Biology, BS

This biology program provides insights into how life and physical sciences intersect in the real world. With a focus on interactive and interdisciplinary experiences, including opportunities to conduct hands-on research into cancer and Alzheimer's disease, among many others, this program prepares you to pursue advanced degrees or a career in a variety of scientific fields.

Program Description

The BS program in biology, with an emphasis in the natural sciences, examines these disciplines through experiential learning, and all of the program's core courses include laboratories. By learning in an integrative environment that emphasizes the connectedness of the life sciences, students gain a better understanding of larger scientific concepts and can view these concepts from multiple perspectives.

Students are encouraged to conduct independent research under the mentorship of faculty members or during internships. Some even publish in top journals and present their results at scientific meetings.

Graduates are prepared for employment with state and federal agencies or private organizations such as biomedical laboratories and environmental consultancies, or to enter graduate or doctoral programs in human or veterinary medicine, pharmacy, dentistry or scientific research.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West campus WUE](#), [ASU@Lake Havasu](#)
Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

## Career Opportunities

This program prepares graduates for a wide range of careers by offering course and laboratory work and quantitative research opportunities that develop fundamental problem-solving, critical thinking, writing and communication skills. Graduates may enter careers in:

- business
- laboratory or field research
- medicine
- publishing
- scientific journalism
- teaching

Undergraduate laboratory experience, both on and off campus, enhances employability as a laboratory technician or research associate in university and government research laboratories; in hospital and diagnostic laboratories; and in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, agricultural and food processing companies.

Students engaged in field studies are prepared for entry-level positions in private companies and state and federal agencies (e.g., wildlife biologist, environmental consultant or conservation officer).

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Biological Scientist (General)</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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