

# BIOLOGY

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<b>Program Code</b>	BIOL
<b>Campus(es)</b>	University Park (Ph.D., M.S.)
<b>Degrees Conferred</b>	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Master of Science (M.S.)
<b>The Graduate Faculty</b>	View ( <a href="https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/?searchType=fac&amp;prog=BIOL">https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/?searchType=fac&amp;prog=BIOL</a> )

The Biology graduate program encompasses a broad spectrum of research areas, including bioinformatics, cell biology, developmental biology, ecology, evolution, genetics, neuroscience, phylogenetics, and physiology. The courses of study are planned individually by the student and a Graduate Faculty adviser, often with input from the student's doctoral committee. Typically, tenure-line and tenured faculty in Biology have 1 to 5 graduate students in their laboratories, leading to a low student/adviser ratio for both doctoral and master's students.