DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

The Department of Integrative Biology offers Master of Science degrees in Biology and in Environmental Science. The department offers graduate certificates in Environmental Science and Environmental Sustainability. The department shares a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science and Engineering with the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Construction Management.

- M.S. in Biology (p. 1)
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Master of Science Degree in Biology

The graduate program offers opportunities for advanced study and research leading to the Master of Science degree in Biology. The Master's degree allows students to take a wide variety of elective courses, providing an expansive base of knowledge across many areas in the life sciences. A thesis option is offered to students who want an extended opportunity to develop expertise in research techniques and data analysis and is recommended for those who plan a career in research or contemplate pursuing a doctorate in one of the life sciences. There are four emphases within which to conduct a thesis: Developmental and Regenerative Sciences, Ecology, Microbiology and Immunology, and Neuroscience.

Qualified students are encouraged to apply for teaching assistantships and fellowships.

Program Admission Requirements

To be considered for degree-seeking status, applicants must submit, along with the application, two letters of recommendation, a Statement of Future Plans, including a reason why the student wishes to pursue an M.S. in Biology and, if appropriate, why the student wishes to participate in a particular thesis option (described below), and scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). In addition to satisfying the University-wide graduate admission requirements, applicants are expected to have completed coursework equivalent to that required for a bachelor's degree in Biology or a related subject at UTSA. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for admission. Students whose undergraduate preparation is deficient in certain areas but who meet the minimum University standards for admission may be conditionally admitted and required to complete specific undergraduate or graduate courses as conditions of admission. In such cases, students should anticipate that additional time will be required to complete the degree. Students who are denied admission to the M.S. program must reapply if interested in acceptance as a special graduate student.

For students considering a thesis option, emphasis-specific requirements are listed below:

A. Developmental and Regenerative Sciences: Successful applicants normally have their undergraduate degree in a biological/life science discipline and have earned upper-division course credit in biochemistry, cell biology, and molecular biology. Applicants with undergraduate academic performance that does not meet these requirements are encouraged to consider pursuing a year of post-baccalaureate studies with the goal of demonstrating an ability to achieve satisfactory academic progress in graduate-level courses.

B. Ecology: Successful applicants normally have their undergraduate degree in a biological/life science discipline and have earned upper-division course credit in ecology and statistics. The faculty strongly encourages students who are interested in the thesis option with an emphasis in ecology to contact potential faculty to serve as their thesis advisor prior to completing the application.

C. Microbiology and Immunology: Successful applicants normally have an undergraduate degree in a biological/life science discipline and have completed upper-division courses in biochemistry, cell biology, microbiology, and immunology with grades of "A" or "B." Applicants that do not meet these requirements are encouraged to consider completing a year of post-baccalaureate studies in which they will address any deficiencies in coursework and demonstrate their ability to succeed in graduate-level courses.

D. Neuroscience: Successful applicants normally have their undergraduate degree in a biological/life science discipline or in experimental psychology. Students with degrees in other fields (physical sciences, mathematics, engineering) and a strong interest in the foundations of neuroscience and behavior are also encouraged to apply. Applicants with undergraduate academic performance that does not meet these requirements are encouraged to consider pursuing a year of post-baccalaureate studies with the goal of demonstrating an ability to achieve satisfactory academic progress in graduate-level courses. Students interested in this thesis option should contact potential faculty to serve as their thesis advisor prior to completing the application.

Students interested in one of these thesis options should contact potential faculty mentors during their first semester after admission.

Degree Requirements

Degree-seeking students are required to complete a minimum of 36 semester credit hours that must be approved by the student’s Graduate Advisor and Comprehensive Examination Committee, as well as the Graduate Advisor of Record. Students are expected to meet with their assigned Graduate Advisor early in the first semester of study to prepare a course degree plan and organize a committee as early as possible. Students must work closely with their Advisor and Committee to gain maximum benefit from this program.
### Program of Study

#### I. Thesis Option

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<td>The emphasis in Ecology is a thesis-track degree that provides students with training and experience in the scientific investigation of ecological processes. In addition to taking courses, students work with faculty to develop a rigorous research program resulting in a thesis of sufficient quality to be published in a reputable peer-reviewed journal. Students who complete this degree gain experience in critical thinking, problem-solving, research methodology (e.g. experimental design, sampling techniques, and analysis), and both written and oral communication. This emphasis prepares students for doctoral degree programs and for professional positions in both academic and non-academic organizations in both the private and public sectors.</td>
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The Neuroscience emphasis is a thesis-track program designed to develop new understanding through research and creativity. Coursework and laboratory research affords training in fundamental concepts and methods in modern neuroscience, emphasizing interdisciplinary and integrative approaches which are seen as central to major advances in the field. The program also emphasizes the development of research skills that will position students to be competitive in academic and research-oriented careers. Students who may wish to pursue a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at UTSA, after successfully completing their master's work at UTSA, are encouraged to apply. Once accepted into the Ph.D. program, students can petition to transfer 6 core credit hours and 1 credit hour of NDRB 5001, and elective coursework not used to fulfill requirements for the M.S. degree (with a grade of B or higher), pending approval from the Graduate Program Committee, academic College, and Dean of the Graduate School, provided the credit has not been used toward another doctoral degree.

### II. Open Emphasis

The open emphasis M.S. in Biology offers students the opportunity to acquire strong preparation in the fundamentals across several areas of Biology and an introduction to recent advances in biological theory and methods. Students may take a total of 3 semester credit hours of BIO 5971, BIO 5972, or BIO 5973 Directed Research or BIO 6951, BIO 6952, or BIO 6953 Independent Study as electives.

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4. 22 credit hours can be selected from 5000- to 7000-level courses offered in BIO/MMI/NDRB. Up to 6 credit hours of electives may be taken outside of the discipline in related UTSA graduate programs, with approval of the Graduate Advisor of Record (GAR).

Total Credit Hours: 36

### Comprehensive Examination and Thesis Defense

As specified by university regulations, candidates must pass a comprehensive examination administered by the student’s Graduate Committee (Comprehensive Examination Committee). This examination will have oral and written components. Students who do not achieve the criteria (or necessary expectations) to pass the exam will be required...
to retake the comprehensive exam after consultation with the student’s graduate committee.

Students electing the thesis option do not take the comprehensive exam. They must successfully defend their thesis research before their approved Graduate Committee prior to the submission of the thesis to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Certain institutional rules must be adhered to with regard to the composition of Comprehensive Examination and Thesis Defense Committees. Only tenured or tenure-track faculty members from UTSA can chair these committees, and no more than one member of either committee can be fixed-term-track faculty or faculty from another institution.

**Master of Science Degree in Environmental Science**

The College of Sciences offers opportunities for advanced study and research leading to the Master of Science degree in Environmental Science. The regulations for this degree comply with the general University regulations as outlined in this catalog and indicated below.

The Master of Science in Environmental Science Program is multidisciplinary and draws on faculty from many departments, including Integrative Biology, Chemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, & Construction Management, and Earth and Planetary Sciences. Specific information about faculty research can be found through departmental websites or by contacting individual faculty members. The nature of the environmental science program allows students the opportunity to broaden their scientific background at the graduate level. Individual programs are organized around each student’s interests in consultation with the student’s Graduate Advisor and Graduate Committee.

**Program Admission Requirements**

In addition to satisfying the University-wide graduate admission requirements, all prospective students must have a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited university and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in upper-division and graduate work. The degree should be in biology, ecology, environmental science, chemistry, geology, engineering, or some other related scientific discipline. Additionally, it is required that applicants have taken coursework in the following areas: 1) one semester in general statistics, and 2) one semester of environmental science. Applicants lacking these requirements will be asked to complete these deficiencies within the first 12 credit hours. Students who have not had any undergraduate coursework in Environmental Law will be required to take ES 5133 Fundamentals of Environmental Law during their first semester, which can be applied to the degree. Applications for admission will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants whose native language is not English must score at least 79 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT, or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Applicants must submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic record; a personal statement of research interest, as well as professional and academic goals; and a résumé. All supporting documents should be sent to Graduate Admissions. Incomplete applications will not be considered until all required items are in an applicant’s file.

The Graduate Studies Committee, comprised of members selected from the graduate faculty, will be responsible for recommending acceptance into the program. Some teaching assistantships, research assistantships, or research fellowships are available but require a separate application; requests should be addressed to the Graduate Advisor of Record (GAR) for the Environmental Science program.

**Degree Requirements**

The Master of Science degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree (exclusive of coursework or other study required to remove deficiencies). The thesis option is recommended for students who are planning a career in environmental education, research, or who are planning to go on to earn a doctorate degree.

A professional (non-thesis) option is also available for those interested in developing skills and knowledge to assume professional research and/or managerial positions within public, private, and nonprofit organizations. The program is designed to develop skills in data analysis, oral and written communication, and interdisciplinary teamwork. This option is considered a terminal degree and is not recommended for those students who want to consider earning a doctorate degree in environmental science.

Degree candidates are required to complete a minimum of 36 semester credit hours approved by the student's Graduate Advisor and Graduate Committee. Final approval is made by the Graduate Advisor of Record. These credit hours are subject to the following conditions:

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Total Credit Hours: 36

1. This course must be taken in the first two semesters of the program.
2. A total of 2 semester credit hours in graduate seminar or colloquium, in any combination, are required.
Candidates for the Master of Science degree electing the thesis option must first pass a research proposal examination in front of their Graduate Committee. The student should schedule the research proposal examination during the second semester but no later than the third semester of graduate work. The research proposal examination will be oral and will cover a written document that includes the thesis topic, objectives, and research proposed by the student, and will take one to two hours to complete. The research proposal examination may only be taken twice. If it is not passed the first time it may be scheduled again in the following semester. Finally, candidates in the thesis option must successfully defend their thesis before their Graduate Committee. The thesis defense will take two to three hours to complete. The thesis defense is normally scheduled in the last semester before the degree requirements are to be completed. Part of the thesis defense will be a public presentation in an open, advertised forum.

### Professional (Non-Thesis) Option

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B. An additional 12 semester credit hours of approved graduate credit is required. This may include 6 hours of ES 6953 Independent Study. Up to 6 semester credit hours of approved upper-division undergraduate coursework and a maximum of 3 semester credit hours in a graduate seminar or 3 semester credit hours in colloquium (ES 5981 Graduate Seminar in Environmental Science and Engineering or ES 6941 Environmental Science Colloquium) may be applied to the degree.  

Total Credit Hours 36

1 This course must be taken in the first two semesters of the program.
2 If approved to enroll in undergraduate coursework, students must complete the Permission for Enrolling in Undergraduate Courses While a Graduate form and receive all approvals.

\[3\] A total of 6 hours of independent study may be applied in any combination from ES 6951 and ES 6953.

Professional students should consult the Graduate Advisor of Record on their program of study and organize a Graduate Committee during the first semester of residence. Candidates are required to pass a written comprehensive examination that will cover 1) fundamentals of environmental science, 2) data analyses and experimental design, 3) environmental law, and 4) an additional topic to be determined by the Graduate Committee. This written examination should be arranged by the student with the Graduate Advisor of Record and their Graduate Committee. In addition, an oral examination will be administered by the student's Graduate Committee. The oral examination will focus on academic material that the student is expected to have mastered during his or her course of study. The examinations are taken after the student has completed at least 30 semester credit hours of coursework. The written and oral examination may only be taken twice. If it is not passed the first time, it may be scheduled again in the following semester. If ES 6961 Comprehensive Examination is taken, it does not contribute toward the 36-semester-credit-hour minimum (refer to the Course Descriptions section).

### Graduate Committee

As specified by University regulations, candidates for the Master of Science degree must have a Graduate Committee. The Committee will be chaired by the student's Graduate Advisor and will consist of a minimum of two other members. The Committee should be appointed by the end of the first semester of the student's graduate program. Certain rules must be adhered to concerning the composition of the Graduate Committee. Only tenured or tenure-track faculty members can chair these committees, and no more than one member can be a fixed-tenure-track faculty member or be from another university.

### Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Environmental Science and Engineering

UTSA offers a graduate-studies program leading to the Ph.D. degree in Environmental Science and Engineering. This program is administered by the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, & Construction Management. Most of the participating graduate faculty are in the College of Sciences (including Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences) and Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design (School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, & Construction Management); additional faculty in this interdisciplinary program are from other colleges. Please refer to the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, & Construction Management (http://catalog.utsa.edu/graduate/engineeringintegrateddesign/civilenvironmentalengineeringmgmt/degreestext) section of this catalog for details about this program.

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### Graduate Certificate in Environmental Science

This 15-hour certificate in Environmental Science is designed to meet the needs of prospective students interested in developing skills in environmental science. The purpose of this certificate is to provide professionals who already have undergraduate degrees with graduate instruction in environmental science as a means of maintaining and promoting their professional development. Environmental science is an interdisciplinary subject; therefore, the certificate program is designed to provide graduates with coursework in environmental science in appropriate areas outside of their undergraduate major. The certificate provides students with a post-baccalaureate educational opportunity that is narrower in scope and shorter in duration than the M.S. in Environmental Science.
### Description of Certificate Program

The certificate in Environmental Science is a 15-semester-credit-hour program. The prerequisites for this program are a bachelor's degree with a current status as a degree-seeking or special student in a graduate-level program. To maintain enrollment in the certificate program, students should maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout tenure in the program. No more than 3 semester credit hours may be transferred from another institution.

### Program Requirements

To earn the Environmental Science certificate, students must complete 15 semester credit hours of required courses:

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**Total Credit Hours: 15**

### Graduate Certificate in Environmental Sustainability

This 15-hour certificate in Environmental Sustainability is designed to meet the needs of prospective students interested in developing knowledge in environmental sustainability. The purpose of this certificate is to provide professionals who already have undergraduate degrees with graduate instruction in environmental sustainability as a means of maintaining and promoting their professional development. The goal of this certificate is to fill specific gaps in knowledge for environmental professionals who are seeking advanced knowledge and skills in environmental sustainability. The certificate also builds a strong foundation for participants to obtain a master's degree at a future date.

### Description of Certificate Program

The certificate in Environmental Sustainability is a 15-semester-credit-hour program. The prerequisites for this program are a bachelor's degree with a current status as a degree-seeking or special student in a graduate-level program. To maintain enrollment in the certificate program, students should maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout tenure in the program. No more than 3 semester credit hours may be transferred from another institution.

### Program Requirements

To earn the Environmental Sustainability certificate, students must complete 15 semester credit hours of required courses:

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**Total Credit Hours: 15**

### Biology (BIO) Courses

**BIO 5001. Ethical Conduct in Research. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. This course provides a basic overview of the requirements for ethical conduct within the research laboratory. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory completion) or “NC” (unsatisfactory completion). (Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5001 and BIO 7413.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

**BIO 5003. Epigenetics and Metabolism. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**
This course offers a scientific overview and discussion of course-related topics including stem cells, diseases, and interaction between metabolism and different epigenetic mechanisms. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

**BIO 5013. Survey Topics in Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. This course provides an overview of ecology from the individual organism to populations, communities, and ecosystems. It examines the physical, chemical, and biological components of ecological interactions, and includes a comparative treatment of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. (Same as ES 5013. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5013 and BIO 5013.) May require field trips. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

**BIO 5033. Biotechnology Laboratory. (0-6) 3 Credit Hours.**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. An organized course offering an introduction to routine procedures employed in the modern research laboratory. (Same as NDRB 5033. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5033 and NDRB 5033.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; IUS1 $15; L001 $30.

**BIO 5043. Global Change. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the program or consent of instructor. Changes in the global distribution of plants and animals and the causes of the changes will be examined. Factors that are apparently coupled to changes in the atmosphere and environmental temperature will be examined. (Formerly EES 5043. Same as CE 6383 and GEO 5043. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: CE 6113, CE 6383, EES 5043, ES 5043, or GEO 5043.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

**BIO 5063. Environmental Microbiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**
Prerequisite: BIO 3713 or consent of instructor. To provide a basic understanding of environmental microbiology primarily from two aspects: microbial interactions with chemical pollutants in the environment and the fate of microbial pathogens in the environment. Topics covered include microbial environments, detection of bacteria and their activities in the environment, microbial biogeochemistry, bioremediation, and water quality. (Same as ES 5063. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5063 and ES 5063.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

**BIO 5083. Mammalogy. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An advanced course covering various aspects of the biology of mammals, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be required. Same as ES 5083. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5083 and BIO 5083. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.
BIO 5093. Herpetology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An advanced course covering various aspects of the biology of herpetofaunal, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be required. (Same as ES 5093. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5093 and BIO 5093.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5103. River Ecosystems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology or environmental science, or consent of instructor. This course examines the physical, chemical, and biological factors that determine biodiversity and the distribution of freshwater ecosystems. Key ecological and hydrogeomorphology concepts and their application to environmental concerns are covered. Field trip required. (Same as ES 5113. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5103 and ES 5113.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 5123. Principles of Molecular Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 or an equivalent. Molecular structure and function of genes and nucleic acids, and the processes of DNA replication, mutation and repair, as well as transcription and translation of genetic material. Genome projects, functional genomics and the genetic control of development will also be covered. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5133. Principles of Cell Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 and BIO 3813, or their equivalents. Basic structure, organization, and differentiation of cells. Cell cycle, signaling, growth, and movement of cells, as well as cellular immunology and cellular aspects of infectious disease will also be covered. Same as NDRB 5133. Credit cannot be earned for both NDRB 5133 and BIO 5133. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5143. Advanced Nucleic Acids Laboratory. (0-6) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3913 or an equivalent, BIO 5033 recommended. An introduction to advanced techniques of molecular biology dealing with manipulations and analyses of DNA, including preparation and analysis of genomic DNA, genomic cloning, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), Southern blotting, DNA sequencing and computational analysis of DNA sequence data. Same as NDRB 5143 credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5143 and NDRB 5143. Formerly titled "Advanced Molecular Biology Laboratory – DNA Techniques." Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90; IUS1 $15; L001 $30.

BIO 5163. Recombinant Protein Biotechnology Laboratory. (0-6) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of BIO 5033. Small- to large-scale growth of microorganisms and eukaryotic cells followed by downstream processing of supernatants and/or cell pellets, protein purification, and protein analysis. Same as NDRB 5163. Formerly BIO 7542 and BIO 7543. Credit can only be earned for one of the following: BIO 5163, BIO 7542, BIO 7543, or NDRB 5163. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90; IUS1 $15; L001 $30.

BIO 5213. Principles of Chemical Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 and BIO 3813, or equivalents. This course covers cell- and organism-level functions viewed from a chemical perspective. Studies of molecular interactions of metabolites, pharmaceuticals, proteins, polysaccharides, lipids, and nucleic acids, including protein folding and unfolding, protein modification, ligand binding, proteomics, metabolomics, lipidomics, glycoproteins, and nucleotide modification. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5223. Applied Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course covers the impact of humanity's activities on the environment: their effect on water, land, animal, and human resources. An evaluation of present and future strategies to preserve a healthy environment. (Formerly EES 5103. Same as EES 5103. Credit cannot only be earned for one of the following: EES 5103, ES 5103, or BIO 5223.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5233. Medicinal Plants. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biology or Chemistry. An overview of plant secondary metabolism, and the ethnobotany, biochemistry, and pharmacology of some of our most important plant-derived pharmaceuticals. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5243. Advanced Plant Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: BIO 3283 and BIO 3292, or consent of instructor. A study of the major biomes of the world, including North America and Texas, and the factors that influence the development of these biomes. Special consideration is given to species interactions that lead to high and low density species. (Same as ES 5243. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5243 and ES 5243.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 5253. Technical Writing Ecologists. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course focuses on rhetoric, ecology, and technical/scientific communication in order to develop interdisciplinary, team-based, and applied research projects. This advanced professional writing and rhetoric course will examine ecological communications as an archetypal example of specialized technical communication. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5343. Proteins and Nucleic Acids. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 or equivalent. Protein sequences, domains, folding, proteomics, glycoproteins, protein-DNA interaction, RNA conformations. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5383. Aquatic Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. Study of aquatic ecosystems including streams, wetlands, and lakes. Topics include watershed processes, biological communities, physical habitats, nutrient cycling, energy flow, and management issues. The course culminates with individual research projects focused on local watersheds. Field trips may be required. (Same as ES 5513. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5513 and BIO 5383.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5523. Enzymes. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 or an equivalent. A study of enzyme structure and mechanism, inhibitors, cofactor, kinetics, and regulation. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 5543. Pharmacology and Toxicology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

BIO 5571. Experimental Techniques in the Life Sciences. (0-2) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor. Course topics include research methods in cell and molecular biology, molecular neurobiology, microbiology, and ecology. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Formerly BIO 7571. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 7571 and BIO 5571.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: L001 $8.
BIO 5572. Experimental Techniques in the Life Sciences. (0-4) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor. Course topics include research methods in cell and molecular biology, molecular neurobiology, microbiology, and ecology. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Same as BIO 7572. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 7572 and BIO 5572.) Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: L001 $8.

BIO 5643. Introduction to Bioinformatics. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
The course will cover how the ability to sequence and analyze genomes has transformed biology. The genomic revolution has been made possible by the development of bioinformatics tools that combine computation with principles of molecular biology. In this course, students will have the opportunity to learn how to use some of the major bioinformatics tools and will examine a few genomes to understand the vast amount of information present in them. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 5663. Applications of Recombinant DNA Technology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A course on recombinant DNA technology, concentrating on major DNA manipulation methods, including their use in vaccine and bioactive protein production, gene therapy, plant genetic engineering along with ethical and safety considerations. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 5713. Ornithology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A course covering various aspects of the biology of birds, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be included. (Same as ES 5763. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5713 and ES 5763.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5733. Advanced Medical Mycology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: BIO 3522 and BIO 3722. This course is a comprehensive study of the etiological agents and host factors that lead to fungal disease in humans. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5743. Advanced Virology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Biology. A detailed study of the diversity of viruses and biochemical mechanisms for their replication. (Formerly titled "Biochemical Virology") Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5753. Conservation Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. The class topics will include the nature of the biosphere, threats to its integrity, and ecologically sound responses to these threats. Also included will be the origin and preservation of biotic diversity, how the rich variety of plant and animal life arose, how it has been maintained by natural processes, and how its destruction can be prevented. (Same as ES 5753. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5753 and ES 5753.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5763. Ichthyology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Study of fishes, and includes a wide range of topics including taxonomy, systematics, and biogeography, anatomy and physiology, and behavior and ecology. This course will focus on form and function, behavior, life history, ecology, and key taxonomic characteristics of most of the orders of fishes. Field trips may be required. (Same as ES 5743. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5743 and BIO 5763.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5783. Introduction to Good Manufacturing Practices and Good Laboratory Practices. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Review of FDA and U.S. Pharmacopia regulations. Practical considerations for the implementation of GMP/GLP systems; data management and reporting, as well as problem solving and interpretive skills, will be emphasized. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5843. Wildlife Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. Topics covered in this course include: major environmental factors affecting wildlife, structure and behavior of wildlife populations, and regional wildlife communities and their conservation. Field studies will allow students to observe and apply classroom topics. (Same as ES 5773. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5773 and BIO 5843.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5853. Biostatistics. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course includes the collection, analysis, presentation, and interpretation of biological data, and probability. Analysis includes descriptive statistics, correlation and regression, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing. Use of appropriate technology, including statistical software. (Same as ES 5023. Credit cannot be earned for both ES 5023 and BIO 5853.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 5873. Plant Biotechnology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3513 or equivalent, BIO 5123 is recommended. The principles of plant physiology and genetics, and techniques used in plant modification, and principles of plant breeding and quantitative genetics as applied to plant biotechnology. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5971. Directed Research. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Admission to either the Biology or Biotechnology Master's program or admission as a special graduate or non-degree-seeking student, and permission in writing (form available) from the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. The directed research course may involve either a laboratory or a theoretical problem. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 6951-3 (Independent Study), will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 5972. Directed Research. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to either the Biology or Biotechnology Master's program or admission as a special graduate or non-degree-seeking student, and permission in writing (form available) of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. The directed research course may involve either a laboratory or a theoretical problem. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 6951-3 (Independent Study), will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.
BIO 5973. Directed Research. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to either the Biology or Biotechnology Master's program or admission as a special graduate or non-degree-seeking student, and permission in writing (form available) of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. The directed research course may involve either a laboratory or a theoretical problem. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 6951-3 (Independent Study), will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 5981. Graduate Seminar in Ecology. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. Topics of current research will be examined in this course. Presentations will be by current faculty, invited guests, and master's or doctoral candidates. May be repeated for credit but only 2 hours may be applied toward the Master's degree. The grade report for this course is either "CR" (satisfactory) or "NC" (unsatisfactory). (Formerly EES 5981 and ES 5991. Same as CE 6621. Credit can only be earned for one of the following courses: EES 5981, ES 5991, CE 6621, or BIO 5981.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fee: GS01 $30.

BIO 6113. Plant Ecophysiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course is a survey of physiological approaches to understanding plant-environment interactions from the functional perspective. Lectures cover physiological adaptation, limiting factors, resources acquisition/ allocation, photosynthesis, carbon and energy balance, water use relations, nutrient relations, linking ecophysiology and stable isotopes, stress physiology, life history physiology, evolution of physiological performance, and ecophysiology at the population, community, and ecosystem levels. (Formerly EES 6113 and ES 6113. Same as ES 6023. Credit can only be earned for one of the following: ES 6023, ES 6113, and BIO 6113.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 6133. Methods in Field Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3283 or an equivalent. Examination of techniques to collect, identify, and preserve plants and animals. Field methods used in the analysis of populations and communities are considered. (Same as ES 6133. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 6133 and ES 6133.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 6142. Methods in Field Ecology Laboratory. (0-6) 2 Credit Hours.
This course introduces students to field ecology methodologies. Topics may include physiological field measurements (in situ photosynthesis, respiration, water relations), population assessment (quadrats, transects, mark-recapture), community-level assessment (measuring density and diversity, benthic analyses), and/or ecosystem process field assessment (carbon or nutrient flux, whole system metabolism, and watershed studies). Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fee: L001 $8.

BIO 6213. Advanced Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3283 or an equivalent. Interaction of organisms with their environment, allelopathy, competition, distribution, succession, and factors that control growth and dispersal. Special consideration is given to the concepts of climax, succession, and land management. (Same as ES 6213. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 6213 and ES 6213.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 6222. Advanced Plant Ecology Laboratory. (0-6) 2 Credit Hours.
This course includes physiological field measurements, population assessment, community-level assessment, and ecosystem process field assessment of plants. Differential Tuition: $100. Course fee: L001 $8.

BIO 6233. Quantitative Biology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. This course is an introduction of quantitative analysis of biological data and design of experiments. Topics include probability theory and distributions, descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for means, variances, and proportions, chi-square statistic, categorical data analysis, linear correlation and regression model, analysis of variance, and nonparametric methods. (Same as NDRB 6233. Credit cannot be earned for both NDRB 6233 and BIO 6233.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

BIO 6262. Advanced Animal Ecology Laboratory. (0-6) 2 Credit Hours.
This course includes physiological field measurements, population assessment, community-level assessment, and ecosystem process field assessment of animals. Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fee: L001 $8.

BIO 6323. Essentials of Biostatistics for Biotechnology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Basic, intermediate, and advanced (but not bioinformatics) statistical vocabulary, concepts, and methods commonly used in the biotechnology industry. A focus on tests for quality control and assurance of equipment and test systems to assess accuracy, precision, and bias related to test validations. Concepts and appropriate selections of test/study design using power analyses and estimations of sample sizes; also for clinical trials. Analytical calibration curves, frequency distributions, descriptive statistics, measures of central tendency and dispersion/ error, probability, paired and unpaired, one-tailed and two-tailed t-tests, correlations, regression, one-way and two-way analysis of variance with repeated measures, parametric and nonparametric tests, post hoc tests for significance, reporting and interpretations of statistical results, validations of clinical tests for specificity, sensitivity, predictive values, likelihood ratios, receiver operating characteristic curves. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6513. Drug Development. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with an overview of the early drug discovery process, including target identification, validation, assay development and high throughput screening up to pre-clinical trials. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

BIO 6543. Vaccine Development. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: BIO 5762 and permission of instructor. This course will provide students with an overview of issues about the roles of vaccines in the control of infectious diseases, vaccine development, clinical trials and implementation of vaccine programs. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6573. Microbial Pathogenesis. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
The student will gain an understanding of the cellular and molecular mechanisms by which eukaryotic and viral pathogens cause disease and the host immune responses against these pathogens. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6803. Advanced Immunology and Immunoochemistry. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 4743 or consent of instructor. The study of current concepts of humoral and cell-mediated immunity, with emphasis on molecular mechanisms. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.
BIO 6883. Bacterial Pathogenesis. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: BIO 3713 and BIO 4743, or consent of instructor. This course will present a selection of topics in the field of bacterial pathogenesis. Lectures will cover regulation of virulence; colonization and host tissue damage; vaccines, antibiotics and novel antimicrobials; evasion of the immune system; intracellular pathogens; pathogenic mechanisms of Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria; pathogenic mycobacteriology; and experimental tools in bacterial pathogenesis. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 6941. Ecology Colloquium. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course includes discussions of current journal articles, reviews, and recent advances in specialized areas of the biological sciences. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory participation in the colloquium) or “NC” (unsatisfactory participation in the colloquium). (Formerly EES 6941. Same as BIO 7041 and ES 6941. Credit can only be earned for one of the following: ES 6941, EES 6941, BIO 7041, and BIO 6941.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fee: GS01 $30.

BIO 6951. Independent Study. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 5971-3 Directed Research will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 6952. Independent Study. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 5971-3 Directed Research will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.

BIO 6953. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, in combination with BIO 5971-3 Directed Research will apply to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6961. Comprehensive Examination. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Approval of the appropriate Graduate Program Committee to take the Comprehensive Examination. Independent study course for the purpose of taking the Comprehensive Examination. May be repeated as many times as approved by the Graduate Program Committee. Enrollment is required each term in which the Comprehensive Examination is taken if no other courses are being taken that term. The grade report for the course is either “CR” (satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination) or “NC” (unsatisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination). Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 6973. Special Problems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Problems courses may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, may be applied to the Master's degree. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6981. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and thesis director. Thesis research and preparation. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon completion of the thesis. Enrollment in BIO 6981, BIO 6982, or BIO 6983 is required each term in which the thesis is in progress. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 6982. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and thesis director. Thesis research and preparation. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon completion of the thesis. Enrollment in BIO 6981, BIO 6982, or BIO 6983 is required each term in which the thesis is in progress. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 6983. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and thesis director. Thesis research and preparation. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon completion of the thesis. Enrollment in BIO 6981, BIO 6982, or BIO 6983 is required each term in which the thesis is in progress. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 7041. Biology Colloquium. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Oral presentations, discussions, critical evaluation of students' research in progress, or discussions of current journal articles or reviews of recent scientific advances. May be repeated for credit. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory participation in the colloquium) or “NC” (unsatisfactory participation in the colloquium). (Formerly BIO 5041. Same as ES 6941. Unless topic varies, credit cannot be earned for both BIO 7041 and ES 6941.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 7051. Seminar in Life Sciences. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Formal presentations of research by outside authorities in the biological sciences. May be repeated for credit. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory participation in the seminar) or “NC” (unsatisfactory participation in the seminar). Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 7211. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Admission to either the Neurobiology or Cell and Molecular Biology Doctoral program. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 52 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 7212. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to either the Neurobiology or Cell and Molecular Biology Doctoral program. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 52 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.

BIO 7213. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to either the Neurobiology or Cell and Molecular Biology Doctoral program. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 52 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.
BIO 7311. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree and completion of at least 18 semester credit hours of BIO 7211-3. May be repeated for credit. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

BIO 7312. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree and completion of at least 18 semester credit hours of BIO 7211-3. May be repeated for credit. Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.

BIO 7313. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree and completion of at least 18 semester credit hours of BIO 7211-3. May be repeated for credit. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 7563. Practicum in Biotechnology. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Enrollment in Master's in Biotechnology program and at least 18 hours credit including satisfactory completion of BIO 5033 and one other organized laboratory course. An internship in a Biotechnology company. Must have approval of Biotechnology Graduate Studies Committee. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

BIO 7572. Experimental Techniques in Biology. (0-4) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Course topics include research methods in cell and molecular biology, molecular neurobiology, and microbiology. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Same as NDRB 7272. Credit cannot be earned for both NDRB 7572 and BIO 7572.) Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fee: GS01 $60.

Environmental Sciences (ES) Courses

ES 5011. Graduate Studies in Environmental Science. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
This course offers an orientation to graduate study, introducing students to the professional standards and practices of our discipline. The course also offers a survey of environmental science. Development of a tentative program of studies and other relevant requirements will be discussed. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 5013. Survey Topics in Environmental Science. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Analysis of the basic concepts and new scientific developments in environmental science. Case studies will cover a range of relevant topics to promote a thorough understanding of the emergent issues in environmental science. Emphasis will be placed on developing both written and verbal scientific presentation skills. (Formerly EES 5013. Same as BIO 5013. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: BIO 5013, EES 5013, or ES 5013.) Differential Tuition: $150 Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5023. Environmental Statistics. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: ES 1314 and MAT 1133 or their equivalents, or consent of instructor. Emphasis on methods and applications of statistics for environmental science. Measure of location, variability, and association. Interpretation of categorical data, hypothesis testing, and use of statistical software programs and applications. (Formerly EES 5023. Same as GEO 5023 and CE 5043. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: EES 5023, ES 5023, GEO 5023, or CE 5043.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5043. Global Change. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the program or consent of instructor. Changes in the global distribution of plants and animals and the causes of the changes will be examined. Factors that are apparently coupled to changes in the atmosphere and environmental temperature will be examined. (Formerly EES 5043. Same as CE 6383 and GEO 5043. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: CE 6113, CE 6383, EES 5043, ES 5043, or GEO 5043.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5063. Environmental Microbiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3713 or consent of instructor. To provide a basic understanding of environmental microbiology primarily from two aspects: microbial interactions with chemical pollutants in the environment and the fate of microbial pathogens in the environment. Topics covered include microbial environments, detection of bacteria and their activities in the environment, microbial biogeochemistry, bioremediation, and water quality. (Formerly EES 5063. Same as BIO 5063 and CE 5673. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: BIO 5063, CE 5203, CE 5673, EES 5063, or ES 5063.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5083. Mammalogy. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An advanced course covering various aspects of the biology of mammals, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be required. Differential Tuition: $150 Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5093. Herpetology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An advanced course covering various aspects of the biology of herpetofaunal, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be required. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5103. Applied Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
The impact of humanity's activities on the environment: their effect on water, land, animal, and human resources. An evaluation of present and future strategies to preserve a healthy environment. (Formerly EES 5103. Credit cannot be earned for both EES 5103 and ES 5103.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5113. River Ecosystems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology or environmental science, or consent of instructor. This course examines the physical, chemical, and biological factors that determine biodiversity and the structure and function of aquatic and riparian ecosystems. Key ecological and hydrogeomorphology concepts and their application to environmental concerns are covered. Field trip required. (Same as BIO 5103. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5103 and ES 5113. Formerly titled "Freshwater Ecology") Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5133. Fundamentals of Environmental Law. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course exposes students to basic legal theories relevant to contemporary environmental practice, and provides an introduction to administrative law as well as six federal environmental statutes: the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5143. Technical Writing for Environmental Scientists. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. A course designed to give graduate students the skills necessary to write a manuscript for peer review and to prepare other professional materials for presentation or publication. Topics covered in this course include: searching the scientific literature; scientific writing style; writing graduate level papers, proposals, projects, and thesis components; preparing scientific presentations; presentation of data; using visual aids; and using word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

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ES 5153. Urban Environmental Planning and Sustainability. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines how the concept of sustainable development applies to buildings, cities and urban regions and gives students insight into a variety of contemporary urban planning and green building issues through the sustainability lens. Ways to coordinate goals of environmental, economic, and social equity at different scales of planning are addressed, including the region, the city, the neighborhood, the site, and buildings. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5213. Environmental Geology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: GEO 4063 or consent of instructor. Geologic materials and processes as related to their influence on the human physical environment. Effects of landscape modification and geologic hazards such as earthquakes and landslides. Properties of minerals, rocks, and soils and geologic aspects of waste disposal and water resources are examined. Course cannot be used for graduate credit by students in Geology. (Formerly EES 5213. Credit cannot be earned for both EES 5213 and ES 5213.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5233. Experimental Design and Analysis. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: ES 5023 or an equivalent, or consent of instructor. Fundamental concepts of the statistical design and analysis of environmental experiments will be presented. Students will be required to design experiments and to analyze data using computer software. (Formerly EES 5233. Credit cannot be earned for both EES 5233 and ES 5233.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5243. Advanced Plant Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: BIO 3283 and BIO 3292, or consent of instructor. A study of the major biomes of the world, including North America and Texas, and the factors that influence the development of these biomes. Special consideration is given to species interactions that lead to high and low density species. (Formerly EES 5243. Same as BIO 5243. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5243 and ES 5243.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5493. Water Pollution Control. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Principles and methods of water pollution control process design and operation; selection and optimization of total treatment processes as well as appurtenances and accessory equipments; and methods involved in the design process and the selection of the hardware. (Formerly EES 5493. Credit cannot be earned for both EES 5493 and ES 5493.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5503. Policy and Principles of Environmental Law. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: ES 3203 or ES 5133, or equivalent. This course exposes students to advanced policies and principles relevant to contemporary environmental practice, and provides advanced knowledge of the six federal environmental statutes: the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). (Same as PAD 5483. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: EES 5503, ES 5503, or PAD 5483.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5513. Aquatic Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Study of aquatic ecosystems including streams, wetlands, and lakes. Topics include watershed processes, biological communities, physical habitats, nutrient cycling, energy flow, and management issues. The course culminates with individual research projects focused on local watersheds. Field trips may be required. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5523. Watershed Processes. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on watershed processes, watershed assessment, and watershed management. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5533. Planning and Response to Environmental Disasters. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course will focus on planning, response and recovery from large, complex environmental disasters and the roles and implications for Response Managers and Environmental Scientists. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5743. Ichthyology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Study of fishes, and includes a wide range of topics including taxonomy, systematics, and biogeography, anatomy and physiology, and behavior and ecology. This course will focus on form and function, behavior, life history, ecology, and key taxonomic characteristics of most of the orders of fishes. Field trips may be required. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5753. Conservation Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. The class topics will include the nature of the biosphere, threats to its integrity, and ecologically sound responses to these threats. Also included will be the origin and preservation of biotic diversity, how the rich variety of plant and animal life arose, how it has been maintained by natural processes, and how its destruction can be prevented. (Same as BIO 5753. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5753 and ES 5753.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5763. Ornithology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A course covering various aspects of the biology of birds, including anatomy, physiology, systematics, evolution, behavior, ecology, and biogeography. Field trips may be included. (Same as BIO 5713. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5713 and ES 5763.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5773. Wildlife Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course covers major environmental factors affecting wildlife, the structure and behavior of wildlife populations, and regional wildlife communities and their conservation. Field studies will allow students to observe and apply classroom topics. (Formerly BIO 5793. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5773 and BIO 5793.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

ES 5783. Evaluation and Valuation of Ecosystem Services. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course will examine the flow of goods and services provided by the ecosystem that are important to sustaining human well-being. The value of ecosystem goods is generally set by trading the market place, while the value of ecosystems services is often ignored, yet also important in sustaining human well-being. This course will explore methods to evaluate and value these ecosystem services. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.
ES 5793. Environmental Remediation. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: CHE 2603 or an equivalent. This course will focus on the fundamentals associated with environmental remediation in relation to overall environmental quality and protection. Topics covered include contaminant fate and transport; physical, chemical, and biological processes/characteristics of the air, soil, and water; remediation/ restoration methods; environmental monitoring; environmental assessments; environmental regulations; and water/wastewater treatment. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 5863. Wildlife Management. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. This course covers ways of conserving desired numbers of animals for the overall best interests of society, be they aesthetic, ecological, economic, commercial, or recreational. This course includes management of endangered species, exploited species, wildlife communities in nature reserves, and wildlife pests. (Same as BIO 5793. Credit cannot be earned for both BIO 5793 and ES 5863.) Generally offered: Spring of even years. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90.

ES 5971. Directed Research. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) from the instructor and the student’s Graduate Advisor of Record. The directed research course may involve a laboratory, field-based, or theoretical problem. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 3 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Master’s degree. (Formerly EES 5971-3.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 5973. Directed Research. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) from the instructor and the student’s Graduate Advisor of Record. The directed research course may involve a laboratory, field-based, or theoretical problem. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 3 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Master’s degree. (Formerly EES 5971-3.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 5981. Graduate Seminar in Environmental Science and Engineering. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in the program or consent of instructor. Topical issues of current research will be examined. Presentations will be by current faculty, invited guests and Master’s or Doctoral candidates. May be repeated for credit but only 2 hours may be applied toward the Master’s degree. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory) or “NC” (unsatisfactory). (Formerly EES 5981 and ES 5991. Same as CE 6621.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 6013. Instrumental Environmental Methods for. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course will teach the management of environmental and ecological data using Program R. The focus will be on the structure and linguistics of data in R and how to integrate R in a data science workflow. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6023. Plant Ecophysiology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of physiological approaches to understanding plant-environment interactions from the functional perspective. Lectures cover physiological adaptation; limiting factors; resources acquisition/ allocation; photosynthesis, carbon, energy balance; water use relations nutrient relations; linking ecophysiology and stable isotopes; stress physiology; life history physiology; evolution of physiological performance; ecophysiology at the population, community, ecosystem levels. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 6033. Applied Multivariate Statistics for Ecological Data. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: ES 5023. This course provides students with a conceptual and practical understanding of the application of multivariate statistics in environmental science and ecology. Course will include analysis such as classification (creating discrete groups) and dimension reduction, as well as visualization techniques such as ordination. Applications include habitat classification, clustering (i.e., community classification), and exploring community-environment relationships. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6043. Soil Chemistry. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: CHE 1113 and CHE 2603. Overview of basic soil science and soil chemistry. Examination of the interactions between soil solids, precipitates, and solution phases will include mineralogy, ion exchange, adsorption/desorption, soil colloid behavior, acidic/basic soils, salinity, solid/solution phase interactions, and biological features. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 6053. Sustainability and Renewable Energy. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. This course provides an introduction to energy systems and renewable energy resources. It will be a scientific examination of the energy field and an emphasis on alternate energy sources, their technology, application, and how they can lead to a more sustainable future. The class will explore society’s present needs and future energy demands, examine conventional energy sources and systems, and then focus on alternate, renewable energy sources and how they can lead to sustainability. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6063. Human Dimensions of Wildlife. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
This course will focus on the human dimensions of wildlife and will introduce students to how people’s knowledge, values, opinions, and behaviors influence wildlife management. We will explore the ways that economics, politics, culture, and society shape wildlife management decisions and we will learn about conservation strategies that consider human dimensions. This course will have an emphasis on the human dimensions of wildlife management and conservation on private lands in Texas. Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6103. Environmental Assessment. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. This course evaluates the framework of an impact assessment and details regarding the environment (air, water, soil), its pollutants (atmospheric, noise, water, solid waste), their impacts (physical, social, economic), relevant regulations, and pollution minimization or management strategies. Students will use this information to prepare a hypothetical Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). (Formerly EES 6103 and ES 5203. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: EES 6103, ES 5203, or ES 6103.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6133. Methods in Field Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3283 or an equivalent. Examination of techniques to collect, identify, and preserve plants and animals. Field methods used in the analysis of populations and communities are considered. (Formerly EES 6133. Same as BIO 6133. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: BIO 6133, EES 6133, or ES 6133.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.
ES 6213. Advanced Ecology. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: BIO 3283 or an equivalent. Interaction of organisms with their environment, allelopathy, competition, distribution, succession, and factors that control growth and dispersal. Special consideration is given to the concepts of climax, succession, and land management. (Formerly EES 6213. Same as BIO 6213. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: BIO 6213, EES 6213, or ES 6213.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6273. Analyses of Environmental Problems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Problems will be presented and potential solutions will be explored from a variety of areas including soil, air, water, coastal and marine systems. Also examined will be potential impact on biotic and abiotic resources in terrestrial, aquatic and marine systems. (Formerly EES 6273. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: CE 6273, EES 6273, or ES 6273.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 6723. Application of Federal Environmental Law at the State Level. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: ES 5503. This course exposes students the application of federal laws at the state level. The course will provide information on how environmental laws should be enforced, and whether the state or federal government should have the final word in specific environmental debates. (Formerly EES 6723. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: CE 6723, EES 6723, or ES 6723.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6813. Water Resources. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Application of management principles to the efficient use of water resources by people and their public and private institutions. Water is examined in terms of its value, use, and changing role in the context of economics, history, politics, and technology. (Formerly EES 6813. Credit can be earned for only one of the following: EES 6813, ES 6813, or GEO 6813.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 6901. Experimental Techniques in the Environmental Sciences. (0-2) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Course topics will include various research methods in environmental science. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Formerly EES 6901, EES 6902, and EES 6903. Same as ES 6901 and ES 6902. Unless topic varies, credit may only be earned for one of the following: EES 6901, EES 6902, EES 6903, ES 6901, ES 6902, and ES 6903.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fee: GS01 $30; LRS1 $15.40; STSI $7.20.

ES 6902. Experimental Techniques in the Environmental Sciences. (0-4) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Course topics will include various research methods in environmental science. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Formerly EES 6901, EES 6902, and EES 6903. Same as ES 6901 and ES 6902. Unless topic varies, credit may only be earned for one of the following: EES 6901, EES 6902, EES 6903, ES 6901, ES 6902, and ES 6902.) Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fee: GS01 $60; LRS1 $30.80; STSI $14.40.

ES 6903. Experimental Techniques in the Environmental Sciences. (0-6) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Course topics will include various research methods in environmental science. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Formerly EES 6901, EES 6902, and EES 6903. Same as ES 6901 and ES 6902. Unless topic varies, credit may only be earned for one of the following: EES 6901, EES 6902, EES 6903, ES 6901, ES 6902, and ES 6903.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fee: GS01 $90; LRS1 $46.20; STSI $21.60.

ES 6941. Environmental Science Colloquium. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Discussions of current journal articles, reviews, and recent advances in specialized areas of the biological sciences. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. The grade report for this course is either “CR” (satisfactory participation in the colloquium) or “NC” (unsatisfactory participation in the colloquium). (Formerly EES 6941. Same as BIO 7041. Unless topic varies, credit can be earned for only one of the following: BIO 7041, EES 6941, or ES 6941.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 6951. Independent Study. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) from the instructor and the student’s Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Master’s degree. (Formerly EES 6951-3.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 6953. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) from the instructor and the student’s Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Master’s degree. (Formerly EES 6951-3.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6961. Comprehensive Examination. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Approval of the appropriate Graduate Program Committee to take the Comprehensive Examination. Independent study course for the purpose of taking the Comprehensive Examination. May be repeated as many times as approved by the Graduate Program Committee. Enrollment is required each term in which the Comprehensive Examination is taken if no other courses are being taken that term. The grade report for the course is either “CR” (satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination) or “NC” (unsatisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination). (Formerly EES 6961.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 6963. Internship. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of Graduate Advisor of Record. An opportunity for students to work in a setting that permits them to apply what they have learned in the formal instruction part of the program. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 3 hours will apply to the Master’s degree. (Formerly EES 6963. Credit cannot be earned for both EES 6963 and ES 6963.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.
ES 6973. Special Problems. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. Special Problems courses may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to a Master's degree. Field trips may be required. (Formerly EES 6973.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 6981. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and thesis director. Thesis research preparation. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon completion of the thesis. Enrollment is required each term in which the thesis is in progress. Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 6983. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and thesis director. Thesis research preparation. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon completion of the thesis. Enrollment is required each term in which the thesis is in progress. (Formerly EES 6983.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 7211. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7211-3.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 7212. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7211-3.) Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.

ES 7213. Doctoral Research. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7211-3.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.

ES 7311. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7311-3.) Differential Tuition: $50. Course Fees: GS01 $30.

ES 7312. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 2 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7311-3.) Differential Tuition: $100. Course Fees: GS01 $60.

ES 7313. Doctoral Dissertation. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy for the Doctoral degree. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 15 hours may be applied to the Doctoral degree. (Formerly EES 7311-3.) Differential Tuition: $150. Course Fees: GS01 $90.