

What can I do with a major in Biology?

Overview

- Biology is a science that we encounter daily. As society continues to advance technologically and we expand our connections globally, knowledge of biology has become increasingly important. Medicine, the environment and even the local and global economy are all topics that include significant aspects of biology.
- Careers in biology include a wide range of choices attracting people with a variety of talents. Biologists are in demand for research, health care, education and wildlife conservation and management of the environment. In addition, there are many exciting, newly developed fields where a degree in biology is an advantage—such as forensic science, biotechnology and genetic engineering. Employment opportunities exist at a variety of educational levels, you can start a career in biology with a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree.

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 Acquisition Logistics Manager 	Environmental Lawyer	 Natural Resources Manager
 Agricultural Researcher 	Environmental Planner	Naturalist
 Agricultural Scientist 	 Environmental Protection Worker 	Neurobiologist
Agronomist	Environmental Scientist	Nurse
Air / Water Quality Analyst	EPA Inspector	Nutritionist
Allergist	Epidemiologist	Oceanographer
Anatomist	Ergonomist	Ophthalmologist
Anesthesiologist	Ethologist	Optometrist
 Animal Behaviorist 	Fish & Game Warden	Ornithologist
 Animal Biologist 	 Fish Hatchery Technician 	Paleontologist
 Animal Breeder 	■ Fish Processor	Paramedic
 Animal Ecologist 	 Fisheries Biologist 	 Parasitologist
 Animal Physiologist 	 Fisheries conservation 	 Park Naturalist
 Animal Research Technician 	 Fisheries Conservationist 	Park Ranger
 Animal Rights Advocate 	 Flavors/Fragrances Researcher 	Patent Attorney
 Animal Scientist 	Floriculturist	 Patent Specialist
 Animal Taxonomist 	Florist	Pathologist
Animal Trainer	Food and Drug Inspector	Peace Corps Volunteer
Anthropologist	 Food Chemist 	Pediatrician
 Aqua Culturist 	 Food Technologist 	Perfusionist
 Aquaculture Farmer 	 Forensic Biotechnologist 	 Pest Control Inspector
Aquarist	 Forensic Scientist 	 Pharmaceutical Researcher
 Aquarium & Museum Worker 	 Forensic Serologist 	 Pharmaceutical Sales
		Representative
 Aquarium Technician 	Forest Ranger	Pharmacist
 Aquatic Biologist 	Forester	Pharmacologist
 Aquatic Ecologist 	Genetic Counselor	Pharmacologist
■ Arborist	■ Genetic Engineer	Pharmacy Technician
Audiologist	Geneticist	Phlebotomist
 Bacteriologist 	Geographer	Physical Therapist
Bioanalyst	Hazardous Waste Manager	Physical Therapy Assistant
 Biochemical Tester 	Health Officer	Physician
 Biochemical Toxicologist 	Health Physicist	Physician Assistant
■ Biochemist	Herpetologist	Physiologist
■ Bioengineer	Histologist	■ Plant Biologist
■ Biological Illustrator	 Horticulture Scientist 	■ Plant Ecologist
 Biological Photographer 	 Horticulturist 	 Plant Geneticist



CAREER & PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

Biological Researcher	 Hospital Administrator 	Plant Pathologist
Biologist	 Hydrographic Survey Technician 	Plant Physiologist
Biomedical Engineer	Hydrologist	Plant Taxonomist
Biomedical Equipment Technician	Ichthyologist	Podiatrist
Biometrician	■ Immunologist	 Pollution Control Technici
Biophysicist	Industrial Hygienist	Professor
Biostatistician	■ Industrial Marine Economist	Psychiatrist
Biotechnologist	Journalist	 Psychobiologist
Biotechnology Sales Representative	Kennel Manager	 Public Health Director
Blood Bank Technologist	 Laboratory Technician 	 Public Health Statistician
Botanist	 Landscape Designer 	 Quality Control Specialist
Brewery Laboratory Assistant	Landscaper	 Radiologic Technologist
Cell Biologist	Librarian	 Research Assistant
Cell Culture Specialist	 Licensed Practical Nurse 	Researcher
Cellular Physiologist	 Limnological Technician 	 Respiratory Therapist
Chemical Laboratory Technician	■ Limnologist	Science Editor
Chemical Oceanographer	Mammalogist	 Science Teacher
Chemist	Marine Bacteriologist	 Scientific Librarian
Chiropractor	Marine Biologist	 Scientific Photographer
Clinical Chemist	■ Marine Mammal Trainer	 Soil Conservationist
Clinical Researcher	 Marine Resource Analyst 	Statistician
Conservationist	■ Marine Sales	 Substance Abuse Counselo
Coroner	Market Research Analyst	Surgeon
Crime Laboratory Analyst	Medical and Scientific Writer	■ Taxonomist
Criminologist	Medical Doctor	■ Teacher
Crop Physiologist	Medical Equipment Sales	 Technical Writer
Crop Scientist	 Medical Examiner 	 Toxicologist
Cytologist	 Medical Illustrator 	 Underwater Technician
Cytotechnologist	 Medical Laboratory Tech 	 Veterinarian
Dental Hygienist	 Medical Librarian 	 Veterinarian Technician
Dentist	 Medical Researcher 	Virologist
Dermatologist	 Medical Sales Representative 	 Water Quality Technician
Dietitian	 Medical Social Worker 	 Wildlife Biologist
Drug Inspector	Medical Technologist	 Wildlife Ecologist
Ecologist	Meteorologist	X-Ray Technician
Embryologist	Microbiologist	Zoo Manager
Emergency Medical Technician	Microbiologist	 Zoological Ecologist
Endocrinologist	 Molecular Biologist 	 Zoological Morphologist
Entomologist	 Molecular Geneticist 	 Zoological Physiologist
Environmental Analyst	Morphologist	 Zoological Researcher
Environmental Educator	Mortician	 Zoological Taxonomist
Environmental Engineer	Mycologist	 Zoologist
Environmental Health Specialist		

Employers

 Agribusiness Companies 	Distilleries	 National Institutes of Health
 Agricultural Chemical Companies 	 Environmental Consulting Firms 	 National Park Service
 Agricultural Firms-Research 	 Environmental Protection Agency 	 Natural History Museums
Animal Refuges	■ Farms	Oil Companies
Aquariums	Fish & Wildlife Service	Park Service
 Atomic Energy Commission 	Fisheries	Peace Corps
 Biological Testing Laboratories 	 Food & Drug Administration 	 Pest Control Companies



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DEVELOPMENT

 Biomedical and Health Research 	Food Manufacturers	Pet Stores
 Biomedical Companies 	Forestry Centers	 Pharmaceutical Companies
■ Biopharmaceutical Companies	■ Game & Water Fish Commission	Professional and Technical Journals
 Biotechnology Companies 	 Health Care Facilities 	 Public Health Departments
■ Biotechnology Firms	 Health Care Producers 	Public Utilities
Botanical Gardens & Arboretums	 Horticulture Companies 	 Research Facilities
 Bureau of Land Management 	Hospitals	 Research Foundations
Center for Disease Control	 Humane Societies 	 Research Organizations
Chemical Manufacturers	 Landscaping Companies 	 Scientific Journals
■ Clinics	 Local, State, Federal Government 	 Soap/Cosmetics Companies
Colleges/Universities	Lumber Industry	 State & National Parks
Conservation Organizations	Magazines	Testing Labs
Consulting Engineering Firms	 Manufacturing Firms 	 Tobacco Industry
Consumer Product Safety Commission	■ Marine and Oceanic Groups	Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Department of Agriculture	 Medical Laboratories 	 Water Resource Council
Department of Commerce	Medical Schools	 Wildlife Preserves
Department of Environmental Protection	Museums	Zoos
Department of Health & Human Services	■ NASA	

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Skills		
 Ability to use scientific equipment and measuring instruments 	Demonstrate abilities in critical thinking and problem-solving.	■ Organization of data
■ Acute observational skills	 Demonstrate knowledge of cellular biology, molecular biology and genetics, organismal biology and population biology. 	 Perceive and define cause and effect relationships
 Advanced critical thinking, problem solving, and research skills 	■ Draw conclusions from data	■ Perception of patterns/structures
 Analytical & quantitative abilities 	 Evaluate information against appropriate standards-manipulating information using expertise in statistics 	 Possesses proficiency for accurate details
 Attention to detail 	■ Experiment with ideas/procedures	Present/summarize research findings
Biology theory & practical knowledge	 Faculty to improve the methods available for processing and storing resources 	■ Problem solving
Biology theory & practical knowledge	■ Gather data	 Reads, writes, thinks, questions, analyzes, and problem solves
■ Calculating skills	■ Independent worker	 Review large amounts of material and extracting essence
 Capability of conducting research and statistically analyzing the data 	■ Information handling & organization	Statistical awareness
 Capacity to tests products and equipment to ensure quality and safety 	 Learn new information quickly 	 Summarize data



CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

 Capacity to understand and express complex scientific and technical information 	Logical thinking	■ Teamwork
 Careful record keeping skills 	 Maintain records/tabulate data 	■ Technical skills
 Concentrate for long periods of time 	 Makes critical observations and appropriate decisions 	■ Test an idea/hypothesis
■ Curiosity and creativity	 Numerical computation 	 Use scientific methods and to appreciate the contributions of science and scientists to humanity's present and future welfare.
■ Data analysis	• Operate scientific equipment	 Write and speak clearly using scientific terminology.
 Data processing 	 Oral and written communication skills 	 Write factual material clearly and concisely

Salary Information

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Summer 2012 Salary Survey Average Offers:

■ Biological Sciences/Life Sciences Bachelor's Degree: \$38,300

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2010.

Graduate Information: Job Titles

 AIDS Researcher 	 Micro Lab Tech 	 Research Technologist
Health Unit Coordinator	Nursing Assistant	Scientist
 High School Science Teacher 	 Physical Therapy Assistant 	■ Teacher
 Hydrological Technician 	Program Coordinator	Veterinary Assistant
■ Lab Technician	Registered Nurse	

Graduate Information: Employers

Americorps	 Holy Family Memorial Medical 	 National Forest Service
 Ashwaubenon School District 	Kimberly Clark	 Puget Sound Health Center
 Bianco's Physical Therapy 	 King Pharmaceutical 	St. Vincent Hospital
 Birch Creek Retirement 	 Kobance Pharmacy 	Teach for America
 Cherny Microbiology Services 	Mayo Clinic	University of Iowa
 Churney Microbiological Service 	 Medical College of Wisconsin 	