

Biology - Undergraduate Programs

Programs

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

- [Biology BA \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-ba/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-ba/)
- [Biology BA \(Composite Science Teacher Certification\) \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-comp-science-teacher-ba/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-comp-science-teacher-ba/)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

- [Biology BS \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-bs/)
- [Biology BS \(Life Science Teacher Certification\) \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-life-science-teacher-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-life-science-teacher-bs/)
- [Biology BS \(Pre-Clinical\) \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-pre-clinical-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-pre-clinical-bs/)
- [Medical Laboratory Science BS \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/lab-science-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/lab-science-bs/)
- [Microbiology BS \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/microbiology-bs/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/microbiology-bs/)

FAST TRACKS

- [Biology BS to MS Fast Track \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-bs-to-ms-fast/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-bs-to-ms-fast/)

MINOR

- [Biology Minor \(https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-minor/\)](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/science/biology/undergraduate/bio-minor/)

Department of Biology Undergraduate Policies

APPLYING FOR MAJOR STATUS IN BIOLOGY

The applicant for status as a biology major must complete at least 11 hours of majors biology coursework at UTA with a minimum 2.25 GPA and have an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher.

MAINTAINING MAJOR STATUS

- Students who are accepted as majors in biology, microbiology, or medical technology must thereafter maintain a GPA of 2.25 or better in all courses and in biology courses. Any student whose GPA falls below 2.25 in either of these categories will be returned to undeclared status at the end of the semester in which the deficiency occurs.
- Students who fall into academic difficulty will be required to meet with their Advisor and/or Academic Dean in order to discuss academic consequences and their future status in the College of Science. Please refer to the College of Science section of the catalog, "Academic Policies for College of Science Majors".
- Students who have lost status as a major must have departmental permission to enroll in any junior or senior course in biology at UT Arlington.
- Students in the medical technology program should have a 2.8 GPA or higher after completing three years of course work to be competitive when applying for the final year of training in medical technology.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- In order to receive a B.A. degree in Biology or a B.S. degree in Biology or Microbiology from UT Arlington, transfer students must complete a minimum of 18 hours of junior or senior level courses (12 of the 18 hours in Biology) at UT Arlington. Transfer students who are approved for admission to the medical technology program must complete at least 13 hours of junior or senior level courses in biology at UT Arlington to qualify for a B.S. Degree in Medical Technology from UT Arlington.
- No student working toward a B.A. degree in Biology or a B.S. degree in Biology, Medical Technology or Microbiology may take any biology course on a Pass/Fail basis.
- Students are not allowed to receive credit for biology courses at the sophomore level or above by special examination.
- Exceptions to the core course prerequisites for advanced courses will be made only for specialized degree programs such as Medical Technology, Nursing, and Physical Education, and for selected non-majors with special needs.

UNIV 1101 & UNIV 1131

All transfer students are required to enroll in a 1 hour career preparation course, UNIV 1101. All entering freshmen are required to enroll in a 1 hour college adjustment course, UNIV 1131.

COMPUTER AND ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

The University requirement of competency in computer proficiency is satisfied by completion of the BIOL 1441 or BIOL 1442 labs. Oral communication competency can be demonstrated by completion of COMS 1301, COMS 2302, or an approved substitute.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

A student interested in earning a degree with a major in biology with secondary teacher certification, should refer to the “Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology – Life Science Pathway” and the “Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology – Composite Science Pathway” degree plans for teacher certification requirements and for biology courses recommended for each teaching field option.