

# What can I do with a major in

# Biology

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The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.

Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.

Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

#### **Description of Biology**

The Biology Department offers two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science. The Biology degree offers excellent preparation for many different careers, including most of the health careers such as medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, nursing, and physical therapy. As a Biology major, you can also select a Biology degree with a concentration in Environmental Science. The Biomedical Science degree is a specialized biology degree tailored to provide the strongest foundation for graduate programs in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.

You can choose from a variety of Biology courses including selections in the fields of human & biomedical biology, organismal biology, evolutionary biology & ecology, and cell & molecular biology. In addition to a strong academic program, CBU Biology offers personalized advising, state of the art lab equipment with a lab component for nearly every course, and small classes. As a major you also get to present your laboratory or field research at the annual CBU research poster session and at a scientific meeting. Many CBU students have their research published. You can view a slide presentation describing the CBU Biology research courses. CBU students also have opportunities for international research and service through MHIRT and Haiti Medical Missions.

The Department also offers, in conjunction with the Department of Education, a five-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in natural science, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, and teaching licensure in biology or biology and chemistry for grades 7 through 12. Biology and biomedical science students at CBU organize and participate in a variety of activities through the Mu Tau chapter of Beta Beta, the national undergraduate biology honor society.

#### Possible Job Titles of Biology Graduates (Includes Full-Time, Internships & Co-Ops)

(\*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

**Analytical Chemist** 

**Associate Customer Service Agent** 

Bacteriologist Biochemist

Blood Bank Technologist

Chemical Analyst\*

Chemist

Clinical Assistant\*

Clinical Support Technician\*
Computer Consultant\*
Computer Consultant\*
Crime Lab Analyst

**Customer Service Representative** 

Cytotechnologist\*
Dental Assistant\*
Engineering Associate
Enrollment Analyst\*

Environmental Program Specialist\*

Field Study Coordinator\*

Food and Drug Inspector

Health Program Coordinator\* Hemotherapist Insurance Agent

Lab Tech Assistant\*
Lab Technician\*
Legal Assistant
Loan Officer\*
Manager\*

Marketing Consultant\*
Medical Equipment Sales

Representative Medical Investigator Medical Lab Technician Medical Librarian Medical Writer

Nurse

**Optometry Assistant** 

Microbiologist

Parasitologist

Pharmaceutical Sales Representative

Phlebotomist

Physical Therapy Technician

Physician\*

Production Assistant\*
Public Health Specialist
Quality Control Specialist
Research Assistant\*
Research Immunologist\*

Research Technologist\*

Researcher\*
Sales Associate\*
Teacher\*
Technician

Toxicologist

Veterinarian Technician\*
Veterinary Technician

Zoo Keeper\*

#### Possible Employers and Employment Settings for Biology Graduates (Includes Full Time, Internships & Co-ops)

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ACT\* Medical Laboratory **Diagnostic Testing Companies** Banks\* **Dunwoody Animal Hospital** Meditech Media

Bell South\* Environmental Labs of the Pacific Merck\*

**Bic Corporation** Merieux Laboratories Inc. Biotechnology firms FedEx\* National Institute of Health Blue Cross Blue Shield\* Food & Drug Administration **New England Medical Center** 

**Brookings Institute\*** Gavseris Co. Nonprofits\* **BUNAC\*** GM Peace Corps\*

GTX\* Cardinal Health Pharmaceutical Companies\*

Center for Disease Control Healthyme.md\* Physician's Offices\* Center of Limnology Hope Animal Medical Center ProActive Therapy\* Children's Museum\* Hospitals\* Research Foundations Church Health Center\* Integ, Inc.\* Rockdale HealthCare Center

Clinics\* International Cotton Institute\* School Systems\* Colleges/Universities\* International Paper\* Southern Progress\* Concentra Joseph W Jones Ecological Southlake Hospital

Daly Solutions\* **Lanier Contracting Company** St. Jude Children's Hospital\*

Teach for America\* Danakllon American Inc. Lehman Roberts Department of Health & Human Services Levey Industries **VA Medical Center\*** Looney Ricks Kiss Architecture\* Department of Justice Vashaw Scientific Inc. Vector Marketing\*

**Department of Natural Resources** McVean Trading\*

**Department of State Medical Equipment Companies** 

#### Skill Sets and Interests associated with Biology Majors

Identifying problems Organizing ideas/information Applying scientific concepts to problems Making projections from data

#### **CBU Contacts Associated with Majors in the Field of Biology**

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#### **Top Career Services Resources for Biology Majors**

Career Resources Library (Buckman 207)

CareerLinX: https://cbu-csm.symplicity.com/students/

Memphis Business Journal, Book Of Lists

# Sign up for a free account and find out what careers you might be a fit for using:

TypeFocus: www.typefocus.com (Access Code: CBU8998)

SIGI 3: www.tinyurl.com/cbusigi

# Additional Resources for Majors in the Field of Biology

**Science Central** The American Institute of Biological Sciences

http://www.aibs.org/core/index.html http://www.sciencecentral.com/category/269962

### AIBS / Member Societies — 50 member Societies of the American Institute of Biological Sciences

http://www.aibs.org/society-membership-directory/

**American Society for Microbiology Genetics Societies** 

http://www.asm.org/ http://www.faseb.org/genetics/

**Organization of Biological Field Stations Ecological Society of America (ESA)** 

http://www.obfs.org/ http://www.esa.org/