Evolution, Ecology & Biodiversity, Bachelor of Science

College of Biological Sciences

The major in Evolution, Ecology & Biodiversity offers the student a broad background in the theoretical and empirical basis of our understanding of the diversity and distribution of living organisms.

The Program

The program of study for the major begins with a core of introductory courses in mathematics, physical sciences, and biology. These are followed by survey courses in biodiversity, evolution and ecology and various more specialized courses that focus the student on particular disciplines or organisms, with an emphasis on problem-solving and critical thinking. Evolution, Ecology & Biodiversity majors may earn either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree. The requirements for the B.S. degree program include more science courses, such as biochemistry, whereas those for the A.B. degree program allow room for more electives within the humanities and social sciences. The A.B. degree is especially appropriate for those students who wish to combine arts or languages with evolution and ecology for career preparation in such areas as scientific writing, translating or illustration.

Career Alternatives

A degree in Evolution, Ecology & Biodiversity prepares the student for career opportunities in research, teaching, health professions, veterinary medicine, agriculture, environmental management, and industry. Many students gain some research experience while at UC Davis and choose to continue their training at the graduate level. This track offers careers in academics, government, environmental organizations, or business.

Teaching Credential Subject Representative

Students planning for a teaching career should consult the School of Education in regards to preparation for certification; see the Teaching Credential/M.A. Program (https://education.ucdavis.edu/teaching-credentialma/)

Faculty Advisor

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Advising

Biology Academic Success Center (BASC) (http://basc.ucdavis.edu/) in 1023 Katherine Esau Science Hall (formerly Sciences Laboratory Building); 530-752-0410.

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<td>Choose additional upper division restricted electives in biological science relevant to the student’s interest chosen in consultation with a BASC advisor to achieve a total of 49 or more units, at least one of the courses taken to fulfill these requirements must include a 6 hour per week laboratory or field component or two courses with a 3 hour per week laboratory or field component.</td>
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1. Choose CHE 002 series or CHE 004 series.
Include at least one course from the Biodiversity area of study and two courses from the Advanced Evolution & Ecology areas of study below.

(1) Biodiversity (p. 2)
(2) Advanced Evolution & Ecology (p. 2)

Note: A maximum of 4 units of variable-unit courses (numbered 192, 198, 199) may be applied to upper division elective unit requirements, but not to the upper division laboratory requirement. Courses numbered 197T are not applicable to the upper division elective unit requirement.

Depth Subject Matter Subtotal 42-56
Total Units 98-122

1 With BASC advisor approval, these combinations also satisfy the Chemistry requirement: CHE 004A-CHE 002A-CHE 002B-CHE 002C; OR CHE 004A-CHE 004B-CHE 002C
2 With BASC advisor approval, this combination also satisfies the Organic Chemistry requirement: CHE 118A-CHE 008B.
3 With BASC advisor approval, this combination also satisfies the Mathematics requirement: MAT 021A-MAT 017B-MAT 017C; OR MAT 017A-MAT 021B

### (1) Biodiversity Area of Study

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### (2) Advanced Evolution & Ecology Area of Study

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