

# Entomology

## Undergraduate Study

An undergraduate degree in Insect Science will no longer be offered.

### Minor - Insect Science

The department offers a minor in Insect Science that may be earned by completing ENT 370 Insect Biology and 12 credits in courses selected from an approved list supplied by the department.

### Minor - Emerging Global Diseases

Entomology administers the Emerging Global Diseases minor (see <http://www.ent.iastate.edu/egd>). Core courses address the biology of emerging disease agents (e.g., protozoa, fungi, microbes, and viruses), the clinical manifestations and epidemiology of emerging diseases, and the impact of those diseases on human interactions and socioeconomics. One course must be taken from each of three core areas:

#### Pathogens and Disease

MICRO 310	Medical Microbiology
MICRO 353	Introductory Parasitology

#### Sociology and Economics

SOC 411	Social Change in Developing Countries
SOC 345	Population and Society
FS HN 342	World Food Issues: Past and Present

#### Arthropod-borne Diseases

ENT 374	Insects and Our Health
ENT 574	Medical Entomology
MICRO 353	Introductory Parasitology

The remainder of the credits (for a total of 15) may be selected from any of the above-listed courses not selected, and from other appropriate courses as approved by Emerging Global Diseases program advisers.

## Graduate Study

The department offers work for the master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees with a major in entomology. Studies at the Ecosystem, Organismal, and Subcellular levels occur in the following areas: aquatic entomology, biological control, chemical ecology, ecology, host plant resistance, insecticide toxicology, medical/veterinary entomology, pathology, pest management, physiology, population genetics, or systematics.

Graduates have a broad understanding of entomology and related disciplines, and an in-depth command of their area of concentration. They are able to communicate effectively with scientific colleagues and the general public in both formal and informal settings. Graduates are able to address complex problems facing entomology or toxicology professionals, taking into account related ethical, social, legal, economic, and environmental issues. They are skilled in research methods, data analyses, and interpretation of results. They also are skilled in working effectively with their colleagues, and writing concise and persuasive grant proposals. They have an understanding of and can critically evaluate current entomological literature.

Prerequisite to the entomology major and to minor graduate work in the department is completion of at least two years of zoological courses, for part of which credit in other closely allied biological sciences may be substituted. Specific course requirements for advanced degrees depend partly upon previous training and experience in the major field of specialization.

Any student receiving the M.S. in entomology shall have at least one course in insect physiology, one course in insect systematics, two courses of ENT 590 Special Topics (selected from topics A through D, F through I, M and N, inclusive), and at least 1 credit of ENT 600 Seminar.

Any student receiving the Ph.D. in entomology shall have at least one course in insect physiology, one course in insect systematics, four additional courses of ENT 590 Special Topics (selected from topics A through D and F through I, M through N inclusive), and at least 1 credit of ENT 600 Seminar. At least one 590 must be taken from each of these subgroups: Population (C, D, N); Organismal (A, B, F, M); and Suborganismal (G, H, I).

In addition, Ph.D. students majoring either in Entomology or Toxicology shall have two semesters of teaching experience, taken as ENT 590K Special Topics: Teaching Experience. both semesters or ENT 590K Special Topics: Teaching

Experience. one semester and ENT 590L Special Topics: Extension Internship. the other semester.

A student can receive a Ph.D. minor in Entomology by taking 3 Entomology courses (500 level and above) for a total of 9 credits to be determined by the student's POS committee and approved by the Entomology Director of Graduate Education.

An option for an emphasis in molecular Entomology is available. Any student receiving the M.S. in entomology with an emphasis in molecular entomology is required to take:

ENT 555	Insect Physiology	4
ENT 590G	Special Topics: Molecular Entomology.	1-3
Plus one other course of 590 selected from topics A-D, F, H, I, M, N		
Plus one additional course in molecular entomology		

ENT 600	Seminar	1
BBMB 404	Biochemistry I	3
BBMB 542A	Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: DNA Techniques	1

And one course from the following:

ENT 576	Systematic Entomology	
ENT 525	Aquatic Insects	
ENT 568	Advanced Systematics	

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ENT 555	Insect Physiology	4
ENT 590G	Special Topics: Molecular Entomology.	1-3
Plus three other courses of 590 selected from topics A-D, F, H, I, M, N		
One additional course in molecular entomology		

ENT 600	Seminar	1
BBMB 542A	Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: DNA Techniques	1
Plus two other workshops selected from:		

BBMB 542C	Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Cell Techniques	6
BBMB 542D	Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Plant Transformation	
BBMB 542E	Introduction to Molecular Biology Techniques: Proteomics	

An additional course with a molecular component 3  
Plus one from each of the following:

Systematics		3
ENT 576	Systematic Entomology	
ENT 525	Aquatic Insects	
ENT 568	Advanced Systematics	

Biochemistry		3
BBMB 404	Biochemistry I	
BBMB 405	Biochemistry II	
BBMB 504	Amino Acids and Proteins	
BBMB 505	Bioenergetics and Metabolism	

Entomology participates in the interdepartmental majors in ecology and evolutionary biology; genetics; Microbiology; and molecular, cellular and developmental biology; and in the interdepartmental major and minor in toxicology (see Index).

The Federal Corn Insects and Crop Genetics Research Unit and the North Central Plant Introduction Station are available for advanced study in certain phases of entomological research.

More information about the department, such as current research, faculty resumes, physical facilities, and graduate students can be viewed on the department's website at [www.ent.iastate.edu](http://www.ent.iastate.edu). Curriculum assessment for the department can be viewed here: <http://www.ent.iastate.edu/assessment>.