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The biology program provides diverse training for careers in the biological sciences. The biology curriculum includes content courses required for teacher certification in life science, acceptance to post-graduate studies, and pre-professional studies in preparation for admission to professional schools. Students will acquire content and skills to enter a variety of biology-related careers such as research, marine biology, wildlife and coastal management, environmental protection, laboratory technician, biotechnology industry, medical or environmental microbiology, technical writing, pharmaceutical sales, careers in the medical, dental, and allied health fields, and science education. Field and laboratory courses emphasize the development of practical skills in using special materials and equipment. Focus is on enhancement of critical thinking skills, which will prepare the student for careers in the biological sciences as well as in other general areas of employment. The undergraduate biology degree has six tracks, fitting a wide variety of student interests and career goals. These tracks include: Cellular & Molecular Biology, Ecology, Integrative Biology, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Organismal Biology. The biology core provides students with a broad biological background and includes coursework in four key areas: mathematics, the chemistry of life/cell biology, form and function, and organismal biology. In each of these areas students select one course from a list of appropriate courses, depending on their interests and choice of biology career track. The biology career track areas are: (A) Ecology, (B) Marine Biology, (C) Cell/Molecular Biology, (D) Microbiology, (E) Organismal Biology and (F) Integrative Biology.

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**ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

1. American Fisheries Society  
2. Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography  
3. Society for Marine Mammalogy

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Cetacean Society Student Coalition  
- Pre-Veterinary Society  
- SACNAS Chapter at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
- Pre-Dental Society  
- American Medical Student Association  
- Sea Turtle Club  
- American Fisheries Society  
- Indian Student Association  
- Islander Green Team  
- Health Sciences Association  
- Student Council of Math and Science Teachers

**CAREER OPTIONS**

- Researcher  
- Pharmaceutical Sales  
- Marine Biologist  
- Laboratory Technician  
- Medical Microbiologist  
- Science Teacher  
- Environmental Biologist  
- Wildlife and Coastal Management  
- Professional School (Med school, dental school, optometry, etc.)

**SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES**

- Communication Skills  
- Research  
- Ability to use scientific equipment and organize and maintain accurate records  
- Aptitude for scientific inquiry and problem solving  
- Ability to organize, analyze and interpret scientific data  
- Conduct and clearly explain scientific research  
- Teamwork

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