

SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

Systems Biology is the study of the complex biological, chemical, and physical processes that support living organisms. It employs quantitative and computational methods to understand and modify how the biochemical and genetic properties of cells affect our world, from the treatment of disease to the design of biofuels. It brings all your scientific, mathematical and computational skills to bear on the most fundamental questions of how life works.

The Virginia Tech Bachelor of Science in Systems Biology is designed to train students in the theoretical/computational tools and experimental methods. These are necessary to understand living organisms as systems of closely interacting parts of increasing complexity (genes, proteins, cells, tissues, organs). The bachelor's degree in Systems Biology at Virginia Tech is one of a handful of such programs in the U.S.

Careers in Systems Biology

Genetics & Molecular Biology
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Biomedical Engineering
Computational Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Precision Medicine
Synthetic Biology
Bioinformatics
Biotechnology
Microbiology



Core Requirements

SYSB

Intro to Systems Biology
Systems Biology of Genes & Proteins
Network Dynamics & Cell Physiology
Research Experience in Systems Biology
Professionalism in Systems Biology

CHEM

Survey of Organic Chemistry General Chemistry

BIOL

Principles of Biology

MATH

Elementary Linear Algebra Calculus of a Single Variable

PHYS

Foundations of Physics



The student will also choose 12 credits from a list of restricted electives and 32 credits to meet the requirements for the College of Science and University Curriulum for Liberal Education.

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