Biology, Bachelor of Arts

Biology Major Requirements (B.A.)
(Also see Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree (https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/ksas-wse/undergraduate-policies/academic-policies/requirements-bachelors-degree/))

The B.A. degree in biology is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in modern biology, with special emphasis on the molecular aspects of the discipline.

All courses required for the biology major must be taken for a letter grade (not S/U) and be passed with a grade of C- or better with one exception. The department will accept one passing grade below C- in the senior year (not S/U) and be passed with a grade of C- or better with one exception.

All courses required for the biology major must be taken for a letter grade.

writing and Communication Requirement in the Major

Students must complete at least 6 credits of Writing and Communication Foundational Ability coursework in one major. Students can fulfill this requirement by selecting 6 credits from a combination of core and elective courses in the major that are designated as FA#1: Writing and Communication.

Writing and Communication Requirement in the Major (Seniors)

Students completing the B.A. in Biology are eligible to receive their degree with honors.

Honors in Biology

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The B.A. in biology with honors requires, in addition to the regular requirements for the B.A. in biology, a 3.5 GPA for natural sciences and quantitative studies courses, two semesters of research, a presentation...
of a poster describing the independent research, and a recommendation from the research sponsor.

The research requirement must be completed under the direction of a faculty member in a department associated with the Johns Hopkins University or the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. If the student’s research director for independent research is not a member of the Department of Biology, a Biology faculty member must serve as a sponsor and approve the recommendation from the research director.