

BIOLOGY MINOR

Program Description

The Biology minor allows you to gain problem-solving and analytical skills through introductory and advanced coursework, as well as laboratory or field research experience. These abilities are assets in many professions.

Entering and Completing the Minor

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. Minors are not required except for students in the Professional Studies (BA). SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, including minors, so if you change your mind about a minor or want to include an additional minor, you are able to do so as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen minor(s) by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a minor within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU, request entrance to your minor in Banner by following these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OTR/pages/179077187/Major+Minor+and+Concentration+Application+Instructions>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OTR/pages/179077187/Major+Minor+and+Concentration+Application+Instructions>) to enter a minor in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a minor; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different minor.
- You must complete the minor requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the minor.
- The Biology minor is not open to students majoring in any program within the Biology department.

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34 Credits Minimum, Including 15 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Biology Minor Core		
BIO 2201	General Biology I	5
BIO 2202	General Biology II	5
BIO 2203	General Biology III	5
Section Credits Required		15
Upper Division BIO course that includes laboratory or field experience		5
Upper Division BIO credits		10
Upper or Lower Division BIO credits		4
Total Credits		34