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## Science and Technology Programs

# Biology Honours

**Location Offered:**

Nanaimo

**Credential:**

Bachelor Degree

**Program Length:**

4 Years

## The Program

The Bachelor of Science, Biology Honours emphasizes a "hands-on," integrative approach to learning. Smaller class sizes allow one-on-one interaction, fostering development of the student-mentor relationship. In addition, students in the Biology Honours program complete a comprehensive undergraduate research project, under the supervision of a Biology faculty member. Students expand their research skills through deep engagement in their chosen project.

The Biology Honours will be of interest to students looking towards careers in the biological and environmental sciences, in K-12 education, or in health sciences (e.g., Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine).

## Program Outline

**Requirements for an Honours**

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.Sc. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements; all courses listed under Years 1-4 of the Major in Biology; and the following:

- BIOL 491 - (Undergraduate Research Project), and
- 6 additional credits in upper-level BIOL credits numbered 300 and above.

## Completion Requirements

- Honours students need a minimum GPA of 3.67 ("A-") on all 3rd and 4th year courses taken within the discipline in order to graduate from an Honours program.
- Honours students must achieve a minimum grade of "A-" in BIOL 491 - (Undergraduate Research Project).
- Students who complete the Honours requirements but do not meet these grade requirements will graduate with the Major in Biology.

## Admission Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 3.67 (A-) on the most recent 45 credits of study.
- All core 100-level courses and at least 21 credits of core 200-level courses including MATH 203 (Biometrics) must be completed before the start of BIOL 491.
- Students must identify a faculty advisor who is willing to supervise the research

project.

- Students who meet the minimum requirements are not guaranteed admission in the program and space may be limited.

## **Career Opportunities**

The Biology Honours will be of interest to students interested in pursuing graduate school in the biological sciences (Master's, Doctorate).

## **Start Date and Application Deadline**

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