Requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Biotechnology & Bioinformatics (33-34 units)

Program Description
The Master of Science in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics is a professional degree program designed to meet the needs of biotechnology industry and related public and private agencies and organizations. The program combines rigorous scientific training in interdisciplinary areas in biotechnology and bioinformatics with course work and experience in business management and regulatory affairs. The program includes a set of core courses with two emphases to choose from: biotechnology and bioinformatics, and several elective courses.

Biotechnology is centered in the laboratory and employs sophisticated molecular biology techniques for applications in human and animal health, agriculture, environment, and specialty biochemical manufacturing. In the next century, the major driving force for biotechnology will be the strategic use of the data derived from large-scale genome sequencing projects. Bioinformatics turns raw data from genome sequencing and new experimental methodologies such as microarrays and proteomics into useful and accessible information about gene function, protein structure, molecular evolution, drug targets and disease mechanisms using computational analyses, statistics, and pattern recognition. Our approach also includes team projects drawn from biotechnology industries to focus on real-world problems and applications of biological and computational sciences and to inculcate interpersonal as well as problem-solving skills using multiple perspectives.

Graduates from this program will develop analytical, managerial and interpersonal skills along with sophisticated expertise in biotechnology and bioinformatics. They will be ready to make immediate contributions to scientific research and development, management in biotechnological, biomedical and pharmaceutical industries, biotechnology law and regulations, governmental or environmental agencies, research institutes, consulting firms, research and clinical laboratories, private and public health organizations, or education.

Admission Requirements
1. Applicants must have a BS/BA degree in Biology, Computer Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Mathematics. Alternatively, applicants with a BA/BS degree in any field and equivalent work experiences in one of the above fields may be granted conditional admission, and they must fulfill all conditional requirements before they can be fully classified.
2. Applicants seeking admission to the professional MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program must be officially accepted into the CSUCI academic program.
3. Applicants must declare themselves as graduate students in the professional MS degree program in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.
4. Applicants will be evaluated by the program admissions committee which will consider the applicants in the context of the total applicant pool using our general admission standards. The following materials are required for our evaluation and admission process:
   • Applicants must submit their transcript from their undergraduate institution, Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test scores or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores.
   • Applicants who have received their undergraduate degrees from a university where English is not the language of instruction, or have studied fewer than two years at a university where instruction is in English, must submit their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores for evaluation.
   • Applicants must submit a one page “Statement of Purpose” and two letters of recommendations from people able to judge the applicant’s capacity.

Degree Requirements
Common Core Courses (16 units)

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For Biotechnology Emphasis (17 units)
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2. Electives (10 Units)
   A minimum of ten courses chosen from the following courses and/or from the elective courses under the Bioinformatics Emphasis:
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For Bioinformatics Emphasis (18 units)
1. Required Courses (12 units)
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2. Electives (6 Units)

A minimum of two courses chosen from the following and/or from the elective courses under the Biotechnology Emphasis, with at least one course in the BINF category:

- BINF 512 Algorithms for Bioinformatics (3)
- BINF 514 Statistical Methods in Computational Biology (3)
- BIOL 490 Special Topics (1-3)
- COMP 445 Image Analysis & Pattern Recognition (3)  
  [MATH/PHYS GE-B1, B4, UDID]
- MGT 421 Human Resource Management (3)

Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement

Writing proficiency prior to the awarding of the degree is demonstrated by successful completion of BIOL 502 Techniques in Genomics and Proteomics with a grade of B or higher.

Requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Biotechnology and Master of Business Administration (71 units*) (Dual Degree)

*Assumes that at least one set of the Foundation Courses listed below has been completed in a business or science undergraduate degree program.

Program Description

The Master of Science in Biotechnology and Master of Business Administration is a dual professional degree program designed to meet the needs of biotechnology industry and related public and private agencies and organizations. The program combines rigorous scientific training in biotechnology with graduate course work and experience in business management and regulatory affairs. The program includes the foundation courses for the dual degree program, a set of graduate level core courses in both biotechnology and business, and several elective courses.

Our approach includes team projects drawn from biotechnology industries to focus on real-world problems and applications of biological sciences and business. We approach interpersonal skills and problem-solving skills from multiple perspectives.

Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must have a BS/BA degree in Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Business/Economics related discipline. Alternatively, applicants with a BA/BS degree in any field and equivalent work experiences in one of the above fields may be admitted and must fulfill the foundation course requirements before taking the core courses and electives in the degree program.
2. Applicants seeking admission to the dual degree program must be officially accepted into CSUCI as graduate students.
3. Applicants must declare themselves as graduate students in the dual degree program.

4. Applicants will be evaluated by the program admissions committee which will consider the applicants in the context of the total applicant pool using our general admission standards. The following materials are required for our evaluation and admission process:
   - Applicants must submit their transcript(s) from their undergraduate institution(s) and Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General Test scores.
   - Applicants who have received their undergraduate degrees from a university where English is not the language of instruction, or have studied fewer than two years at a university where instruction is in English, must submit their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores.
   - Applicants must submit a one page “Statement of Purpose” and two letters of recommendations from people able to judge the applicant’s capacity for both academic and professional success.

Degree Requirements

Required Foundation Courses (16 units)

1. Required Foundation Courses in Biology and Chemistry for Students without a B.S. in Biology or Chemistry (16 units)

- CHEM 110 Chemistry of Life (4)
- BIOL 201 Principles of Cell and Biology (4)
- BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
- BIOL 400 Molecular Biology (4)

2. Required Foundation Courses in Business/Economics for Students without a B.S/B.A. in Business or Economics or a Related Discipline (16 units)

- BUS 500 Economics for Managers (3)
- BUS 502 Quantitative Methods for Decision-Making (3)
- BUS 504 Introduction to Accounting and Finance (4)
- BUS 506 Principles of Management and Marketing (3)
- BUS 508 Business Ethics and Law (3)

Core Courses

Common Required Courses in the Dual Degree Program (9 units)

- MGT 471 Project Management (3)
- BIOL 610 Capstone Project for MS/MBA Dual Degree (BUS) (6)

Required Courses in the Master of Science in Biotechnology (22 units)

1. Required Core Courses (15 units)

- BINF 500 DNA & Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
- BIOL 502 Techniques in Genomics/Proteomics (2)
- BIOL 503 Biotechnology Law and Regulation (3)
- BIOL 504 Molecular Cell Biology (3)
- BIOL 510 Tissue Culture Techniques and Stem Cell Technology (3)
- BIOL 601 Seminar in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (1)
2. Elective Courses (7 units)
A minimum of seven units from the following courses:
- BIOL 505 Molecular Structure (4)
- BIOL 507 Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacoproteomics (3)
- BIOL 508 Advanced Immunology (4)
- BIOL 509 Plant Biotechnology (4)

Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement
Writing proficiency prior to the awarding of the degree is demonstrated by successful completion of BIOL 502 Techniques in Genomics and Proteomics for MS/MBA Dual Degree with a grade of B or higher.

Required Courses in the Master of Business Administration (24 units)
1. Required Core Courses (18 units)
- BUS 510 High Performance Management (3)
- BUS 520 Strategy and Leadership (3)
- BUS 530 Managing Business Operations (3)
- BUS 540 Financial Reporting and Analysis (3)
- BUS 550 The Contemporary Firm (3)
- BUS 560 The Entrepreneurial Manager (3)

2. Elective Courses (6 units)
Double-counted courses:
- BINF 500 DNA & Protein Sequence Analysis (3)
- BIOL 503 Biotechnology Law and Regulation (3)

Requirements for the Minor in Biology (21 units)
Lower Division Requirements (8 units)
- BIOL 200* Principles of Organismal and Population Biology, GE-B2 (4)
- BIOL 201 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology, GE-B2 (4)

Upper Division Requirements (13 units)
1. Biology (8 units)
- BIOL 300 Cell Biology (4)
- BIOL 302 Genetics (4)

2. Biology Electives (5 units)
A minimum of five units of 300-400 level biology courses, with no more than one course selected from BIOL 331-345.

Requirements for the Certificate in Biotechnology (25-27 units)
For students with a B.S. degree in biology pursuing a certificate in biotechnology.

1. B.S. degree in biology (may be concurrent);

2. Completion of the following courses with C or better grades (16-17 units):
- BIOL 401 Biotechnology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (5)
- BIOL 420 Cellular & Molecular Immunology (4)
- BIOL 431 Bioinformatics (4)

Select one of the following courses:
- CHEM 318 Biological Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 460 Biochemistry I (4)

3. Complete another 4 units of upper-division biology course in consultation with the program (4);

4. Complete BIOL 492 Internship (2-3 units);

5. Complete BIOL 499 Senior Capstone in Biology (3 units);

6. Approval by the Biology program.