**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, B.S.**

**THE SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

**Biological Sciences, B.S. offers five emphasis tracks: Molecular and Cell Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Human Biology, Developmental Biology, and Microbiology and Immunology. Transfer applicants must choose an emphasis in this major.**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

For admission to the Biological Sciences major, students must earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.8 or better, and must complete classes articulated with the following UC Merced courses prior to admission:

- BIO 1 & 1L (with B or better grades in each course),
- CHEM 2, CHEM 10, CHEM 8 & 8L, CHEM 100
- MATH 11 OR MATH 21, MATH 12 OR MATH 22

Transfer students seeking fall admission should have the following completed by the spring term preceding fall enrollment at UC Merced:

1. All minimum admissions requirements including appropriate courses in math and the equivalent of WRI 1 and WRI 10 (see articulation by department on ASSIST.org).
2. At least one social science, Humanities or Arts course listed in the general education information for the School of Natural Sciences. Two courses (one from each area) is strongly recommended.
3. All major preparation requirements as stated above.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION**

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination note:

AP and IB examination credit policies are detailed in the 2017-18 UC Merced general catalog viewable online at:

[http://catalog.ucmerced.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=647#AP_IB](http://catalog.ucmerced.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=647#AP_IB)
* ALERT* It is strongly recommended that you obtain a full transcript of your academic records from each of the colleges and universities you have attended before you start your UC application. Applicants must report ALL grades in ALL courses--transferable and not transferable--from all institutions attended. Applicants are solely responsible for the integrity of their self-reported academic record in the UC application.

Applicants are encouraged to clear any No Pass, D, or F letter grade received in UC Transfer course. Applicants are most competitive in the Admissions Process with fewer withdrawals and/or repeated course work in major preparation.

All course work must be completed with a ‘C’ or better.

Following these guidelines will assist you to be more competitive for admission to your UC Merced major.

If you have any questions about UC Merced admissions policy, please email: admissions@ucmerced.edu

Completion of IGETC is not recommended but is accepted for this major.

All course work must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better.

For the most up-to-date information about transferring to UC Merced, please visit admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer_requirements.
Information about applying for a Transfer Admission Guarantee is available at admissions.ucmerced.edu/tag.

## LOWER DIVISION MAJOR PREPARATION COURSES

- **BIO 1** - Contemporary Biology (4.00)
  
  And

- **BIO 1L** - Contemporary Biology Lab (1.00)
  - Minimum grade required: B or better

- **BIO 60** - Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology (5.00)
  
  And

- **BIO 61** - Introduction to Organismal and Population Biology (Majors) (5.00)

- **BIO 2** - Introduction to Molecular Biology (4.00)

  And

- **BIO 2L** - Introduction to Molecular Biology Lab (1.00)

- **CHEM 2** - General Chemistry I (4.00)

- **CHE 1A** - General Chemistry, I (5.00)

- **CHEM 10** - General Chemistry II (4.00)

- **CHE 1B** - General Chemistry, II (5.00)
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**Or**

- PHYS 9 - Introductory Physics II for Physical Sciences (4.00)
- PHY 4B - Electricity and Magnetism (4.00)

**And**

- PHY 4C - Heat, Light and Waves (4.00)

**Or**

- PHYS 19 - Introductory Physics II for Biological Sciences (4.00)
- No Course Articulated

**END OF AGREEMENT**