

Bachelor of Science in Biology?



Know What's Expected

Biology is a natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms. If you major in Biology, employers will expect that you are efficient in conducting research through observation and experimentation, developing new practices, as well as systematically studying behaviors of the physical and natural world. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Strong research and problem solving skills
- Multi-disciplinary teamwork
- Time management skills

What Employers Want to See

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests. By getting involved on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Organizational skills
- Community Service work
- Reporting skills
- Numeracy skills and statistical awareness

Where Can You Work?

A Biology Major opens the door to many fields like law, education, environmental studies, ethics, health, human ecology and public administration. Graduates from Biology programs may find careers in health, sciences, education, research, demographics, forensic science, and government services.

A Biology degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Science—Biology webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Doctor or Pharmacist
- Dentist
- Conservation Officer
- Forensic Scientist
- Veterinary Medicine
- Clinical Cytogeneticist
- Agronomist
- Marine Biologist

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Universities
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for a list of potential volunteer organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- Canadian Federation of Biological Societies
www.cfbs.org
- Canadian Nutrition Society
www.cns_scn.ca
- Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists
www.cseb-scbe.org
- Canadian Society of Microbiologists
www.csm-scm.org
- Environmental Careers Organization
www.eco.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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