

# Bachelor of Arts in BIOLOGY

## Examine the World Around Us.

The Biology program provides the foundation to pursue academic and career goals through a diverse curriculum including research experience; an excitement for biology will be cultivated, promoting continued exploration, hands-on training using sampling and identification techniques in the lab and in the field. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of living things with the examination of plants, animals and microbes on a microscopic and macroscopic level.



### PERSONAL

Our faculty has real-world professional experience to ensure you are challenged and supported through mentoring and the connections we provide.



### PRACTICAL

Develop lifelong skills through your educational opportunities that are broadly useful, fully transferable and applicable to any challenge or career.



### PURPOSE-DRIVEN

Use your degree as a stepping stone to pursue accredited certifications offered at leading organizations or post-graduate study programs.

### CAREER AREAS:

- Academic Research in University Settings
- Biology Teaching (grades 9-12)
- Conservation Biologist or Wildlife Biologist
- Science Editor or Science Writer
- Medical Supply or Pharmaceutical Research or Sales
- Science Outreach - Wildlife Rescuer, Science Museum Educator, Nature Educator



### PAY TRENDS:

The median annual wage\* for the **Biology** field of degree is:



\*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Not entry level - varies based on location, education and experience. Recent graduates would need to earn experience and advance in career to earn a higher salary.



“ Being able to speak with faculty members with an open-door policy helped me as a student. Wesleyan has shaped key characteristics in my life such as leadership and critical thinking. ”

Eboni Mayle, '22  
*BS in Biology, Minor in Chemistry*

## BA IN BIOLOGY



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*Minor in Biology available.*

### General Graduation Guidelines:

- Total of 120 semester hours, 33 of which must be numbered 300 or 400 (Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours)
- At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive
- A declared major
- A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Survey dynamics of water, air, geology and the biosphere
- Explore major threats to biodiversity and discuss approaches for overcoming these threats in ways that balance the needs of people and nature
- Gather and analyze ecological data
- Problem-solve with approaches specific to biological science fields such as molecular evolution, microbiology, environmental science, ecology, genetics, etc.
- Design, conduct and analyze scientific studies or experiments
- Communicate about biology and its implications with different audiences (lay peer, scientific) using different formats (video, web page, case study, op-ed, scientific posters, etc.)
- Discover how ideas discussed in class are derived from laboratory observations
- Achieve competence in biological sciences by investigating phenomena from a variety of fields in the discipline such as conservation biology, genetics, cell biology, ecology, environmental science

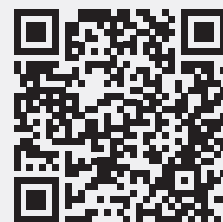
### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

Applying to NC Wesleyan is as easy as **1-2-3**. You will have direct contact with a personal admissions counselor who will assist you every step of the way.

- Apply online for FREE
- Submit your high school transcript (*2.5 GPA or higher*)
- Complete your FAFSA at ***fafsa.ed.gov*** (*School code is 002951*)

When we receive your application and transcript, we will provide you with an admissions decision and which scholarships you may be qualified to receive.

*For more information on admission requirements, visit ***ncwu.edu/admissions***.*



### APPLY TODAY!

*Scan the QR code to fill out your **FREE** application.*

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