves, tides, air-sea interactions, chemical properties of ocean water, ocean productivity, shoreline processes, and sediments.

**306 Invertebrate Biology**

Fall. 4(3-3) P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H Systematics, morphology, and natural history of invertebrate animals. Identification of live and preserved specimens. Recognition of selected groups.

**310 Psychology and Biology of Human Sexuality**

Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Neuroscience and Psychology. Administered by Neuroscience. P: (PSY 101 or concurrently) and ((BS 161 or concurrently) or (BS 162 or concurrently) or (LB 144 or concurrently) or (LB 145 or concurrently) or (BS 181H or concurrently) or (BS 182H or concurrently)) Not open to students with credit in HDFS 445.

Sexual behavior from biological, psychological and neuroscience perspectives. Sexual differentiation of the body. Role of hormones in development and reproduction in humans and other animals. Human sexual orientation. Fertility and contraception. Sexual disorders. Sexually transmitted diseases.

**313 Animal Behavior**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H R: Not open to freshmen. SA: ZOL 213

Development, physiological mediation, adaptive significance and evolution of behavior.

**316 General Parasitology**

Spring. 3(3-0) P: LB 144 or BS 162 or BS 182H

Identification, life history, host-parasite relationships, and epidemiology of protozoan, helminth, acanthocephalan, copepod, and arthropod parasites of animals and humans.

**319 Introduction to Earth System Science**

Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Entomology and Geological Sciences and Plant Biology and Sociology. Administered by Entomology. RB: Completion of one course in biological or physical science.

Systems approach to Earth as an integration of geochemical, geophysical, biological and social components. Global dynamics at a variety of spatio-temporal scales. Sustainability of the Earth system.

**320 Developmental Biology**

Fall. 4(3-3) P: (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) and (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) SA: ZOL 220

Principles of development, emphasizing vertebrates. Illustrations from morphological and experimental investigations.

**328 Comparative Anatomy and Biology of Vertebrates (W)**

Spring. 4(3-3) P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: ZOL 228

Comparative morphology and natural history of vertebrates. Dissection of representatives of most vertebrate classes.

**341 Fundamental Genetics**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H

Principles of heredity in animals, plants and microorganisms. Classical and molecular methods in the study of gene structure, transmission, expression and evolution.

**343 Genetics Laboratory**

Spring. 3(0-6) P: (ZOL 341 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement

Experiments involving genetics of *Drosophila* and other eucaryotic organisms.

**353 Marine Biology (W)**

Fall. 4(4-0) P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement

Analysis of marine and estuarine systems. Integration of biology, chemistry, and physics. Life histories of marine organisms. Biology of special marine habitats including rocky intertidal zones, upwellings, coral reefs and deep sea.

**355 Ecology**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H SA: ZOL 250

Interrelationships of plants and animals with each other and the environment. Principles of individual, population, community, and ecosystem ecology. Application of ecological principles to global change and other anthropogenic stressors.

**355L Ecology Laboratory (W)**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1(0-3) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: (ZOL 355 or concurrently) and completion of Tier I writing requirement

Population, community, and ecosystem ecology, utilizing plant and animal examples to demonstrate general field principles.

**357 Global Change Biology (W)**

Spring. 3(3-0) P: (ZOL 355) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Intended for science or engineering majors R: Not open to freshmen.

Causes and consequences of modes of contemporary global change that are caused by biological systems or impact biological systems. Theories, evidence, and predictions in global warming, ocean acidification, desertification, eutrophication, food security, and mass extinction.

**360 Biology of Birds**

Fall. 4(3-3) P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H

Behavior, ecology, evolution, and systematics of birds; biodiversity. Laboratories emphasize diversity of form and function, life history patterns, and identification.

**365 Biology of Mammals**

Spring. 4(3-3) P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H

Analysis of the behavior, ecology, evolution, and systematics of mammals. Laboratories emphasize diversity of form and function, life history patterns, and identification.

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- 369 Introduction to Zoo and Aquarium Science**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Landscape Architecture and Veterinary Medicine. Administered by Zoology. P: BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H  
Fundamentals of zoo and aquarium operations including research, interpretation, design, nutrition, captive breeding, conservation, ethics and management.
- 370 Introduction to Zoogeography**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography. Administered by Zoology. P: ZOL 355  
Patterns of geographical distribution of animals and the ecological and historical processes leading to these patterns.
- 384 Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles (W)**  
Fall. 4(3-3) P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement  
The evolution, systematics, ecology, and behavior of amphibians and reptiles. Laboratory emphasizes diversity and identification of families and Great Lakes species. Field trips may be required.
- 390 Practicum in Zoo/Aquarium Careers**  
Summer. 4 credits.  
Practical application of science, business and education methods through typical workdays with zoo professionals.
- 400H Honors Work**  
Fall, Spring. 1 to 5 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 5 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.  
Honors work on a topic in zoology.
- 402 Neurobiology**  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores and not open to students in the Program in Neuroscience and not open to students in the Lyman Briggs Neuroscience Major.  
Structure and function of nerve cells and nervous systems.
- 403 Integrative Neurobiology**  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P: ZOL 402 or PSY 209 RB: Junior or Senior level  
How the nervous system has evolved mechanisms to determine the location and significance of physical and social sensory information. Epigenetic factors that guide nervous system development.
- 408 Histology**  
Fall. 4(3-3) P: BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H SA: ZOL 350  
Structure of cells and their interactions to form tissues.
- 413 Laboratory in Behavioral Neuroscience (W)**  
Fall. 4(2-4) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Psychology. P: (PSY 209 or ZOL 402) and ((PSY 295 or STT 231) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) SA: PSY 309  
Theory and laboratory experience in the study of behavioral neuroscience. Relationship among hormones, brain, and behavior.
- 415 Ecological Aspects of Animal Behavior (W)**  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (ZOL 313) and completion of Tier I writing requirement  
Advanced topics in the ecology and evolution of animal behavior.
- 420 Stream Ecology**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: ZOL 355 or approval of department RB: CEM 141  
Biological and environmental factors determining structure and function of stream ecosystems.
- 422 Aquatic Entomology**  
Fall of odd years. 3(2-3) Interdepartmental with Entomology and Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Entomology. P: BS 162 SA: ENT 420  
Biology, ecology and systematics of aquatic insects in streams, rivers and lakes. Field trips and aquatic insect collection required.
- 424 Algal Biology**  
Fall of even years, Summer of odd years. 4(2-4) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and (BS 172 and completion of Tier I writing requirement) RB: ZOL 355 and ZOL 355L SA: BOT 424  
Algal taxonomy, systematics, physiology, ecology, and environmental assessment. Lab focus on identification of freshwater algal genera collected from regional habitats.
- 425 Cells and Development (W)**  
Spring. 4(3-3) P: (BS 161 and BS 171) or LB 145 or ((BS 181H and BS 191H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) SA: ZOL 221  
The role of cells in growth, differentiation and development of animals from protozoa to mammals.
- 433 Vertebrate Paleontology**  
Fall of even years. 4(3-2) Interdepartmental with Geological Sciences. Administered by Geological Sciences. P: ZOL 328 or GLG 304 or ZOL 360 or ZOL 365 or ZOL 384 or ZOL 445 or GLG 434 or FW 471  
Fossil vertebrates with emphasis on evolution and interrelationships of major groups. Modern techniques of identification and interpretation of fossils.
- 434 Evolutionary Paleobiology**  
Fall of odd years. 4(3-2) Interdepartmental with Geological Sciences. Administered by Geological Sciences. RB: BS 162 or GLG 304 or LB 144 or BS 182H  
Patterns and processes of evolution known from the fossil record
- 440 Field Ecology and Evolution**  
Summer. 4 credits. Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: ZOL 355  
Solving conceptual and practical research problems in ecology and evolution under field conditions.
- 443 Restoration Ecology**  
Spring. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Biosystems Engineering and Fisheries and Wildlife and Plant Biology. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: FOR 404 or PLB 441 or ZOL 355 RB: CSS 210 or BE 230  
Principles of ecological restoration of disturbed or damaged ecosystems. Design, implementation, and presentation of restoration plans. Field trips required.
- 444 Conservation Biology**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: (ZOL 355 or FOR 404 or PLB 441) and completion of Tier I writing requirement  
Ecological theories and methodologies to manage species, communities and genetic diversity on a local and global scale.
- 445 Evolution (W)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: (ZOL 341 or CSS 350) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Not open to freshmen. SA: ZOL 345  
Processes of evolutionary change in animals, plants. Microbes. Population genetics, microevolution, speciation, adaptive radiation, macroevolution. Origin of Homo sapiens.
- 446 Environmental Issues and Public Policy**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Studies and Agriscience. Administered by Zoology. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.  
Interrelationship of science and public policy in resolving environmental issues. Technical, social, economic, and legal influences. Case study approach.
- 450 Cancer Biology (W)**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: (BMB 200 or BMB 401 or ZOL 425) or (BMB 461 and BMB 462) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.  
Cancer biology: cellular and molecular aspects. Applications of modern biotechnology to cancer research. Causes, treatment, and prevention of cancer. World distribution and risk factors of cancer.
- 471 Ichthyology**  
Spring. 4(3-3) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: ((BS 162 and BS 172) or (BS 182H and BS 192H) or LB 144) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement  
Fish morphology and physiology. Development, behavior, evolution, and ecology. World fishes with emphasis on freshwater fishes. Field trips required.
- 472 Limnology**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: (CEM 141 or LB 171) and ZOL 355  
Ecology of lakes with emphasis on interacting physical, chemical, and biological factors affecting their structure and function.
- 474 Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic Studies**  
Fall. 3(2-3) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. P: (FW 101L or FW 238) and completion of Tier I writing requirement SA: FW 470  
Field and laboratory techniques for the investigation and analysis of lake and stream ecosystems and their biota. Field trips required.

- 483 Environmental Physiology (W)**  
Spring. 4(4-0) P: ((BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) and (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and (CEM 141 or CEM 151 or CEM 181H or LB 171)  
Aspects of physiology important to the environmental relations of vertebrates and invertebrates: energetics, thermal relations, osmotic-ionic relations, and exercise physiology.
- 485 Tropical Biology**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. P: ZOL 355 R: Open to juniors or seniors.  
Tropical biota emphasizing evolutionary and ecological principles compared across tropical ecosystems.
- 489 Seminar in Zoo and Aquarium Science**  
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Landscape Architecture and Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources. Administered by Zoology. R: Approval of department.  
Scientific writing and oral presentations related to zoo and aquarium studies.
- 490 Overseas Study in Zoology**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (BS 162 or LB 144 or BS 182H) and (BS 161 or LB 145 or BS 181H) R: Open to seniors or graduate students. Approval of department.  
Topical problems course in Zoology or coordinated by Zoology faculty in foreign countries.
- 494 Independent Study**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.  
Supervised research on a topic not normally covered in the classroom.
- 495 Undergraduate Seminar**  
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to seniors in the Zoology Major.  
Economic, social and environmental impact of current developments in Zoology.
- 496 Internship in Zoology**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to seniors. Approval of department.  
Practical experience applying zoology training in a setting outside the University.
- 497 International Internship in Zoo and Aquarium Science**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits ZOL 496, ZOL 497, ZOL 498 RB: Biological Sciences R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students. Approval of department; application required.  
Application of zoological experience in a zoo or aquarium setting outside the United States.
- 498 Internship in Zoo and Aquarium Science**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Landscape Architecture. Administered by Zoology. R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of department.  
Application of zoological experience in a zoo or aquarium setting outside the university.
- 801 Professional Development**  
Fall. 1(2-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Zoology.  
Ethical conduct in research. Selecting research topics and approaches. Scientific writing, grantsmanship, and publication. Career paths inside and outside academia.
- 804 Molecular and Developmental Neurobiology**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Neuroscience and Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation and Pharmacology and Toxicology and Psychology. Administered by Neuroscience. RB: Bachelor's degree in a Biological Science or Psychology. R: Open to graduate students in Neuroscience major.  
Nervous system specific gene transcription and translation. Maturation, degeneration, plasticity, and repair in the nervous system.
- 805 Animal Welfare Assessment**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science. Administered by Animal Science. RB: (ANS 305 or ZOL 313) or background in animal science or zoology including exposure to topics such as animal behavior, physiology, management, and husbandry.  
Multidisciplinary online computer-based instruction in animal welfare science and related issues including physiology, behavior, human-animal interactions, suffering and pain, ethics, health, assessment and standards, and economics.
- 822 Topics in Ethology and Behavioral Ecology**  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: ZOL 415 R: Open only to graduate students.  
Critical analysis through seminar-discussions of the primary research literature.
- 824 Stable Isotope Biogeochemistry**  
Spring of even years. 2(1-2) Interdepartmental with Geological Sciences. Administered by Zoology. RB: CEM 142 or CEM 152 or CEM 182H or LB 171  
Principles of stable isotope chemistry applied to biogeochemical problems: climate change, ecology, contaminants, oceanography, limnology, and paleobiology.
- 827 Physiology and Pharmacology of Excitable Cells**  
Fall. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Neuroscience and Pharmacology and Toxicology and Physiology. Administered by Pharmacology and Toxicology. RB: PSL 431 or PSL 432 or BMB 401 or BMB 461 or ZOL 402  
Function of neurons and muscle at the cellular level: membrane biophysics and potentials, synaptic transmission, sensory nervous system function.
- 828 Conservation and Genetics**  
Fall of even years. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Plant Biology. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. RB: ZOL 341 or CSS 350 or ANS 314  
Population and evolutionary genetic principles applied to ecology, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife at the individual, population, and species level.
- 832 Evolution of Nervous Systems**  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Neuroscience. Administered by Zoology. RB: Background in neurobiology or evolutionary biology recommended. R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering or in the Program in Neuroscience or in the Department of Psychology or in the Department of Zoology or approval of department.  
Evolutionary origins, mechanisms, and consequences of evolutionary change in nervous systems.
- 839 Systems Neuroscience**  
Spring. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Human Anatomy and Neuroscience and Pharmacology and Toxicology and Physiology and Psychology. Administered by Neuroscience. R: Open only to graduate students in the Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Natural Science, Social Science, and Veterinary Medicine. SA: ANT 839  
Anatomy, pharmacology, and physiology of multicellular neural systems. Sensory, motor, autonomic, and chemo-regulatory systems in vertebrate brains.
- 845 Multi-disciplinary Research Methods for the Study of Evolution**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Computer Science and Engineering and Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. Administered by Computer Science and Engineering.  
Techniques for engaging in multi-disciplinary research collaborations, including biology, computer science, and engineering. Students engage in group projects to answer fundamental questions about the dynamics of actively evolving systems including both natural and computational. Multi-disciplinary teams will learn to overcome discipline-specific language and conceptual issues. Experimental design, statistical analysis, data visualization, and paper and grant writing for multi-disciplinary audiences.
- 848 Current Topics in Evolutionary Development Biology**  
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: (ZOL 445 or ZOL 320 or ZOL 425 or ZOL 341) or background in evolutionary biology or developmental biology.  
Genetic and developmental basis for evolutionary change. Synthesis of molecular and developmental genetics with evolutionary biology. Discussion of primary literature in evolutionary development.
- 849 Evolutionary Biology**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. RB: ZOL 341 and (STT 422 or concurrently) SA: BOT 849  
Major conceptual, theoretical and empirical questions in evolutionary biology. Readings and lectures are synthesized in student discussions and papers.

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- 851 Statistical Methods for Ecology and Evolution**  
Fall. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. RB: (STT 814) or an equivalent course.  
Statistical modeling and interpretation of biological data using computationally intensive methods for estimation and inference. General linear models, mixed and process models, and estimation strategies applied to students using their own data using the R language.
- 855 Molecular Evolution: Principles and Techniques**  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology. RB: ZOL 341 or ZOL 445  
Current techniques used to characterize and compare genes and genomes. Genetic variation, assays of variation. Data analysis and computer use to conduct a phylogenetic analysis to compare organisms and infer relationships.
- 863 Wildlife Disease Ecology**  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Large Animal Clinical Sciences. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. RB: Additional course work in ecology, zoology, microbiology and environmental sciences. R: Open to graduate students. Not open to students with credit in FW 463.  
Role of wildlife disease in ecological interactions, factors underlying pathogen emergence, mathematical modeling of infectious diseases, conservation medicine.
- 867 Nature and Practice of Cognitive Science**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Computer Science and Engineering and Linguistics and Philosophy and Psychology. Administered by Zoology. RB: Undergraduate course work in behavioral biology, cognitive psychology, philosophy, linguistics, or artificial intelligence.  
Survey of how different disciplines explore the cognitive processes underlying intelligent behavior.
- 890 Special Problems**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.  
Current problems in Zoology.
- 891 Current Topics in Ecology and Evolution**  
Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 10 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology.  
Presentation and critical evaluation of theoretical and empirical developments in ecology and evolutionary biology by visiting scientists.
- 895 Seminar**  
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.  
Graduate seminar on current research topics in Zoology.
- 896 Population and Community Ecology**  
Fall. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology.  
Population dynamics of animals and plants utilizing life tables and projection matrices. Species interaction. Life history theory. Structure and dynamics of communities. Succession.
- 897 Ecosystem Ecology and Global Change**  
Spring of odd years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Plant Biology. Administered by Zoology.  
Structure and function of natural ecosystems and their responses to global environmental change. Biogeochemical cycles, food webs, energy flow, nutrient cycling, and ecosystem management and restoration.
- 898 Population and Community Ecology Theory Laboratory**  
Fall. 1(0-3) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. RB: 1 semester of calculus  
Practical experience designing and analyzing mathematical models in ecology from single species to communities, food webs and ecosystems.
- 899 Master's Thesis Research**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course.  
Master's thesis research.
- 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 24 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course.  
Doctoral dissertation research.