

WHAT IS BIOLOGY?

Biology is a natural science that is concerned with the study of life and living organism including their structure, chemical processes, molecular interactions, physiological mechanisms, development, and evolution. There are many general fields of biology, which include: Biochemistry, Botany, Cellular Biology, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Genetics, molecular biology, physiology, and zoology.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Conducting research
- Conducting scientific experiments
- Love for animals or plants
- Interest in the medical field
- Curiousity about the natural world

SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Analytical and critical thinking
- Organization skills
- Attention to detail
- Investigative skills
- Problem solving
- Quantitative/Research skills
- Written communication

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The biology major is housed under the Biological Sciences department at Los Angeles Valley College. Almost every course in Biology has a lab component. This is where skills are learned, practiced and perfected. Students often work in small groups giving you the opportunity to grow in your leadership, teamwork and interpersonal capacities. LAVC offers the following degrees:

- Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Biology
- Associate of Science (AS) in Biology

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **CSU Dominguez Hills**: Biology option in Cellular and Molecular Biology, Ecology and Environmental Biology, or Microbiology
- **CSU Long Beach:** Biology option in Biology Education, Molecular Cell Biology and Physiology, Organismal Biology, Microbiology, Marine Biology
- CSU Los Angeles; Biology and Microbiology
- **CSU Northridge:** Biology option in Cellular and Chemistry Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Biotechnology/Medical technology, Marine Technology, Microbiology
- UC Berkeley: Biology
- **UC Irvine:** Biochemistry ad Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences, Biology/Education, Biomedical Engineering
- UC Los Angeles: Biology, Integrative Biology
- **UC San Diego:** Biology option in General Biology, Human Biology, Microbiology, Molecular and Cell Biology



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www.assist.org www.eureka.org

www.cacareerzone.org

www.onetonline.org

http://degrees.calstate.edu/

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/

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RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Physician
- Dentist
- Pharmacist
- Physician's assistant
- Veterinarian
- Biochemist
- Registered nurse
- Medical laboratory assistant
- Pharmaceutical sales representative

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Laboratories
- Medical offices
- Colleges and Universities
- Pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Research companies

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