

Biology Merit Program Scheduled Sessions – Fall 2020

Biology at Illinois majors are offered by the School of Integrative Biology and the School of Molecular & Cellular Biology. Integrative Biology (IB) is the study of how the different components of life interact, from molecules through global cycles. Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB) is the study of living organisms through the understanding of basic molecular and cellular structure and function as well as the metabolic, genetic and physiological processes common to all organisms.

Biology students take both IB 150 and MCB 150. Other majors interested in taking a biology course should speak to their advisor to determine which biology course may be appropriate. In general, students who place into CHEM 101 should take IB 150 (NOT MCB 150!). Placement into the introductory chemistry courses is based on a combination of the student's score on the Chem Placement Exam and the student's highest ACT Math/SAT Math score. Academic advisors can provide more information. Note: we do not offer merit for non-majors biology courses like microbiology or human A&P.

Merit options in biology for freshman:

IB 150: Organismal and Evolutionary Biology (5 hours total – 4 hours in IB 150 and 1 hour in IB 199)

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| Lecture AL2 | MWF 11:00 am–12:50 pm | CRN 67787 | 2020 Natural History Building |
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Also register for IB 199 CRN 41563

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| *Lecture AL3 | MWF 11:00 am–12:50 pm | CRN 70288 | 2020 Natural History Building |
| *Discussion AL3 | T 11:00 am–11:50 am | | 2083 Natural History Building |

Also register for IB 199 CRN 41563

**Restricted to LAS and DGS AAP programs*

MCB 150: Molecular and Cellular Basis of Life (5 hours total – 4 hours in MCB 150 and 1 hour in MCB 199)

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| Lecture AL1 | MWF 2:00–2:50 pm | CRN 33829 | Foellinger Auditorium |
| Any regular discussion | M–R | CRNs vary | 105 Burrill Hall |
| 199 Workshop M1 | R 9:00–10:50 am | CRN 45198 | 6 Burrill Hall |
| 199 Workshop M2 | R 11:00 am –12:50 pm | CRN 45216 | 6 Burrill Hall |
| 199 Workshop M3 | R 1:00–2:50 pm | CRN 45219 | 6 Burrill Hall |

You must sign up for lecture, a discussion, and one workshop (the workshops are listed as MCB 199 sections).

Biology merit students will be able to register without authorization. Non-majors will need to contact meritprogram@illinois.edu to request approval.

For questions contact meritprogram@illinois.edu