

# HONOURS BSC BIOLOGY - PHYSIOLOGY OPTION

Recent discoveries and new technologies are revolutionizing the biological sciences, placing increasing emphasis on integrating knowledge across all levels of organization, from molecules to ecosystems. Our programs give students both the intellectual tools and the hands-on experience they need to pursue careers in fields as diverse as conservation and endangered species; land-use management; ecotoxicology; academic, industry or government research; or health care. Learning takes place through traditional classroom instruction, innovative laboratory projects with state-of-the-art technologies, field-based courses around the world, and a strong research program in which undergraduate students of all years are intensively mentored in a research lab.

The honours program in biology allows for in-depth study in one or more biological disciplines. Students can concentrate on a particular area by choosing one of three options: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Physiology, or Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour. This route includes a compulsory independent research project to equip students with advanced research, analysis and communication skills applicable to diverse careers. Alternatively, they can pursue diverse interests by selecting a general course of study that includes a number of advanced courses, and they can gain work experience while studying through the Co-Operative Education Programs.

This program is offered in English and in French.

## Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2022-2023 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

3 optional course units in English (ENG) at the 1000 or 2000 level	3 Units
BIO 1130 Introduction to Organismal Biology	3 Units
BIO 1140 Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology	3 Units
CHM 1311 Principles of Chemistry	3 Units
CHM 1321 Organic Chemistry I	3 Units
GEO 1111 Introduction to Earth Systems	3 Units
MAT 1330 Calculus for the Life Sciences I	3 Units
MAT 1332 Calculus for the Life Sciences II	3 Units
PHY 1321 Principles of Physics I	3 Units
BCH 2333 Introduction to Biochemistry	3 Units
BIO 2129 Ecology	3 Units
BIO 2133 Genetics	3 Units
BIO 2135 Animal Form and Function	3 Units
BIO 2137 Introduction to Plant Science	3 Units
CHM 2120 Organic Chemistry II	3 Units
MAT 2379 Introduction to Biostatistics	3 Units
BIO 4920 Seminar I Evaluating Science	1.5 Units

BIO 4921 Seminar II Developing and Communicating Science	1.5 Units
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### Physiology Option - Block A

BIO 4009 Honours Research	9 Units
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### Physiology Option - Block B

One option from the following:	18 Units
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#### Option 1: Animal Physiology

BIO 3137 Experiments in Animal Physiology	
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6 course units from:

BIO 3302 Animal Physiology II	
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BIO 3303 Animal Physiology I	
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BIO 3305 Cellular Physiology	
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and 9 optional course units in biology (BIO), biopharmaceutical science (BPS) or environmental science (EVS), ITI 1120, BCH 3120, BCH 3125, BCH 3356, BCH 4122, BCH 4125, BCH 4188, SCI 3101 with at least 3 of the 9 optional course units at the 3000 or 4000 level<sup>1</sup>

#### Option 2: Plant Physiology

6 course units from:

BIO 3140 Plant Physiology and Biochemistry	
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BIO 3142 Plant Developmental Biology	
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BIO 3146 Ecophysiology of Plants	
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and 12 optional course units in biology (BIO), biopharmaceutical science (BPS) or environmental science (EVS), ITI 1120, BCH 3120, BCH 3125, BCH 3356, BCH 4122, BCH 4125, BCH 4188, SCI 3101 with at least 3 of the 12 optional course units at the 3000 or 4000 level<sup>1</sup>

### Physiology Option - Block C

3 course units from:	3 Units
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BIO 3147 Animal Developmental Biology	
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BIO 3152 Cell Biology Laboratory	
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BIO 3153 Cell Biology	
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BIO 3170 Molecular Biology	
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### Physiology Option - Block D

6 course units from:	6 Units
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BCH 3120 General Intermediary Metabolism	
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BIO 3140 Plant Physiology and Biochemistry	
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BIO 3142 Plant Developmental Biology	
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BIO 3146 Ecophysiology of Plants	
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BIO 3302 Animal Physiology II	
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BIO 3303 Animal Physiology I	
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BIO 3305 Cellular Physiology	
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BIO 3310 Plant Systematics and Diversity	
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BIO 3350 Principles of Neurobiology	
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BIO 3360 Computational Tools for Biological Sciences	
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BIO 4119 Topics in Respiratory Physiology	
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BIO 4120 Animal Adaptations	
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BIO 4127 Comparative Endocrinology	
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BIO 4142 Plant Immunity and Symbioses	
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BIO 4144 Plant Molecular Biology	
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BIO 4152 Animal Energetics	
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BIO 4158 Applied Biostatistics	
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BIO 4175 Membrane Physiology	
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BIO 4302	Animal Movement	
BIO 4351	Neural Basis of Animal Behaviour	
BIO 4551	Physiologie évolutive et écophysiologie	
BPS 3102	Principles of Toxicology and Pharmacology	
BPS 4123	Phytomedicines and Natural Product Drugs	
CMM 4360	The Dynamical Brain: Experimental and Computational Approaches to Neural Networks	
9 elective course units offered by the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Social Sciences or the Telfer School of Management		9 Units
24 elective course units		24 Units
<b>Total:</b>		<b>120 Units</b>

Note(s)

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Within your program of study, you must complete a minimum of 15 course units at the 3000 or 4000 level with a laboratory component. A complete list of courses having a laboratory component can be found below. Please note: if a course listed below has already been used to fulfill a compulsory or optional requirement in your program listed above, these course units count towards this total of 15 units.

## List of Optional Courses

### List of Optional Courses with a Laboratory Component

BIM 4316	Modern Bioanalytical Chemistry	3 Units
BIO 3103	Field Biology	3 Units
BIO 3126	General Microbiology Laboratory	3 Units
BIO 3137	Experiments in Animal Physiology	3 Units
BIO 3146	Ecophysiology of Plants	3 Units
BIO 3151	Molecular Biology Laboratory	3 Units
BIO 3152	Cell Biology Laboratory	3 Units
BIO 3154	Population and Community Ecology	3 Units
BIO 3158	Vertebrate Zoology	3 Units
BIO 3310	Plant Systematics and Diversity	3 Units
BIO 3333	Entomology	3 Units
BIO 3360	Computational Tools for Biological Sciences	3 Units
BIO 4004	Honours Research	3 Units
BIO 4009	Honours Research	9 Units
BIO 4122	Experiments in Animal Behaviour	3 Units
BIO 4150	Spatial Ecology	3 Units
BIO 4156	Freshwater Ecology	3 Units
BIO 4158	Applied Biostatistics	3 Units
BPS 4104	Bioinformatics Laboratory	3 Units
BPS 4127	Advanced Techniques in Biosciences	3 Units