Overview

Bioinformatics is becoming a central enabling discipline in the life sciences with the explosion in high-throughput data generated by genomics and proteomics technologies. Bioinformatics applies the methods and discipline of computer science and statistics to the data and goals of molecular biology and provides a computational framework to analyse these data and generate new knowledge in the life sciences.

The day to day administration of this part of the program is conducted through the Computer Science and Engineering Student Office.

This page outlines the core program rules for the Bioinformatics stream when taken as part of a single or dual award in Science, Science (International), Science and Business, and Advanced Science. Advice regarding the order and placement of courses in the program can be found on the CSE website.
Faculty
Faculty of Engineering

School
School of Computer Science and Engineering

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
96

Specialisation Type
Major
Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this major is available

**Bachelor of Science and Business - BSc&Bus**

**3925 Science and Business**

Faculty: Faculty of Science  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 144  
Typical Duration: 3 Years

**Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) - BAdvSci(Hons)**

**3962 Advanced Science (Honours)**

Faculty: Faculty of Science  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 192  
Typical Duration: 4 Years

**Bachelor of Science - BSc**

**3970 Science**

Faculty: Faculty of Science  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 144  
Typical Duration: 3 Years

**Bachelor of Science (International) - BSc(International)**

**3987 Science (International)**

Faculty: Faculty of Science  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 192  
Typical Duration: 4 Years
Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 96 UOC.

Level 1 Core Courses

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

BABS1201  |  6 UOC
Molecules, Cells and Genes

COMP1511  |  6 UOC
Programming Fundamentals

COMP2521  |  6 UOC
Data Structures and Algorithms

One of the following:
MATH1131  |  6 UOC
Mathematics 1A

MATH1141  |  6 UOC
Higher Mathematics 1A

One of the following:
MATH1231  |  6 UOC
Mathematics 1B

MATH1241  |  6 UOC
Higher Mathematics 1B

One of the following:
CHEM1011  |  6 UOC
Chemistry 1A: Atoms, Molecules and Energy

CHEM1031  |  6 UOC
Higher Chemistry 1A: Atoms, Molecules and Energy

One of the following:
CHEM1021  |  6 UOC
Chemistry 1B: Elements, Compounds and Life

CHEM1041  |  6 UOC
Higher Chemistry 1B: Elements, Compounds and Life

**Level 2 Core Courses**

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

**BINF2010**  |  6 UOC
Introduction to Bioinformatics

**BIOC2101**  |  6 UOC
Principles of Biochemistry (Advanced)

**BIOC2201**  |  6 UOC
Principles of Molecular Biology (Advanced)

**COMP2041**  |  6 UOC
Software Construction: Techniques and Tools

One of the following:

**MATH2801**  |  6 UOC
Theory of Statistics

**MATH2901**  |  6 UOC
Higher Theory of Statistics

**Level 3 Core Courses**

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

**BABS3121**  |  6 UOC
Molecular Biology of Nucleic Acids

**BABS3281**  |  6 UOC
Molecular Frontiers
BINF3010  |  6 UOC  
Applied Bioinformatics

One of the following:
BINF6111  |  6 UOC  
Genome Informatics Engineering Design Workshop

BINF6112  |  6 UOC  
Computational Biology Engineering Design Workshop

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Additional Information

1. To continue in this major students are required to get a credit or higher in MATH1031 Mathematics for Life Sciences. Where students do not meet this requirement they will need to consider undertaking a different major within their Science program. Advice on related majors can be received from staff in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science.

2. Students considering transferring to the 3707 Bachelor of Engineering in Bioinformatics Engineering, should enrol in MATH1131 (or MATH1141) and MATH1231 (or MATH1241) otherwise they will be ineligible for full credit on transfer to the Engineering program.

Honours

For further information on Honours in Bioinformatics, please see staff in either the School of Computer Science and Engineering (for research focused more primarily on the computational side of Bioinformatics), or the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science (for research focused more primarily on the biology aspect of Bioinformatics).
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