

Welcome to the Biology major!

How do I get a Biology Advisor?

You will be assigned a Biology Faculty Advisor based on your interests. Please fill out a request form at: <http://biology.duke.edu/undergraduate/advising>.

Even if you don't have a specific faculty member in mind, information about your interests and future plans can be helpful in matching you with an advisor. Note that some faculty members may not be available for advising due to a sabbatical/leave or full roster of advisees.

Remember that Duke's Office of Health Professions Advising is your best source for advising and pre-health questions.

How can I get more information about the Biology Major?

Please visit <http://biology.duke.edu/undergrad/> to learn more about the major requirements and opportunities. And you can get help with questions or concerns from the Undergraduate Studies Office:

Ms. Jill Chaskes Foster, Undergraduate Program Assistant: jill.foster@duke.edu; Room 135 BioSci

- advisor assignments
- transfer credit procedures
- independent study procedures
- course schedule information

Dr. Eric Spana, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies: spana@duke.edu; Room 0050 Bio Sci

- exceptions to requirements
- study abroad or transfer course approvals
- underload forms
- Interdepartmental Major applications

Dr. Ron Grunwald, Director of Undergraduate Studies: ron.grunwald@duke.edu; Room 136 Bio Sci

- Graduation with Distinction
- grade concerns

For all matters not directly related to the major, such as leaves of absence, general Trinity College requirements and course overloads, see your Academic Dean.

How do I get on the Biology Majors Listserve?

Join the Biology Majors Union (BMU) email listserv for information about BMU events and activities (Schmidt-Nielsen lecture, bookbagging parties, study breaks, etc.) and notices about job & research opportunities, courses of interest, seminars, and summer programs. Sign up at <https://lists.duke.edu/sympa/info/biomajors>

Can I do Study Away or Abroad in Biology?

- Duke Marine Lab: <http://nicholas.duke.edu/marinelab>
- Organization for Tropical Studies Costa Rica and South Africa programs: <https://tropicalstudies.org/undergraduate-programs/>
- Summer in Australia: https://globaled.duke.edu/Programs/Summer/Duke_in_Australia
- Summer in Alaska: https://globaled.duke.edu/programs/domestic_programs/summer/duke-in-alaska

How do I graduate with Honors?

Graduation with Distinction in Biology requires the completion of an original research project, usually carried out as an independent study in biology or in an appropriate biological science department at Duke University. It's never too early to think about beginning research that will lead to distinction. More info at <http://biology.duke.edu/undergraduate/graduation-with-distinction>