

# UPPER DIVISION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND  
HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BIOLOGY

University scholars, who are Biology majors, are required to perform 8 credits of specialized coursework within the upper division electives required for their degree. Scholars who qualify for the departmental honors program and obtain a faculty mentor may satisfy this requirement by completing the Biology or EVS Honors Program. Alternatively, they fulfill this requirement by taking 8 credits of any combination of BIO 496 Independent Study, BIO 497 Independent Research, or 300- or 400-level BIO courses taken as a “contract” course. All of these require the prior agreement of the course’s instructor. A course becomes a contract course if, before the course begins, the student makes an agreement with the course instructor to prepare extra topical assignments related to the course. Students may link this assignment in the contract course with enrollment in BIO 391, which is a WAC course in the major field of study thereby satisfying this general education requirement.

Requirements for University Scholars majoring in Biology

- Fulfill the requirements for the biology honors program
- Or
- 8 credits of the following courses:
  - ◇ BIO 496 Independent Study in Biology
  - ◇ BIO 497 Independent Research in Biology
  - ◇ Upper-level BIO courses (300-level or 400-level) as a “contract course”, with additional exercise, library research and writing under the supervision of the course instructor