

Biomedical Sciences, BS

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students majoring in biomedical sciences are encouraged to graduate with honors in the major.

Honors students in the major may enroll in courses with honors sections offered by the Department of Biology and by other departments and programs. They also are advised to participate in the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) and to apply for research scholarships.

Students who earn honors in the major must maintain a cumulative University of Iowa grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33, as required by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

To graduate with honors, students additionally must fulfill the following requirements:

- complete the requirements for a major in biomedical sciences with a GPA of at least 3.33 in all University of Iowa coursework in the major;
- complete 2 s.h. in BIOL:4898 Communicating Research;
- complete a minimum of 6 s.h. (taken over two or more semesters) in BIOL:4999 Honors Research in Biology or equivalent research credit approved by the program director;
- write a brief research proposal summarizing the background and goals of their proposed honors research;
- upon completion of their research, submit an acceptable honors thesis; and
- give an oral presentation of their research findings.

Biomedical sciences majors interested in graduating with honors in the major should contact the biomedical sciences advisor as early as possible, preferably during their sophomore or junior year, so that they may be matched with an appropriate lab. Contact the Department of Biology to learn more about honors in the major.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the biomedical sciences major.