BIOLOGY, B.S.

The program outline and graduation requirements are listed below. In addition, free electives are selected to reach 120 credits overall required for graduation.

The department website provides an overview of the program, admission requirements (when applicable), faculty biographies, learning outcomes, and careers: https://www.southernct.edu/academics/biology/programs

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All bachelor’s degree programs include liberal education (LEP) and writing (W) course requirements. Detailed information on these requirements is published in this section of the catalog: https://catalog.southernct.edu/undergraduate/general-information/lep.html.

Writing courses are not additional course requirements, course sections that meet this requirement are designated with a ‘W’ on the class schedule. Courses in the major and/or cognate may also be used to satisfy LEP requirements where noted below (*).

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (35 Credits)

BIO 102 – Biology I (‘C’ or better)
BIO 103 – Biology II (‘C’ or better) (T2LE)*
BIO 220 – Genetics (‘C’ or better)

GPA of 2.3 in the following Content Areas

ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
One Entry Level:
BIO 200 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 230 – Plant Anatomy and Morphology
BIO 231 – Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
BIO 235 – Histology
BIO 250 - Plant Diversity

One Upper Level:
BIO 301 – Physiology
BIO 401 – Comparative Physiology
BIO 420 – Plant Physiology
BIO 454 – Brain: Anatomy and Transmission

BIODIVERSITY/ECOLOGY/ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY
One Entry Level:
BIO 202 – Ecology
BIO 210 – Environmental Biology and Conservation
BIO 215 - Animal Behavior
BIO 228 – Vertebrate Zoology
BIO 229 – Invertebrate Zoology

One Upper Level:
BIO 327 - Field Natural History (Belize)
BIO 334 – Microbial Ecology
BIO 337 – Medically Important Arthropods
BIO 399 - Mammology
BIO 427 – Entomology
BIO 429 – Limnology
BIO 430 – Marine Biology
BIO 432 – Mycology
BIO 438 – Aquatic Entomology
BIO 440 – Parasitic Infections
BIO 460 – Paleontology

CELL/MOLECULAR
One Entry Level:
BIO 205 – Forensic Biology
BIO 233 – Introductory Microbiology
BIO 236 - Cell Biology
BIO 240 – Human Heredity
BIO 296 - Genomics I

One Upper Level:
BIO 325 - Immunology and Infection
BIO 335 – Pathogenic Microbiology
BIO 360 – Plant Growth and Development
BIO 386 - Genomics II
BIO 393 - Bioinformatics
BIO 435 – Developmental Biology
BIO 436 – Molecular Biology
BIO 451 – Tissue Culture
BIO 466 – Advanced Molecular and Cell Biology
BIO 467 – Laboratory Course in Biotechnology

One Additional Upper Level Course (BIO 201 also permitted):
Select one additional upper level course from any courses listed in the three upper level content areas above (3-4 credits). You may also select one course from those listed below, all three of which require special departmental permission.
BIO 497 – In-service Training in Biology (3 cr)
BIO 495 – Senior Thesis (3 cr)
BIO 499 – Independent Study and Research (3 cr)

COGNATE REQUIREMENTS (28 Credits)

CHE 120 – General Chemistry I (T2PR)*
CHE 121 – General Chemistry II
CHE 260 – Organic Chemistry I
MAT 122 or MAT 150 – Precalculus or Calculus I (T1QR)*
MAT 221 – Intermediate Applied Statistics

Select one from:

• PHY 200 – General Physics I
  • and PHY 201 – General Physics II
• PHY 230 – Physics for Scientists and Engineers I
  • and PHY 231 – Physics for Scientists and Engineers II