Organismal Biology
Integrative Biology Option
Bachelor of Science in Organismal Biology

FRESHMAN
- Gateway courses: BIOL 1020/1021, BIOL 1030/1031, CHEM 1030/1031, CHEM 1040/1041
- Finish core requirements and foundation science courses
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 3000, 3200, 3030, 3060; CHEM 2070/2071, 2080/2081

SOPHOMORE
- Build breadth and depth in biology with junior year courses
- Plan ahead to be sure courses are offered during the semester you want to take them. Long range schedules are on the COSAM website.
- Take a summer field course in Junior or Senior year (e.g., BIOL 4020)
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 3100, 3200, 4010, 4020
- In preparation for graduation next year, get a Credit Check with your COSAM academic advisor.
- Consult with your faculty advisor to select electives that best fit your career or graduate school goals.
- BIOL 4950: Senior Seminar should be taken during your senior year.

JUNIOR
- Meet with your academic advisor to familiarize yourself with courses and prerequisites.
- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching (auburn.edu/academicsupport)
- Meet with your faculty advisor to discuss graduate school options and the application process, and/or meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options.
- Begin studying for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) if you plan to go to graduate school.
- Work with the University Career Center (UCC) to update your CV
- Apply early to graduate schools for the best chances at an assistantship.

SENIOR
- Seek opportunities to volunteer in a faculty research lab
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.
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GAIN EXPERIENCE
- Visit the Department of Biological Sciences Facebook page for information on department activities.
- Continue gaining experience with one or more campus organizations.
- If interested in a Health Career, explore Alpha Epsilon Delta (www.auburn.edu/aed)
- If interested in Veterinary Sciences, explore the AU Pre-Veterinary Medical Association.
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GET INVOLVED
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
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University Career Center
303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu
The program is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in biology. This program provides a strong preparation for further study in graduate programs or in professional schools, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and other allied health fields.

University Professor:
Minimum Education: Ph.D.
Entry Level Salary Range: $39.5K - $74.5K

Biologist:
Minimum Education: M.S./Ph.D.
Entry Level Salary Range: $41.9K - $67.6K

These are just three options out of many that organismal biology majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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