



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

BIOLOGY

General Departmental Information

The Department of Biological Sciences provides the biological component of the liberal arts education at Central Washington University. We promote student understanding of biological concepts relevant to the individual and society and our curriculum. Our students obtain a broad education, covering a wide variety of biological disciplines. We focus on the student; classes are small, facilitating hands-on experience, interactions with faculty, and opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate research. We offer a full complement of competitive pre-professional programs, strong programs in regional field biology, and a quality program for secondary biology educators.

Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts
Master of Science

Bachelor of Science with specializations in:

- general biology
- plant sciences
- ecology
- biology education
- microbiology
- environmental/public health biology
- medical technology

Pre-Admission to Departmental Programs

To be admitted to a Biology major or minor, all students must:

1. Register with the Department and be advised by departmental faculty.
2. Complete CHEM 181 and 182 with labs (or equivalent) or be currently enrolled in the latter. (Exception may be made for Biology Teacher, see advisor.)
3. Complete BIOL 110, 111, 112 or equivalents.
4. Qualify for MATH 170.

To graduate, each student must have on file, in the Biology Department and in Academic Services, an official Program of Study. The Program of Study will be prepared by the student in conjunction with his or her advisor. It must be approved by the student, advisor, and the Department Chair, and must be completed during the quarter in which the student is admitted to the major.

Field Study Opportunity

Located in the center of the state, CWU is surrounded by a variety of environments in which to study biology. Mountain meadows, forests, sagebrush steppe, the Columbia River, and the channeled scablands can be reached in less than an hour's drive from campus. This easy access to plants and animals in a wide range of habitats is one reason Central excels in many aspects of plant and animal biology.

Scholarship and Honor Programs

Farrell Pre-Medical / Pre-Dental - There are approximately six full-resident, one-year tuition scholarships available to majors in pre-medicine or pre-dentistry. Other Farrell Scholarships are available for subsequent years for continuing pre-medicine or pre-dentistry students.

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Admissions and Transfer Requirements:
<http://www.cwu.edu/~cwuadmis/>

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