Biological Sciences Minor Requirements

Eligibility
The minor in biological sciences has been designed to provide students with significant flexibility to choose courses of interest within biology. With a few exceptions, students enrolled in any major at Cornell may complete the minor. The following majors are ineligible to minor in biological sciences: Biology & Society; Entomology; Human Biology, Health & Society; Nutritional Sciences; Plant Sciences.

Students interested in the minor are encouraged to meet with an advisor in the Office of Undergraduate Biology. Please see the OUB website https://biology.cornell.edu/ for walk-in advising office hours or call 607-255-5233 to arrange an appointment.

To complete the minor, students must submit the Application to Certify Completion of Biological Sciences Minor (reverse side) once they completed all courses for the minor or during their last semester of enrollment. The OUB will notify the student’s college Registrar that the minor has been certified and a notation will be made on the student’s transcript.

Requirements
- All courses for the minor must be taken for a letter grade unless a course is offered S/U only.
- Only 2 courses may be used to fulfill both the biology minor requirements and major requirements.
- Advanced Placement credits earned in biology may not be used toward the 21 credits required for the minor.
- Once a student is matriculated, all courses for the minor must be taken at Cornell or through a study abroad program approved by Cornell. External transfer students and students who study abroad may apply up to 4 credits from another institution to count toward minor requirements. Students should consult with the OUB.

21 credits of approved biology coursework chosen from the following:
- BioG 1440 or 1445
- BioG 1500/BioSM 1500
- BioMG 1350
- BioEE 1540/EAS 1540
- BioEE 1610/BioSM 1610
- BioEE 1780/BioSM 1780
- Courses listed for any of the 14 biological sciences concentrations at a level of 2000 or higher.
- Courses with a BIOXX prefix at a level of 2000 or higher.
- Other courses with significant biological content at a level of 2000 or higher may be approved by petition (petition available in the OUB).
- One course worth 2 or more credits must be a course with a laboratory component, a laboratory course or a field course. BioG 2990 may not be used. Up to 3 credits of BioG 4990 may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Courses that won’t count toward minor:
- BioAP 1100
- BioG 1003-1078, 1200, 1250, 2000, 2200, 2990, 3010, 3020, 4040, 4080
- BioMG 1290
- BioMI 1120, 1720
- BioNB 1220
- PLBio 2400, 2490
Application to Certify Completion of Biological Sciences Minor

(To be submitted after all applicable coursework has been completed or during last semester of enrollment)

I. Applicant's Information - Please supply the following:
Name: ____________________________    Cornell ID#: ____________________________
Net ID: ____________________________    Phone Number: ____________________________
Major: ____________________________    Faculty Advisor: ____________________________
Projected Graduation Date (month/year): ____________________    College: ____________________________

II. Courses Applying to Minor - Please list each course you have taken which will apply to the minor program as described on the reverse of this form. Include the semester/year in which you completed each course, as well as the grade and number of credits you received.
NOTE: The minor is contingent upon successful completion of Bachelor of Science/Arts degree requirements.

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III. Transcript - Please attach a copy of your official transcript and highlight or underline each of the courses listed above.

IV. Please sign below and submit this completed form & transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Biology: By signing, you certify that the information supplied on this form and transcript is accurate and that you have completed the necessary coursework and complied with the terms of the biological sciences minor.

Student's signature: ____________________________    Date: ____________________________

For use by the OUB:
Administrative Contact certifying minor: ____________________________    Date: ____________________________

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