BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES MAJOR, B.A. – 2012-2013

To be admitted to full major status, students must fulfill the pre-biology course and grade-point average requirements as described in the General Catalog. At minimum, they must complete twelve designated courses from the Preparation for the Major with a 2.0 or higher UC grade-point average.

Note: Hyphens indicate that an entire sequence must be completed as shown to fulfill an area requirement.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Chemistry 1A-AL-BL-C-CL or 2A-AC-BC-CC ................................................................. 15
MCDB 1A-1AL-1B, EEMB 2-3-3L, and either MCDB 1BL or EEMB 2L ................................. 16
(Transfer students must consult the advisor regarding selected topics to be covered in Z courses)
Chemistry 6AL-6BL (or 6BH) and 109A-B ................................................................. 14
Mathematics 3A-B or 34A-B ..................................................................................... 8
One of the following: PSTAT 5LS or PSTAT 5A or Math 3C or Math 4A ................................ 4 or 5
Physics 6A-AL-BL .................................................................................................. 8

UPPER-DIVISION MAJOR

36 UD units: ............................................................................................................. 36
Courses with an asterisk (*) are listed in more than one area, but they may be applied to only one area.

One course or course sequence is required in each of the areas below (A through F)

A. Genetics: one course from: MCDB 101A (MCDB 101B is strongly recommended) or EEMB 129 .................................................................
B. Physiology: one course from: MCDB 111, 151*; EEMB 141, 143, 154, 156, 157 .................................................................
C. Developmental and Cell Biology or Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: one course from: MCDB 103, 108A (or W 108A), 110, 112, 118, 133, 134, 135, 146, 151*, 152, 153; EEMB 164 .................................................................
D. Ecology or Evolution: one course from: EEMB 101, 102, 108, 109 (or Earth Science 148), 113-113L*, 119, 120, 127*, 128, 131 (or Earth Sci 121), 136-136L (or Earth Sci 111-111L), 137 (or Earth Sci 141), 138, 140, 142A, 148, 166, 167, 168, 171 (or Env S 171), either 172 or 179 (not both); Earth Sci 144 .................................................................
E. Diversity of Form and Function: one course from: EEMB 106, 107, 111, 112, 113-113L*, 116, 127*, 134, 163; MCDB 131, 139 .................................................................
F. Electives: Additional UD courses offered in EEMB and MCDB to bring the total to 36 units .................................................................

Note: The following courses do not count toward upper-division major credit. EEMB 181, 182, 183, 184, 189; MCDB 121, 182, 183, 184, 194MD, 194KK. In addition, no more than 4 units of the following courses combined will apply: EEMB 185-199; MCDB 185-199.

MAJOR REGULATIONS

PREREQUISITES ................................................................. Check the General Catalog for the prerequisites to all listed courses.
P/NP GRADING OPTION ................................................................. Not allowed for major courses (prep or UD), including courses applied to the major from other departments, except up to 4 units of courses that do not allow letter grades.
SUBSTITUTIONS ................................................................. In the major requirements permissible only by petition to the department chair and dean.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS ................................................................. At least 20 UD units in major while in residence at UCSB.
G.P.A REQUIREMENTS ................................................................. At least 2.0 overall UC average in all upper-division major courses and all courses (Prep and UD) for the major, including courses in excess of minimum requirements.
DOUBLE MAJORS ................................................................. With the approval of each department chairperson, up to a total of 8 units may be applied simultaneously to both UD majors.