

MOLECULAR & MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Biological Sciences

The department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics offers the major in Molecular & Medical Microbiology.

Molecular & Medical Microbiology A.B. The Major Program

Microbiology is the branch of biology that deals with bacteria, yeasts and other fungi, algae, protozoa, and viruses. These microorganisms are ubiquitous in nature and play a crucial role in areas such as agriculture, biotechnology, ecology, medicine, and veterinary science. The field of microbiology contributes to areas of fundamental inquiry such as biochemistry, cell biology, evolution, genetics, molecular biology, pathogenesis, and physiology. The ease and power of simultaneous genetic and biochemical analysis of microbes led to the emergence of the new disciplines of molecular biology & molecular genetics, and spawned the new industry of biotechnology.

The Program

The Molecular & Medical Microbiology Undergraduate Program offers Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees in the College of Biological Sciences. Both degrees are designed to provide students with quantitative skills and knowledge across the breadth of Biological Sciences, while maintaining a focus on the biology of microorganisms. The B.S. degree offers more training in mathematics, biochemistry and laboratory methodology; the A.B. degree incorporates more exposure to the liberal arts. The choice of a major program and its suitability for particular career options should be discussed with a Biology Academic Success Center (BASC) advisor.

Career Alternatives

A bachelor's degree in Molecular & Medical Microbiology serves as the foundation for advanced study in microbiology, entry into the professional schools of all health sciences, or immediate employment in biotechnology, health care and food science industries.

Graduate Study

The Graduate Group in Microbiology offers programs of study and research leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

Strong preference is given to doctoral applicants. The group offers study in general microbiology, microbial physiology, microbial genetics, molecular mechanisms of microbial regulation, molecular mechanisms of microbial pathogenesis, immunology, virology, and recombinant DNA technology. For information on the graduate study and undergraduate preparation for the program contact a graduate advisor or the Chairperson of the Group.

Related Courses

The offerings of the Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics are augmented by courses in Food Science & Technology (FST) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>); Medical Microbiology (MMI) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>); Molecular & Cellular Biology (MCB) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>); Pathology, Microbiology, & Immunology (PMI) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>); Plant Pathology (PLP) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>); and Soil Science (SSC) (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/>).

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Faculty Advisor

Rebecca Parales, Ph.D.

Honors & Honors Program

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Teaching Credential Subject Representative

Rebecca Parales, Ph.D.; see the Teaching Credential/M.A. Program (<https://education.ucdavis.edu/teaching-credentialma/>).

Advising

Biology Academic Success Center (BASC) (<https://basc.biology.ucdavis.edu/>) in 1023 Sciences Laboratory Building; 530-752-0410.

Please Note: MIC courses are in the process of transitioning to MMG courses within the year.

Code	Title	Units
Preparatory Subject Matter		
<i>Biological Science</i>		15
BIS 002A & BIS 002B & BIS 002C	Introduction to Biology: Essentials of Life on Earth and Introduction to Biology: Principles of Ecology & Evolution and Introduction to Biology: Biodiversity & the Tree of Life	
<i>Chemistry</i>		
Choose the 002 series or 004 series:		10
CHE 002A & CHE 002B	General Chemistry and General Chemistry	
OR		
CHE 004A & CHE 004B	General Chemistry for the Physical Sciences & Engineering and General Chemistry for the Physical Sciences & Engineering	
Choose the 008 series or 118 series: ¹		6-12
CHE 008A & CHE 008B	Organic Chemistry: Brief Course and Organic Chemistry: Brief Course (Or)	
OR		
CHE 118A & CHE 118B & CHE 118C	Organic Chemistry for Health & Life Sciences and Organic Chemistry for Health & Life Sciences and Organic Chemistry for Health & Life Sciences	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a series: ²		8
MAT 017A & MAT 017B	Calculus for Biology & Medicine and Calculus for Biology & Medicine	
OR		

MAT 021A & MAT 021B	Calculus and Calculus	
<i>Physics</i>		
Choose the 001 series or 007 series:		6-12
PHY 001A & PHY 001B	Principles of Physics and Principles of Physics	
OR		
PHY 007A & PHY 007B & PHY 007C	General Physics and General Physics and General Physics	
Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal		45-57
Depth Subject Matter		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
BIS 101	Genes & Gene Expression	4
BIS 105	Biomolecules & Metabolism	3-6
or BIS 103 & BIS 102	Bioenergetics & Metabolism and Structure & Function of Biomolecules	
<i>Microbiology</i>		
MIC 102	Introductory Microbiology	3
MIC 104L	General Microbiology Laboratory	3
MIC 105	Microbial Diversity	3
MIC 105L	Microbial Diversity Laboratory	3
MIC 111	Human Microbiology	3
<i>Areas of Study</i>		
Choose at least one course from each of the areas of study below:		6-7
1. Microbial Genetics		
MIC 115	Recombinant DNA Cloning & Analysis	
MIC 150	Genomes of Pathogenic Bacteria	
MIC 170	Yeast Molecular Genetics	
2. Virology or Immunology		
MIC 162	General Virology	
MMI 188A	Human Immunology	
MMI 188B	Human Immunology	
PMI 126	Fundamentals of Immunology	
PMI 128	Biology of Animal Viruses	
Choose additional course work from the list below, to achieve a total of 36 or more units. Upper division Microbiology courses not used in satisfaction of any other requirement; or:		
BIS 181	Comparative Genomics	
BIS 183	Functional Genomics	
FST 104	Food Microbiology	
MCB 121	Advanced Molecular Biology	
MCB 182	Principles of Genomics	
MIC 117	Analysis of Molecular Genetic Circuits	
MIC 120	Microbial Ecology	
MIC 172	Host-Parasite Interactions	
MIC 175	Cancer Biology	
PLP 130	Fungal Biology & Disease	
SSC 111	Soil Microbiology	
Upper division courses in related fields, relevant to the student's interest and chosen in consultation with the advisor.		

No more than 3 units of variable-unit courses (numbered 192, 198, or 199) may be used for credit in this category.

Note: Although a course may be listed in more than one category, that course may satisfy only one requirement in the entire major.

Depth Subject Matter Subtotal	36
Total Units	81-93

¹ With BASC advisor approval, this combination also satisfies the Organic Chemistry requirement: CHE 118A-CHE 008B.

² With BASC advisor approval, this combination also satisfies the Mathematics requirement: MAT 021A-MAT 017B; MAT 017A-MAT 021B.