DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGY

In the Department of Agricultural Biology we study plants, microbes, and insects in order to describe their roles in agricultural and natural ecosystems. We are motivated by new discoveries and we share this knowledge with others so that we can all work together to improve ecosystem health and sustainability.

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Undergraduate Majors

- Agricultural Biology (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/agricultural-biology-major/)
- Entomology Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/agricultural-biology-major-entomology-concentration/)
- Plant Pathology Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/agricultural-biology-major-plant-pathology-concentration/)
- Weed Science Concentration (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/agricultural-biology-major-weed-science-concentration/)

Minors

Minors are offered in Entomology and Plant Health. Students are provided with maximum breadth and depth with a limited number of required courses. The minors also serve to broaden the academic background of students seeking employment in the interdisciplinary job markets associated with most Plant Science majors. The minors also pair well with Natural Resources majors. The minors provide adequate credits to meet most federal and state certification requirements for employment. Please contact Dr. Punya Nachappa and Chris Amerman for information on the Entomology minor. Please contact Dr. Jane Stewart and Chris Amerman for information on the Plant Health minor.

- Entomology (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/entomology-minor/)
- Plant Health (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/plant-health-minor/)

Advising

Reach out to Chris Amerman (Chris.Amerman@colostate.edu) to schedule an appointment to change your major/minor. The change of major form can be electronically submitted by a student’s main advisor to the Registrar’s Office.

- Individualized Appointment with Advisor - Link for Scheduling (https://calendly.com/socr-advising/)

Our majors and minors have no competitive entry requirements. Courses to take if you are interested in the programs include AB 111, BSPM 102, BSPM 302, BSPM 308, and BSPM 361. Students interested in our program should ideally declare in the first two years, but exceptions can be made depending on the student’s previous coursework.

Learn more about the Agricultural Biology major on the Department of Agricultural Biology website (https://agsci.colostate.edu/agbio/).

Graduate Programs in Bioagricultural Sciences

The department offers graduate programs leading to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Bioagricultural Sciences, with specializations available in Entomology, Pest Management, Plant Pathology, and Weed Science.

Research in the department is focused in four areas of emphasis that cut across disciplinary specializations:

1. genomics and molecular biology
2. ecology and biodiversity
3. biology and management of invasive species
4. integrated pest management

In addition, a number of faculty in the department are members of CSU’s Graduate Degree Program in Ecology or the Cell and Molecular Biology Program and advise M.S. and Ph.D. students through these programs. Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/) or visit the Department of Agricultural Biology. (https://agbio.agsci.colostate.edu/)
Master’s Programs

- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/ms-bioagricultural-sciences/)
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Entomology Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/ms-bioagricultural-sciences/entomology-specialization-plan-a/)
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan B, Pest Management Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/ms-bioagricultural-sciences/pest-management-specialization-plan-b/)
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Plant Pathology Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/ms-bioagricultural-sciences/plant-pathology-specialization-plan-a/)
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Weed Science Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/ms-bioagricultural-sciences/weed-science-specialization-plan-a/)

Ph.D.

- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/phd-bioagricultural-sciences/)
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Entomology Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/phd-bioagricultural-sciences/entomology-specialization/)
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plant Pathology Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/phd-bioagricultural-sciences/plant-pathology-specialization/)
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Weed Science Specialization (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/agricultural-sciences/agricultural-biology/phd-bioagricultural-sciences/weed-science-specialization/)

Courses

Subjects in this department include: Agricultural Biology (AB) and Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management (BSPM)

Agricultural Biology (AB)

AB 111 Feeding the World in a Changing Climate (GT-SC2) Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Fundamental concepts of climate change and implications for agriculture and global food security.

Prerequisite: None.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

Additional Information: Biological & Physical Sciences 3A, Natural & Physical Sciences w/o lab (GT-SC2).

AB 120 Agricultural Biology—Freshman Orientation Credit: 1 (1-0-0)

Course Description: Introduction to information and skills necessary to succeed in the agricultural biology major.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.

Registration Information: This is a partial semester course.

Term Offered: Fall.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

AB 130 Working with Agricultural Biology Data Credit: 1 (1-0-0)

Course Description: Introduction to the scientific method and systems thinking in terms of agricultural biology. Develop a hypothesis based on field observations, collect and analyze data to determine if findings align with the hypothesis. Results are communicated in a written report, and oral presentation.

Prerequisite: AB 120, may be taken concurrently.

Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.

Registration Information: This is a partial semester course.

Term Offered: Spring.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

AB 230 Becoming an Agricultural Biology Professional Credit: 1 (1-0-0)

Course Description: Design professional resumes, and develop interpersonal skills to succeed in a professional environment. Develop criteria to write a report from internships, and develop skills in interpretation of qualitative and quantitative agricultural biology data.

Prerequisite: AB 130.

Registration Information: Agricultural biology majors only. This is a partial semester course. Credit not allowed for both AB 230 and AB 270.

Term Offered: Spring.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

AB 270 Agri. Biology Orientation for Transfers Credits: 2 (2-0-0)

Course Description: Introduction to the scientific method and systems thinking in terms of agricultural biology. Develop a hypothesis based on field observations, collect and analyze data. Prepare to become agricultural biology professionals by designing resumes and practicing skills to succeed in a professional environment.

Prerequisite: None.

Registration Information: Agricultural biology majors only. Written consent of instructor. Credit not allowed for both AB 230 and AB 270.

Term Offered: Fall.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

AB 330 Applications in Agricultural Biology I Credits: 2 (2-0-0)

Course Description: Knowledge, skills, and abilities to propose sustainable solutions to biological problems in natural or managed ecosystems. Collectively discuss a diverse set of case studies that incorporate systems approach in solving agricultural biology issues. Hone career plans and professional skills.

Prerequisite: (AB 230 or AB 270) and (BSPM 302).

Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.

Registration Information: Agricultural biology majors only.

Term Offered: Spring.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.
AB 340 Insect Biotechnology Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Introduction to concepts, terminology, and applications of molecular biology techniques as it relates to the entomology. Learn about the use of whole insects, as well as their cells, tissues, and associated bacteria in medical, pharmaceutical, and agricultural applications.
Prerequisite: LIFE 102.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both AB 340 and BSPM 280A1.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 410 Understanding Pesticides Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Explore the safe and effective use of pesticides, balancing improved pest management and production while minimizing harm to humans and the environment. Analyze pesticide labels to identify procedures for using the pesticide safely, effectively, and legally. Use objective sources of pesticide information to improve pesticide use decision making and to communicate effectively about the risks and benefits of pesticides.
Prerequisite: BZ 100 to 199 - at least 3 credits or CHEM 100 to 199 - at least 3 credits.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore.
Registration Information: Junior standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: AB 310, AB 410, or BSPM 310.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 430 Applications in Agricultural Biology II Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Apply systems thinking and dynamic systems modeling to case studies and a capstone project that poses sustainable solutions to biological problems in natural or managed ecosystems. Hone career plans and professional skills.
Prerequisite: AB 330.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Agricultural biology majors only.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 451 Integrated Pest Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Concepts of integrated pest management and the strategies and tactics employed in the application of these concepts.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302 or BSPM 308 or BSPM 361.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 509 Herbicide Selectivity and Action Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Explores the physicochemical properties of herbicides, their selectivity (through placement and metabolism), their mechanism of action, uses in weed management, visual symptoms of herbicide treatment, how plants can evolve resistance to these compounds, and controversial topics related to the use of herbicides.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 511 Microbiome of Plant Systems Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Emphasizes interdisciplinary and cross curricular education with training in disciplines that support an increased understanding of plant associated microbiome and their optimization.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 515 Plant Biochemistry in Agriculture Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Experiential learning environment leading to mastery of principles of protein homology modeling, metabolic network analysis, and important plant biochemical pathways. Structure and function of enzymes in metabolic pathways and the contributions of these pathways to plant growth and development.
Prerequisite: HORT 576.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: AB 515, BSPM 515 or BSPM 581A2.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 521 Forest Health Issues Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Current topics related to forest and shade tree health from ecosystems to tree defense physiology.
Prerequisite: BZ 120.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: This is a partial semester course. Credit not allowed for both AB 521 and BSPM 521.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

AB 523 Advanced Evolution/Classification of Insects Credits: 5 (2-6-0)
Course Description: Identification of major insect groups. Explore field collecting, specimen preservation methods, biodiversity discovery and description, patterns and timeline of insect evolution, classification, and morphology.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302 or BSPM 424.
Restriction: Must not be a: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior.
Registration Information: Senior standing. Must register for lecture and laboratory. Required field trips. Credit not allowed for both AB 523 and BSPM 523.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

AB 529 Pesticide Resistance Evolution and Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Examines pesticide resistance, including principles of resistance evolution; resistance mechanisms in arthropods, weeds, and plant pathogens; management approaches; communication strategies; and new developments in technology for pest management, including RNAi and gene drive.
Prerequisite: (LIFE 102 or LIFE 103) and (BZ 346 or SOCR 330).
Restriction: Must not be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both AB 529 and BSPM 580A4.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management (BSPM)

BSPM 102  Insects, Science, and Society (GT-SC2)  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: How insects develop, behave, and affect human activity. What every student should know about the most diverse life form on Earth.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 102 and BSPM 356A.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Biological & Physical Sciences 3A, Natural & Physical Sciences w/o lab (GT-SC2).

BSPM 201  Weed Management and Control  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Basic overview of weeds and weed control.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 302  Applied and General Entomology  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Biology and management of insects.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 302 and BSPM 356A.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 303B  Entomology Laboratory: Horticultural Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Biology and recognition of insects.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302, may be taken concurrently.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 303B and BSPM 356A.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356A  Applied and General Entomology  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: A 5-week course consisting of General Plant Pathology; identification of the organisms that can cause plant diseases.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 to 199 or LIFE 100 to 199.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 355A and BSPM 381A2.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 355B Hort Pathology: Turf and Ornamental Disease  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Turf and ornamental plant diseases, their management and control.
Prerequisite: BSPM 355A.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 355B and BSPM 361.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356C Horticulture Pathology: Vegetable and Greenhouse Disease  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Diseases in the Greenhouse and Vegetable crops, management and control.
Prerequisite: BSPM 355A.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only. This is a partial semester course. Written consent of instructor.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356A Horticultural Entomology Introduction  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Basic biology, identification and management of insects and mites affecting horticultural crops.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 to 199 or LIFE 100 to 199.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 302 and BSPM 356A. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 303B and BSPM 356A.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356B Horticultural Entomology: Food Crops  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Insect and mite pests of fruits, vegetables and other garden grown food crops.
Prerequisite: BSPM 102 or BSPM 302 or BSPM 356A, may be taken concurrently.
Registration Information: This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356C Horticultural Entomology: Landscape Plants  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Insect and mite pests of ornamentals (woody plants, flowers) and turfgrass and their management.
Prerequisite: BSPM 102 or BSPM 302 or BSPM 356A, may be taken concurrently.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 361 Elements of Plant Pathology  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Course Description: Diseases of economic plants.
Prerequisite: BZ 104 or BZ 120 or HORT 100 or LIFE 102.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

BSPM 365 Integrated Tree Health Management  Credits: 4 (3-3-0)
Course Description: Insects and diseases in forest and urban ecosystems. Effects, diagnosis, prevention, and interactions.
Prerequisite: BZ 120 or LIFE 102.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

BSPM 384 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOCR 415.
Course Description: Fundamental concepts of pollinator biology and management, sustainable crop-pollinator interactions, regional and global issues on pollinator management and conservation, best management practices for commercially managed pollinators.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 or SOCR 100.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both SOCR 415 and BSPM 415. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 415 Pollinator Management in Agroecosystems  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOCR 415.
Course Description: Fundamental concepts of pollinator biology and management, sustainable crop-pollinator interactions, regional and global issues on pollinator management and conservation, best management practices for commercially managed pollinators.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 or SOCR 100.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both SOCR 415 and BSPM 415. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 423 Evolution and Classification of Insects  Credits: 3 (1-4-0)
Course Description: Major groups of insects, living and fossil; major evolutionary trends in structure and behavior.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 423 and BSPM 523.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 424 Principles of Systematic Science  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 424.
Course Description: Introduction to the core principles of systematic science and exploration of issues including speciation, taxonomy and classification, constructing and evaluating hypotheses of evolutionary relationships, characters used in taxonomy, species descriptions, the taxonomic literature, museums and museum science, and careers in systematic science.
Prerequisite: BZ 220.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 424 and BZ 424.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.
BSPM 450  Molecular Plant-Microbe Interaction  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Course Description: Principles of plant-microbe/insect interactions, physiological and molecular aspects of plant defense, genomics approaches to study plant defense.  
Prerequisite: (BZ 100 to 499 - at least 3 credits) and (BZ 346 or SOCR 330).  
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 450 and BSPM 550.  
Term Offered: Spring (even years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 462  Parasitology and Vector Biology  Credits: 5 (3-4-0)  
Also Offered As: BZ 462 and MIP 462.  
Course Description: Protozoa, helminths, and insects and related arthropods of medical importance; systematics, epidemiology, host damage and control.  
Prerequisite: (BZ 110 or LIFE 103) and (BZ 212 or LIFE 206 or MIP 302).  
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Credit allowed for only one of the following: BSPM 462, BZ 462, MIP 462.  
Term Offered: Fall.  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 487  Internship  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 492  Seminar  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 495  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 496  Group Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 500  Foundations of Bioagricultural Sciences  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)  
Course Description: Introduction to graduate school covering managing time, advisor and research, plus a survey of topics encompassed by the department of BSPM.  
Prerequisite: None.  
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.  
Term Offered: Fall.  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 502A  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Viruses  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: BIO 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits or BSPM 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits or BSPM 499 or LIFE 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits.  
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 502B  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Bacteriology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: BIO 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits or BSPM 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits or BSPM 499 or LIFE 300 to 499 - at least 3 credits.  
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 502F  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Disease Epidemiology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)  
Course Description:  
Prerequisite: BSPM 361.  
Term Offered: Fall (even years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 520  Advanced Systematics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Also Offered As: BZ 520.  
Course Description: Theory and practice of modern systematics.  
Prerequisite: BSPM 424 or BZ 424 or BZ 325.  
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 520 and BZ 520.  
Term Offered: Spring (even years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 526  Evolutionary Ecology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Also Offered As: BZ 526.  
Course Description: Adaptation to abiotic and biotic environments; how current ecological processes interact with evolutionary history.  
Prerequisite: LIFE 320 or LIFE 220 or LAND 220.  
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 526 and BZ 526.  
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.  

BSPM 528  Invasive Plants/Weeds–Ecosystems to Molecules  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Course Description: Contributions of disciplines of weed science and invasion ecology to understanding the biology, ecology and management of "problem plants."  
Prerequisite: (LIFE 320 or LAND 220 or LIFE 220) and (BZ 120) and (LIFE 102 or LIFE 103).  
Term Offered: Spring (even years).  
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 530  Scientific Writing  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOCR 530.
Course Description: Skills necessary to prepare complete scientific journal articles including writing, editing, and literature searching and assessment.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 530 and SOCR 530.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 535  Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Principles of plant-microbe interactions, physiological and molecular aspects of plant defense, genomic approaches to study plant defense.
Prerequisite: (BZ 100 to 499 - at least 3 credits) and (BZ 346 or SOCR 330).
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 550 and BSPM 450.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 550  Immature Insects  Credits: 3 (1-4-0)
Course Description: Characteristics of immature forms of orders and families of insects emphasizing those important to man.
Prerequisite: BSPM 303A or BSPM 303B or BSPM 303C.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 555  Molecular and Genomic Evolution  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 575.
Course Description: Molecular, biological mechanisms of evolutionary change: mutation; selection; gene expression/regulation; changes in whole-genome architecture.
Prerequisite: BZ 220 and BZ 350.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 575 and BZ 575.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 556  Bioinformatics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: MIP 576.
Course Description: Technical computing across platforms using bioinformatics tools in molecular analysis.
Prerequisite: BC 463 or BZ 310 or BZ 350 or CM 501 or CS 155 or ERHS 332 or MIP 275 or MIP 300 or MIP 450 or STAT 307 or ERHS 307.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 576 and MIP 576.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 584  Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 587  Internship  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 592  Seminar  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description: Major questions and theory pertinent to understanding current and relevant science topics.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 594  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 596  Group Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 698  Research  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 699  Thesis  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 710  Techniques in Molecular Biology and Genetics  Credits: 3 (0-4-1)
Also Offered As: CM 710.
Course Description: Genetic manipulation of bacteria, bacteriophage, and yeast including experiments in molecular cloning and gene expression.
Prerequisite: BC 463 or BZ 346 or BZ 350 or MIP 450 or SOCR 330.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.
Credit not allowed for both BSPM 710 and CM 710.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 740  Plant Molecular Genetics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOCR 740.
Course Description: Advances in study of organization and function of nuclear and organelar genomes, gene expression in higher plants, and plant-microbe interactions.
Prerequisite: BC 351 and SOCR 330.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 740 and SOCR 740.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 784 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 787 Internship  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 792 Seminar  Credits: Var[1-2] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 794 Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 798 Research  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 799 Dissertation  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.