Biological Sciences (BYS)

BYS 505 - PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
Semester Hours: 3
Introduction to drug classification and action with emphasis on physiological and psychological interactions. Same as PY 505.

BYS 519 - GENE STRUCTURE & FUNCTION
Semester Hours: 3
Advanced studies of macromolecular structure and biological function of proteins and nucleic acids involved in the passage of genetic information and cellular response. Structural significance of viruses and molecular evolution included.

BYS 526 - MICROBIAL ECOLOGY
Semester Hours: 4
Course offered jointly by Alabama A&M University and UAH but which is taught on the A&M campus. Relationship of soil and aquatic microorganisms and their importance in ammonification, nitrification, and other biological processes.

BYS 532 - MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY
Semester Hours: 4
Detailed study of physiology, covering membrane transport, muscle, nerve, heart, lung, gastrointestinal and renal function. Emphasis will be on homeostasis, genetic disease and pharmacological therapy.

BYS 532L - LABORATORY
Semester Hours: 0

BYS 534 - MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY II
Semester Hours: 3
Course offered jointly by Alabama A&M University and UAH but which is taught on the A&M campus. Continuation of mammalian physiology with consideration of kidney function, respiratory, digestive, reproductive, and endocrine systems.

BYS 535 - ADVANCED MICROBIOLOGY
Semester Hours: 3
Aspects of microbial behavior, development, morphogenesis or physiology.

BYS 537 - PSYCHOBIOLOGY STRESS & ILLNESS
Semester Hours: 3
Overview of physiological stress responses and their influence on health, behavior, and illness. Same as PY 536.

BYS 542 - NUTRITIONAL PHYSIOLOGY
Semester Hours: 3
Course offered jointly by Alabama A&M University and UAH but which is taught on the A&M campus. Advanced laboratory dealing with modern techniques of molecular biology and biochemistry.

BYS 543 - MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF THE CELL
Semester Hours: 3
Advanced study of cell structure and function of macromolecules (lipids, proteins, carbohydrates and nucleotides). In depth literature readings on subcellular organelles, metabolic pathways, cell cycle, cancer, and cell differentiation.

BYS 547 - BIOCHEMISTRY I
Semester Hours: 3
Structural chemistry and function of biomolecules, mechanisms of biochemical reactions, and enzyme kinetics. Same as: CH 561.

BYS 548 - BIOCHEMISTRY II
Semester Hours: 3
Energy transduction, metabolism, biosynthesis of macromolecular precursors, storage, transmission, and expression of genetic information. Same as CH 562. Prerequisites: BYS 547 or CH 561.
BYS 556 - ADV MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES  
Semester Hours: 3  
Laboratory techniques in molecular biology including current methodology in genomics, proteomics and RNA analysis. Prerequisites: BYS 519 with concurrency.

BYS 560 - ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY/A&M  
Semester Hours: 3  
Course offered jointly by Alabama A&M University and UAH but which is taught on the A&M campus. Principles of interaction between living systems and their resources. Current problems in management of natural resources including new approaches in management of pest populations.

BYS 562 - COMMUNITY ECOLOGY  
Semester Hours: 4  
Detailed consideration of ecological principles and concepts, as well as biotic and abiotic factors relevant to development of communities and ecosystems. Field trips required.

BYS 563 - POPULATION ECOLOGY  
Semester Hours: 4  
Distribution, population dynamics and behavior of populations in relation to environmental factors. Field trips required.

BYS 564 - LIMNOLOGY  
Semester Hours: 3  
Fresh-water environments and organisms exemplified by lakes, ponds, and streams in North Alabama.

BYS 600 - NEUROSCIENCE  
Semester Hours: 3  
An advanced survey of the field of neuroscience, from basic neuroanatomy and physiology, to current topics, such as neurodegenerative disease, learning and memory, consciousness, cognitive theory and neurocomputing.

BYS 601 - BIOINFORMATICS I  
Semester Hours: 3  
Practical use in Bioinformatics and X-ray crystallography.

BYS 602 - BIOINFORMATICS II  
Semester Hours: 3  
Practical use in Bioinformatics and applied Genomics.

BYS 619 - MICROBIAL GENETICS  
Semester Hours: 3  

BYS 630 - IMMUNOLOGY  
Semester Hours: 4  
Innate, humoral and cell-mediated immunity. Immune deficiencies and hyper sensitivities. Autoimmunity, transplantation and tumor immunology.

BYS 690 - SEMINAR  
Semester Hour: 1  
Student reports on current journal articles, research, or assigned readings. Graduate students should attend whether enrolled for credit or not. May be taken up to three times for credit.

BYS 691 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Semester Hours: 1-4  
Directed readings and/or written reports on topics of individual student interest carried out under the supervision of an instructor. Prerequisite: permission of instructor required before registration.

BYS 692 - RESEARCH  
Semester Hours: 2-4  
Individual investigations of biological problems under supervision of a graduate faculty member. Permission of instructor required before registration.
BYS 699 - MASTER'S THESIS
Semester Hours: 1-6

Required each semester student is working on and receiving direction on master's thesis. Minimum of six hours required for M.S. thesis students.