

CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	51 credits credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).

Overall	3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement	Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination at the end of their second year. In order to complete their preliminary exam, students must have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement Doctoral students in the CMB program are not required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate, but may choose to.

REQUIRED COURSES

All Cellular and Molecular Biology course requirements must be completed by the end of the student's second year, before completing the preliminary exam and obtaining dissertator status.

Code	Title	Credits
Course Requirements¹		

Students must complete 11 credits from the following categories.	11
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Molecular Biology Core

At minimum, complete one of the following:

BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MD GENET 620	Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
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BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MICROBIO 612	Prokaryotic Molecular Biology
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ONCOLOGY/ M M & I/ PL PATH 640	General Virology–Multiplication of Viruses
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Cell Biology Core

At minimum, complete one of the following:

BOTANY 860	Plant Cell Biology
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ZOOLOGY/ NEURODPT 765	Developmental Neuroscience
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PATH 750	Cellular and Molecular Biology/ Pathology
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ONCOLOGY 703	Carcinogenesis and Tumor Cell Biology
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GENETICS/ CRB 710	Developmental Genetics
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GENETICS/ BOTANY/M M & I/ PL PATH 655	Biology and Genetics of Fungi
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Ethics Core

At minimum, complete 1 credit from following:

BIOCHEM 729	Advanced Topics
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ONCOLOGY 715	Ethics in Science
COMP BIO/PATH- BIO 812	Research Ethics and Career Development

Elective Courses

Students may complete elective courses or additional courses from above to satisfy 11-credit course requirement.

B M E 510	Introduction to Tissue Engineering
B M E 520	Stem Cell Bioengineering
B M E/CBE 783	Design of Biological Molecules
B M E/CRB 670	Biology of Heart Disease and Regeneration
B M E 545	Engineering Extracellular Matrices
B M E 556	Systems Biology: Mammalian Signaling Networks
B M I/ COMP SCI 576	Introduction to Bioinformatics
B M I/STAT 541	Introduction to Biostatistics
B M I/STAT 877	Statistical Methods for Molecular Biology
B M I 826	Special Topics in Biostatistics and Biomedical Informatics
BIOCHEM/B M I/ BMOLCHEM/ MATH 609	Mathematical Methods for Systems Biology
BOTANY/ BIOCHEM/ GENETICS 840	Regulatory Mechanisms in Plant Development
BIOCHEM/ BOTANY 621	Plant Biochemistry
BIOCHEM/ NUTR SCI 619	Advanced Nutrition: Intermediary Metabolism of Macronutrients
BIOCHEM 601	Protein and Enzyme Structure and Function
BMOLCHEM 675	Advanced or Special Topics in Biomolecular Chemistry
BOTANY/ ENTOM/ PL PATH 505	Plant-Microbe Interactions: Molecular and Ecological Aspects
BOTANY/ PL PATH 563	Phylogenetic Analysis of Molecular Data
CHEM 665	Biophysical Chemistry
CRB/ MEDICINE 701	Cell Signaling and Human Disease
CRB 640	Fundamentals of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology
CRB 650	Molecular and Cellular Organogenesis
F&W ECOL/ STAT 571	Statistical Methods for Bioscience I
PLANTSCI 550	Molecular Approaches for Crop Improvement
GENETICS/ CHEM 626	Genomic Science
GENETICS/ BIOCHEM 631	Plant Genetics and Development
GENETICS 633	Population Genetics

GENETICS/ MD GENET 677	Advanced Topics in Genetics
GENETICS 885	Advanced Genomic and Proteomic Analysis
M M & I/PATH- BIO 528	Immunology
M M & I 677	Advanced Topics in Medical Microbiology
M M & I 740	Mechanisms of Microbial Pathogenesis
MICROBIO 657	Bioinformatics for Microbiologists
NEURODPT/NTP/ PSYCH 611	Systems Neuroscience
M M & I/PATH- BIO 750	Host-Parasite Relationships in Vertebrate Viral Disease
MED PHYS 671	Selected Topics in Medical Physics
MICROBIO/ BMOLCHEM 668	Microbiology at Atomic Resolution
NEURODPT/ NTP 610	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience
ONCOLOGY 675	Advanced or Special Topics in Cancer Research
ONCOLOGY 778	Bioinformatics for Biologists
OPHTHALM 750	Ocular Diseases of the Mammalian Vision System
PATH 751	Biology of Aging
PATH 803	Pathogenesis of Major Human Diseases
PATH 807	Immunopathology: The Immune System in Health and Disease
PATH-BIO 675	Special Topics
ZOOLOGY 604	Computer-based Gene and Disease/Disorder Research Lab

Research Requirement

A minimum of 51 credits taken in graduate level courses are required: the 11 above, and the remaining credits can be 990 research credits. 40

Total Credits**51**

¹ EXCEPTION: MD/PhD students are only required to take 3 credits from the Core Curriculum or the Elective Courses list.

² EXCEPTION: MD/PhD students are not required to take an ethics course because they received this training in their MD courses.