

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

The Department of Biology has a friendly atmosphere, with outgoing faculty who teach, advise, and collaborate with students to help them meet their educational goals. In biology courses, learning by doing is the guiding philosophy, as biology majors use cutting-edge techniques in classrooms with state-of-the-art equipment. Biology majors are individually advised, initially through CSU Advise and later by faculty members, who guide students through their coursework and help them plan for careers, professional school, or graduate education. Many biology majors also work with faculty on research projects. The department offers many internship opportunities for our students through a broad network of federal and state governmental agencies, non-profit groups, businesses, and other schools so that students can gain hands-on training. Such research and internship experiences enrich the academic achievements of students. Biology majors regularly win awards for their research at regional and national scientific meetings. In addition, our student organizations—Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society (BBB), American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association— provide students with career specific enrichment, service, and leadership opportunities.