



Honors in Biology

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3. A public presentation of one's research results. Such a presentation can be a journal article, a seminar given to a diverse group, a talk or a poster at a professional meeting, a thesis or some form of public presentation approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

For students who entered the University of Kentucky Fall 2012 or later:

Biology majors are eligible for Departmental Honors if they:

1. Complete 6 hours of BIO 395,
2. Have an overall 3.5 GPA on graduation
3. Successfully complete two biology honors (BIO ---H) courses or two honors-selected 500 or 600 level Biology (BIO) courses, or a combination of BIO ---H and honors-selected 500/600 BIO courses. Each semester the honors-selected 500/600-level BIO courses will be identified by a course note in the course schedule. This note will state "fulfills an Honors in Biology course requirement".
4. A public presentation of one's research results. Such a presentation can be a journal article, a seminar given to a diverse group, a talk or a poster at a professional meeting, a thesis or some form of public presentation approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Presentations can take many forms such as a talk or poster at a professional meeting or to some other group larger than a research lab, such as a departmental research conference. The University hosts an undergraduate research poster session late in each spring semester. A thesis is also acceptable. Honors theses should be in the format of a thesis (see UK guidelines) or a professional publication in the student's research field. For example, a student doing research in genetics might follow the format of the journal, GENETICS. Theses should be typed and should have necessary tables and figures. Figures can be scanned images, photos, or hand drawn illustrations. Theses will range in length, but most are no longer than a typical professional manuscript (30 pages).

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