College of Natural Science

NATURAL SCIENCE  NSC

101  Preview of Science
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0)
Overview of natural sciences, with emphasis on academic and nonacademic undergraduate preparation, campus resources, communication, and computer skills, and collaborative learning.

102  Preprofessional Freshman Seminar
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0)
Overview of human health care professions with emphasis on academic and nonacademic undergraduate preparation for college and career success. Discussion groups, study groups, and peer mentoring. Connections with University resources.

150  Preview of Biomedical Research
Spring. 1(1-0) Interdepartmental with Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics. Administered by Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics. R: Open to freshmen or sophomores. SA: MT 150
Exploration of biomedical research careers. Biomedical research in the United States: funding, safety, regulatory agencies, ethics, experimental design, trouble-shooting, and data interpretation.

192  Environmental Issues Seminar
Fall, Spring. 1 credit. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Agriculture and Natural Resources and Communication Arts and Sciences and Engineering and Social Science. Administered by Natural Science. R: Open only to students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources or College of Engineering or College of Communication Arts and Sciences or College of Social Science. Approval of college.
Environmental issues and problems explored from a variety of perspectives, including legal, scientific, historical, political, socio-economic, and technical points of view.

201  Science Problem Solving Seminar I
Fall. 2(2-0) P: (MTH 1825 or concurrently) or (MTH 116 or concurrently) R: Approval of college.
Problem solving principles and strategies used in the disciplines of science and mathematics. Activities reflecting the types of problems encountered.

202  Science Problem Solving Seminar II
Spring. 2(2-0) P: NSC 201 R: Approval of college.
Continuation of NSC 201.

239  Applications in Environmental Studies
Fall. 2(1-2) Interdepartmental with Agriculture and Natural Resources and Communication Arts and Sciences and Engineering and Social Science. Administered by Natural Science. P: NSC 192 R: Open only to students in the Specialization in Environmental Studies.
Community engagement project. Projects vary depending on student's major and area of environmental interest.

390  Special Problems
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty directed individualized study of an interdisciplinary problem.

448  Ecology, Law and Economics
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with James Madison College. Administered by Natural Science. P: EC 201
Review and integrate principles of ecology, fundamental laws, and principles of economics into a conceptual model that describes interrelations among the natural system, the economy, and the state. Analyze and assess the legal-economic natural resource and environmental policies in the context of the integrated model. Relate the ecology-law-economics model to emerging paradigms of sustainable development, ecological economics, industrial ecology, and the Natural Step.

490  Special Problems
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty directed individualized study of an interdisciplinary problem.

491  Selected Topics
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Selected interdisciplinary topics not normally covered in other courses.

493  Cooperative Education
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 credit. Fall: W. K. Kellogg Biological Station; Spring: W. K. Kellogg Biological Station. Summer: W. K. Kellogg Biological Station. A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Approval of college; application required.
Educational employment experiences in industry and government related to the student's major.

495  Capstone in Human Biology (W)
Fall, Spring. 2(2-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to seniors in the Human Biology or Lyman Briggs Human Biology major.
Integration of human biology disciplines with a focus on health and disease.

496  Directed Study in Human Biology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Directed studies in human biology.

497  Internship in Human Biology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Practical experience applying human biology training outside the classroom setting.

498  Research in Human Biology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Research in faculty laboratories.

499  Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the College of Natural Science with a teacher certification option.
Research in faculty laboratories. Oral and written presentations.

802  Essentials of Electron Microscopy
Fall, Spring. 2 credits. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Principles of operation and uses of transmission and scanning electron microscopy. Related electron beam instruments. Specimen preparation and analytical methods.

810  Biological Science Transmission Electron Microscopy Laboratory
Fall, Spring. 3(1-4) R: Approval of department.

815  Physical Science Transmission Electron Microscopy Laboratory
Fall, Spring. 3(1-4) R: Approval of department.
Experimental methods for transmission electron microscopy in the physical sciences, including digital photography, imaging, diffraction, and microanalysis.

816  Advanced Physical Science Transmission Electron Microscopy Laboratory
Fall, Spring. 1(1-1) A student may earn a maximum of 5 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.

820  Scanning Electron Microscopy; Energy Dispersive X-ray Microanalysis
Fall, Spring. 3(2-2) RB: NSC 802 or concurrently.

825  Special Problems in Microscopy
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 40 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: NSC 802 and (NSC 810 or NSC 820 or NSC 837)
Use of microscopy techniques for selected research topics.
828  Food Safety Seminar Series
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) Interdepartmental with Agriculture and Natural Resources and Social Science and Veterinary Medicine. Administered by Veterinary Medicine. RB: Enrollment in graduate program in related discipline
Selected current topics covering the broad areas of food safety as they relate to production, processing, transport, microbiology, toxicology, and social and human dimensions.

829  Problems in Food Safety
Fall. 1(1-0) Interdepartmental with Agriculture and Natural Resources and Social Science and Veterinary Medicine. Administered by Veterinary Medicine. RB: Enrollment in graduate program in related discipline
In-depth discussion of selected problems in food safety.

830  Nature and Practice of Science
Fall, Spring. 1 credit.
Foundations of scientific inquiry. Recommended scientific best-practices including principles and practices of research integrity and professionalism. Evaluation of scientific quality and productivity.

837  Confocal Microscopy
Fall, Spring. 2(2-2) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Natural Science.

840  Writing in the Sciences
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(2-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Arts and Letters. Administered by Natural Science.
Discussion and critique of students' writing in peer response workshop groups.