

## Declaring a Major in Biology

The Biology Department has a two-step process for admission to a Biology BS, BA, or Minor degree program.

**Phase I majors** are students who declare their major to begin their study in biology and are in the process of completing the introductory biology and chemistry courses: Chem 121, Chem 122 and Chem 123; Biol 204, Biol 205, Biol 206. Phase I majors are assigned a biology faculty adviser and added to the biology majors email listserv. There are no prerequisites to become a Phase I only a desire to major in biology.

Admission to Phase II is required for biology majors to register for the 300/400-level courses.

**Admission to Phase II is competitive** and is based on performance in the introductory courses.

### *Admission to Phase II:*

- Phase I majors who complete Biol 204, Biol 205, Chem 121 and Chem 122 with an **average grade point of 2.9 or above**, and ***are either enrolled in or have completed Biol 206 and Chem 123***, are automatically admitted to Phase II.
- Students who complete Biol 204, Biol 205, Chem 121 and Chem 122 with an **average grade below 2.9** will be admitted to Phase II after the completion of Biol 206 and Chem 123, if their average grade for the ***six courses combined is 2.9 or above***.
- Students who complete Biol 204, Biol 205, Biol 206, Chem 121, Chem 122 and Chem 123 with an **average grade below 2.9** are not admitted to Phase II.
- Students may repeat ***one*** of the six courses (on a space-available basis only) for the purposes of increasing their grade average to the 2.9 minimum.