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Computational & Systems Biology is one of 24 interdepartmental majors in the College of Letters and Science (L&S). Completion of the curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The Major, called Cybernetics until Fall ’06, was established in the early 1970s, with faculty participation from several departments of L&S, the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science (HSSEAS) and the School of Medicine (MEDICINE). Faculty for 2016-2017 are:

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COMPUTATIONAL & SYSTEMS BIOLOGY AT UCLA

The Computational & Systems Biology (C&S Bio) major is designed primarily for highly motivated students interested in interdisciplinary studies in life sciences, behavioral sciences, and the computational, control, communication and information branches of engineering and computer sciences. Primary emphasis is on integrative computational and systems biology studies. Preparation for the Major consists of a broad foundation in basic sciences - chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics, plus an introduction to computer science. The Major itself provides foundations in mathematical modeling, simulation, computational and information analysis, with emphasis on quantitative ideas, integrative systems concepts and methodologies. Mathematical, computational and other analytical skills are central to the Major. C&S Bio majors have several options for in-depth studies: a coherent integration of courses selected from one of five designated Concentrations: Systems Biology, Bioinformatics, Neurosystems, Biomedical Systems, Computers & Biosystems; or a well-justified combination of courses from these concentrations.

Undergraduate research is emphasized throughout the program. The major prepares student for graduate studies, research or employment in any of these areas, with emphasis on interdisciplinary activities. It is also appropriate preparation for professional school studies in medicine, public health, management, dentistry and engineering. For example, degree recipients have been admitted to the country's top-ranking medical, dental and engineering schools. Local industry also has been receptive to our graduates. Some have become members of the professional technical staff in systems analysis or computer-related activities, and others have found work in the health sciences, biotechnology and bioengineering industry.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Students entering UCLA directly from high school or first quarter transfer students who declare the Computational & Systems Biology Premajor at the time of application are automatically admitted. Current UCLA students need to file a petition with the undergraduate advising office, 4436 Boelter Hall.

All students are identified as Premajors until they (1) satisfy the preparation for the Major requirements by achieving a minimum 2.7 GPA in all Premajor math courses, a minimum 2.7 GPA in all Premajor courses and, and a minimum grade of C in all Premajor courses, and (2) file a petition to declare the Computational and Systems Biology Major. Premajor courses (PIC 10B + 10C) or CS 32, which are additionally required for students following the Computer Systems Concentration or the Bioinformatics Concentration, do not have to be completed prior to admission into the Major and are not calculated into the pre-major GPA.

All courses for the Premajor and Major must be taken for a letter grade and all courses in the Major must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENT CHANGES IN THE PREMAJOR AND MAJOR UNTIL THEY ARE OFFICIALY ADMITTED TO THE MAJOR.

*USUAL SCHEDULE OF COURSE OFFERINGS INDICATED FOR MANY PROGRAM COURSES LISTED IN THIS BROCHURE. THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONSULT THE QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR ACTUAL OFFERING TIMES.
DEPARTMENTAL HONORS AT GRADUATION

Eligibility Requirements

- A 3.0 minimum GPA in all university-level coursework (including Pre-Major courses).
- A 3.5 minimum GPA in coursework required for the Major (excluding Pre-Major courses).
- Faculty sponsor recommendation for excellence of the Senior Thesis.
- For Highest Honors, student must complete an extraordinary Senior Thesis, as judged by the faculty sponsor and IDP Advisory Committee, and it must be prepared in a format for peer-reviewed publication.
PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR (PRE-MAJOR REQUIREMENTS)
19 Courses Required – 81 to 83 units*

*Total units depends on Physics series taken (Physics 1A, 1B, 1C or Physics 1A, 1B, EE1) and Computing course taken (PIC 10A or CS 31)

**Premajor courses PIC 10B + 10C, or CS 32 required for the Computers & Biosystems and for the Bioinformatics Concentration, but do not have to be completed prior to admission to the Major. Also, the CS series requires fewer total units.
PREMAJOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
(Normally offered F, W, Sp unless otherwise noted)

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<td>Differential Equations</td>
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<td>General Chemistry Laboratory I</td>
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<td>30A</td>
<td>Introduction to Organic Chemistry</td>
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**PHYSICS**

Physics 1A, 1B, 1C or EE 1 - Physics for Scientists and Engineers

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<td>Electrodynamics, Optics and Special Relativity</td>
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**LIFE SCIENCES**

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**COMPUTING COURSES**

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* Only for Bioinformatics and Computers and Biosystems Concentration majors
MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS

I. METHODOLOGY **CORE & Capstone I**
(6 courses – 23 units)

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<th>Gateway I′</th>
<th>Probability &amp; Statistics</th>
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<td>CS/BIOMED/C&amp;S BIO M184†</td>
<td>Math170A (F,W,Sp)* or EE 131A (F,W)* or Stats 100A (F,W,Sp)*</td>
<td>EE102 (F,W,Sp)*</td>
<td>CS/BIOMED/C&amp;S BIO CM186/286 5 units (F)*</td>
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<td>Stats 100B (W)*</td>
<td>MAE 171A (F,W,Sp)* or EE 141 (W)*</td>
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†Gateway I′ course must be completed by the Sophomore year. See pages 8 & 9 for courses descriptions.

II. RESEARCH COURSEWORK

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<td>CS/BIOMED/C&amp;S BIO M185</td>
<td>Thesis Research &amp; Research Communication in C&amp;S Bio</td>
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<td>4 units (W)*</td>
<td>CS/BIOMED/C&amp;S BIO CM187 4 units (Sp)*</td>
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Gateway II course (185) should be taken in sophomore or (no later than) junior year, following the requisite 186 Core course in Fall.

Capstone II course (187) is required and should be taken in the junior or senior year.

III. CONCENTRATION AREAS of STUDY

We offer five Concentration Areas of Study (abbrev: Concentrations). The synergy for all is integrative systems, information and computational modeling sciences in biology. The focus is primarily quantitative, as mastery of advanced quantitative skills is essential for multidisciplinary understanding. Each Concentration emphasizes different systems or modalities, and computational or modeling approaches. Students normally choose one, but because the Concentration areas have substantial methodologic overlap, well-justified combinations are also possible.

**Systems Biology**

This Concentration is designed for students who want to understand biological systems holistically and quantitatively, and pursue research with an emphasis on systems and integrative principles in biology. The curriculum in this Concentration imparts an understanding of systems biology (often called the new physiology) using dynamical systems, control, computer simulation and other computational methods – integrated with the biology. For example, at the cellular level, systems biologists integrate transcriptomic, proteomic, lipidomic and/or metabolomic information into a more complete systems picture of living organisms. The methodologies include single-scale and multiscale modeling for enhancing understanding of regulatory biomechanisms at any or all levels, including molecular, cellular, organ and/or whole-organism levels. Population and ecosystems applications as well systems-level problems in medicine and pharmacology are included.
**Bioinformatics**

This Concentration is designed for students interested in computational discovery and management of biological data, primarily genomic, proteomic or metabolomic data. Bioinformatics concentration studies emphasize computational, statistical and other mathematical approaches for depicting (modeling) and analyzing high-throughput biological data, and the inherent structure of biological information. Example research problems include finding statistical patterns that reveal genomic or evolutionary or developmental information, or how regulatory sequences give rise to programs of gene expression.

**Neurosystems**

This Concentration is designed for students interested primarily in the nervous system, or quantitative neurophysiology, with emphasis on neural system networks that control behavior – at molecular, cellular as well as whole-organism levels, neural information and control systems, and systems electrophysiology and neural electronic systems for controlling prostheses. Example research problems include analysis of (real) neural networks in normal and abnormal brain function; design of prosthetic systems for hearing (cochlear implant) and walking (spinal cord stimulation) recovery, and MEMS-based brain-machine interface devices.

**Computers & Biosystems**

This Concentration is designed for student interested primarily in systems and computational aspects of data management, data representation, graph theory, artificial intelligence, computer hardware or software applications in biological sciences, medicine or pharmacology. Research problems include computational algorithms for managing -omics data; development of knowledge-based systems (KBS) for delivering patient education; and KBS for automating complex biosystem modeling or data representation tasks.

**Biomedical Systems**

For student interested primarily in medical system studies, the systems aspects of biomedical, surgical, or other biomedical-engineering system devices, including MEMS or nanoscale system devices, as well as use of dynamic biosystem modeling for optimizing or developing new clinical diagnostic or therapeutic protocols. Example research problems include feedback biocontrol system model development for imaging-based medical diagnosis; and optimal control of therapeutic drug delivery.
GROUND RULES FOR DESIGNING THE CONCENTRATION

1. Courses are selected from the approved lists (below) in consultation with a faculty mentor. They should form a coherent grouping.

2. Courses must be approved beforehand by the Interdepartmental Chair. NO EXCEPTIONS. Approval is based upon a written statement, submitted by the student to the Interdepartmental Chair at the time of application to the Major, explaining the relevance and coherence of the courses selected to the student’s overall C&S Bio Program.

   With appropriate justification, approved programs can be revised by petition. These same prior-approval rules apply to the revised program.

3. Students may choose courses from more than one concentration area if the course selection is well justified. The coherence and relevance of the courses to the Major and to student goals must be addressed in the written statement.

4. No 199 Special Studies courses are permissible in the Major Concentration Area.

5. All courses in the Concentration Area must be upper division, unless specifically listed in the Approved List.

6. All concentration courses must be taken for a letter grade.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – C&S BIO METHODOLOGY CORE

GATEWAY I

COMPUTER SCIENCE M184 - Introduction to Cybernetics, Biomodeling & Biomedical Computing (Same as Biomed Eng M184 and C&S Bio M184)
Survey course designed as an introduction to topics in computational and systems biology (cybernetics), biomodeling, biocomputing and related bioengineering disciplines. Lectures presented by faculty currently performing research in these areas. 2 units (Pass/No Pass). Requisites: Math 31A, 31B, PIC 10A or equivalent. This course must be completed in the first year of admission to the major. Offered Fall Quarter only.

GATEWAY II

COMPUTER SCIENCE M185 – Thesis Research Opportunities in Computational and Systems Biology (Same as Biomed Eng M185 and C&S Bio M185)
This course introduces students to research opportunities in computational and systems biology. Prepares students for active engagement in research. Faculty present projects and students visit laboratories, participate in ongoing projects and attend regular laboratory meetings. 2 units (Pass/No Pass). Requisites: C&S Bio CM 186, Math 31-33 series, LS 2, 3, and 4. Offered Winter or Spring Quarter.

PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

MATH 170A - Probability Theory
Probability distributions, random variables and vectors, expectation. 4 units. Requisites: Math 32B. Offered Fall, Winter and Spring Quarter.

Or ELECTRICAL ENGR. 131A - Probability
Introduction to basic concepts of probability, including random variables and vectors, distributions and densities, moments, characteristic functions and limit theorems. Applications to communication, control and signal processing. Introduction to computer simulation and generation of random events. 4 units. Requisites: EE 102, Math 32B and 33B. Offered Fall and Winter Quarter.

Or STATISTICS 100A - Introduction to Probability
Probability distributions, random variables, vectors and expectation. 4 units. Requisites: Math 32B and 33A. Offered Fall, Winter and Spring Quarter; sometimes offered Summer Quarter.

And STATISTICS 100B – Introduction to Mathematical Statistics
Survey sampling, estimation, testing, data summary, one- and two-sample problems. 4 units. Requisite: Math 170A or Statistics 100A. Offered Winter Quarter only.

SYSTEMS, SIGNALS, FEEDBACK & CONTROL

ELECTRICAL ENGR. 102 - Systems and Signals

And ELECTRICAL ENGR. 141 - Principles of Feedback Control
Mathematical modeling of physical control systems in form of differential equations and transfer functions. Design problems, system performance indices of feedback control systems via classical
techniques, root-locus and frequency-domain methods. Computer-aided solution of design problems from real world. 4 units. Requisite: EE 102. Offered Winter Quarter only.

Or MAE 171A - Introduction to Feedback and Control Systems: Dynamic Systems Control I
Introduction to feedback principles, control systems design and system stability. Modeling of physical systems in engineering and other fields; transform methods; controller design using Nyquist, Bode and root locus methods; compensation; computer-aided analysis and design. 4 units. Requisites: MAE 181A or MAE 182A or MAE 107L or equivalent. Offered Fall, Winter and Spring Quarter; sometimes offered Summer Quarter.

CAPSTONE I: BIOMODELING AND SIMULATION

COMPUTER SCIENCE CM186/286 – Computational Systems Biology: Modeling and Simulation of Biological Systems (Same as Biomed Eng CM186/286 and C&S BIO CM186/286)
Dynamic biosystems modeling and computer simulation methods for studying biological/biomedical processes and systems at multiple levels of organization. Control system, multicompartmental, predator-prey, pharmacokinetic (PK), pharmacodynamic (PD), and other structural modeling methods applied to life sciences problems at molecular, cellular (biochemical pathways/networks), organ and organismic levels. Both theory- and data-driven modeling, with focus on translating biomodeling goals and data into mathematics models and implementing them for simulation and analysis. Basics of numerical simulation algorithms, with modeling software exercises in class and PC laboratory assignments. 5 units. (Co)requisite: EE 102 or equivalent. Offered Fall Quarter only.

CAPSTONE II: THESIS RESEARCH AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Closely directed, interactive, and real research experience in active quantitative systems biology research laboratory. Direction on how to focus on topics of current interest in the scientific community, appropriate to student interests and capabilities. Critiques of oral presentations and written progress reports explain how to proceed with search for research results. Major emphasis on effective research reporting, both oral and written. 4 units. Requisite: C&S Bio CM186. Offered Winter or Spring Quarter.
CONCENTRATION SPECIALIZATION AREAS

Systems Biology (SB)

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I. Required CORE - Courses in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Physiology

1. MCDB M140: Cell Biology: Cell Cycle (5) (Spring)*
   OR
   MCDB 144: Molecular Biology (5) (Fall & Spring)*

2. Phy Sci 125: Molecular Systems Biology (4) (Spring)*
   OR
   MCDB 172: Genomics and Bioinformatics (5) (Winter)*

3. Phy Sci 166: Animal Physiology (6) (Summer only)*
   OR
   EEB 170: Animal Environmental Physiology (6) (Fall)*
   OR
   Biomed CM102 and CM103: Basic Human Biology for Biomedical Engineers I & II (4+4=8) (Fall, Winter sequence)*

II. Two additional courses selected from the following list, in consultation with an SB mentor, justified as coherent in the proposal submitted when applying to the Major, and approved by the Program Chair.

Information and Control in Biosystems

These courses are suggested for students interested in information theoretic or control aspects within and among biological or physiological systems at organ, whole-organism or environmental levels.

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**Molecular and Cellular Biosystems**

These courses are suggested for students interested in regulation, control, informational or pharmaceutical aspects of biosystems, at mechanistic molecular or cell signaling levels.

- **Biomath 106** Introduction to Cellular Modeling (4)
- **Bioeng 110** Biotransport and Bioreaction Processes (4)
- **Chem 153A/153AH** Biochemistry: Introduction to Structure, Enzymes and Metabolism (4)
- **MCDB CM156/CM256** Human Genetics (4)
- **MCDB CM160/CM252** Biological Catalysis (4) *(same as Chem CM155)*
- **MCDB 165A** Biology of Cells (5)
- **MCDB 165B** Molecular Biology of Cell Nucleus (5)
- **MCDB CM169/CM223A** Cell Biology (4) *(same as Biological Chem CM169 and Human Genetics CM169)*
- **Psych 119A** Neuropsychopharmacology (4)
- **Psych 119D** Behavioral Neuropharmacology (4)

**Methodology Pertinent to Both Subareas**

These courses can be included in either S1 or S2, to make up the additional units for the total 28 units required in the concentration *(recommended).*

- **Chem 110A** Physical Chemistry: Chemical Thermodynamics (4)
- **Chem C160A/CM260A** Introduction to Bioinformatics and Genomics (4)
- **Chem C160B/C260B** Algorithms in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology (4)
- **Chem 156** Physical Biochemistry (4)
- **Chem Eng CM145** Molecular Biotechnology for Engineers (4) *(same as Biomed Eng CM145)*
- **CS M296B** Optimal Parameter Estimation and Experiment Design for Biomedical Systems (4) *(same as Biomath M270, Biomed Eng M296B and Medicine M270D)*
- **EE 131B** Introduction to Stochastic Processes (4)
- **EE 136** Introduction to Engineering Optimization Techniques (4)
- **EE 142** Linear Systems: State-Space Approach (4)
- **MAE 105A** Introduction to Engineering Thermodynamics (4)
- **Math 134** Linear and Nonlinear Systems of Differential Equations (4)
- **Math 136** Partial Differential Equations (4)
- **Math 151A** Applied Numerical Methods I (4)
- **Math 151B** Applied Numerical Methods II (4)
- **Math 171** Stochastic Processes (4)
- **Physics 105A** Analytic Mechanics (4)
- **Physics 112** Thermodynamics (4)

**Systems Biology Graduate-Level Courses**

- **Biomath M203** Stochastic Models in Biology (4)
- **Biomath 204** Biomedical Data Analysis (4)
- **Biomath 207A** Theoretical Genetic Modeling (4)
- **Biomath M211** Mathematical and Statistical Phylogenetics (4)
- **Biomath 220** Kinetic and Steady State Models in Pharmacology and Physiology (4)
- **Biomath M230** Computed Tomography: Theory and Applications (4) *(same as Biomed Physics M230)*
- **Biomath M271** Statistical Methods in Computational Biology (4) *(same as Stats M254)*
- **Biostats 200A** Biostatistics (4)
- **Biostats M234** Applied Bayesian Inference (4) *(same as Biomath M234)*
- **Chem Eng 246** Systems Biology: Intracellular Network Identification and Analysis (4)
Bioinformatics (BI)

This Concentration is designed for students interested in computational discovery and management of biological data, primarily genomic, proteomic or metabolomic data. Bioinformatics concentration studies emphasize computational, statistical and other mathematical approaches for depicting (modeling) and analyzing high-throughput biological data, and the inherent structure of biological information. Example research problems include finding statistical patterns that reveal genomic or evolutionary or developmental information, or how regulatory sequences give rise to programs of gene expression.

I. Two premajor PIC courses, PIC 10B and 10C (10 units) OR one premajor CS course: CS 32 (4 units).

II. Required CORE Courses

1. MCDB M140: Cell Biology: Cell Cycle (5) (Spring)*
   OR
   MCDB 144: Molecular Biology (5) (Fall & Spring)*

2. Phy Sci 125: Molecular Systems Biology (4) (Spring)*
   OR
   MCDB 172: Genomics and Bioinformatics (5) (Winter)*

3. Chem C160A/CM260A: Introduction to Bioinformatics and Genomics (4) (Fall)*

4. Comp Sci CM124: Computational Genetics (4) (Spring)*

III. One additional course selected from the following subarea groups, chosen in consultation with a BI mentor, justified as coherent in the proposal submitted when applying to the Major, and approved by the Program Chair.

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<td>Human Genetics C144</td>
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<td>Human Genetics M207A</td>
<td>Theoretical Genetic Modeling (4) (same as Biomath M207A, Biostats M272; really rigorous complement to BI, for the strong at heart only)</td>
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<td>Human Genetics M207B</td>
<td>Applied Genetic Modeling (4) (same as Biomath M207B, Biostats M237; more applied, less rigorous, still substantive. Requires Biostats 110A, 110B)</td>
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<td>Data Communication Systems Lab (2 to 4) (same as EE M171L)</td>
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BI Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry

MCDB CM156  Human Genetics (4) *(same as Human Genetics CM156 and MIMG CM156)*
MIMG 101  Introductory Microbiology (4)
MIMG C106/C206  Molecular and Genetic Basis of Bacterial Infections (4)
MIMG 168  Molecular Parasitology (4) *(good biological systems analysis course)*
MIMG 185A  Immunology (5)
Chem 110A  Physical Chemistry: Chemical Thermodynamics (4)
Chem 110B  Physical Chemistry: Intro to Statistical Mechanics and Kinetics (4)
Chem 125  Computers in Chemistry (4)
Chem 153A/153AH  Biochemistry: Introduction to Structure, Enzymes & Metabolism (4)
Chem 153C/153CH  Biochemistry: Biosynthetic and Energy Metabolism and Its Regulation (4)
Chem CM153G/CM253G  Macromolecular Structure (4) *(same as Biological Chem CM153G and Human Genetics CM153G)*
Chem 156  Physical Biochemistry (4)
Biological Chemistry CM169  Cell Biology *(same as Human Genetics CM169 and MCDB CM169)*

Graduate-Level Courses

Stats M254  Statistical Methods in Computational Biology (4) *(same as Biomath M271)*
Biomath 204  Biomedical Data Analysis
Biomath 207AB  Genetic Modeling
Biomath 211  Statistical and Mathematical Phylogenetics
Biostats 200A  Regression
Biostats 234  Bayesian Methods
Neurosystems (NS)

This Concentration is designed for students interested primarily in the nervous system, or quantitative neurophysiology, with emphasis on neural system networks that control behavior – at molecular, cellular as well as whole-organism levels, neural information and control systems, and systems electrophysiology and neural electronic systems for controlling prostheses. Example research problems include analysis of (real) neural networks in normal and abnormal brain function; design of prosthetic systems for hearing (cochlear implant) and walking (spinal cord stimulation) recovery, and MEMS-based brain-machine interface devices.

I. Required CORE Courses

1. Neurosci M101A: Cellular and Systems Neuroscience (5) (Fall)*

2. Neurosci M101B: Molecular and Developmental Neuroscience (5) (Winter)*

3. Neurosci 102: Introduction to Functional Anatomy of Central Nervous Systems (4) (Fall)*
   OR
   EE 113: Digital Signal Processing (4) (Fall)*
   OR
   Math 155: Mathematical Imaging (4) (Spring)*
   OR
   Neurosci M203: Structure and Function of the Nervous System (4) (Winter)*

II. Two additional courses selected from the following Subarea groups, chosen in consultation with an NS mentor, justified as coherent in the proposal submitted when applying to the Major, and approved by the Program Chair.

   Neural-Electronic and Electrophysiological Systems Methodology
   These courses are suggested for students interested in the neural-electronic interface, e.g. to design and simulate the physical interface between neurons and electronics. Lab sections 1xxL should be included with each 1xx chosen (e.g. 110 and 110L).

   EE 110 Circuit Analysis II (4)
   EE 110L Circuit Measurements Laboratory (2)
   EE 113 Digital Signal Processing (4)
   EE 113D Digital Signal Processing Design (2)
   EE 115A Analog Electronic Circuits I (4)
   EE 115AL Analog Electronics Laboratory I (2)
   EE CM150/CM250A Introduction to Micromachining and Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMS) (4)
   EE CM150L Introduction to Micromachining and Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMS) Laboratory (2)
   Psych 119F Neural Basis of Behavior (4)
   Physiol Sci C144 Neural Control of Physiological Systems (5)
   Physiol Sci M145 Neural Mechanisms Controlling Movement (5)
   Neurosci CM204 Synapses, Cells and Circuits (4)
### Neural Information and Control Systems
These courses are suggested for students interested in information theoretic or the control aspects of neural or neurophysiological systems and devices.

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<td>Neurosci M101C</td>
<td>Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience</td>
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<td>Synapses, Cells and Circuits</td>
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<td>Physiol Sci M145</td>
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### Molecular and Cellular Neurosystems
These courses are suggested for students interested in regulation, control, informational or pharmaceutical aspects of neurosystems, at mechanistic molecular or cellular levels.

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Computers & Biosystems (CB)

This Concentration is designed for students interested primarily in systems and computational aspects of data management, data representation, graph theory, artificial intelligence, computer hardware or software applications in biological sciences, medicine or pharmacology. Research problems include computational algorithms for managing -omics data; development of knowledge-based systems (KBS) for delivering patient education; and KBS for automating complex biosystem modeling or data representation tasks.

I. **Two premajor** PIC courses, PIC 10B and 10C (10 units) **OR** one premajor CS course CS 32 (4 units). See page 5 for course descriptions and tentative schedules.

II. **REQUIRED CORE Courses**

1. **Math 151A** Applied Numerical Methods (4) (Fall, Winter, Spring)*
   OR
   **EE 103** Applied Numerical Computing (4) (Fall, Spring)*
   OR
   **CS 170A** Mathematical Modeling and Methods for Computer Science (4) (Spring)*

2. **CS 180 Introduction to Algorithms and Complexity** (4) (Fall, Winter, Spring)*

3. **MCDB M140** Cell Biology: Cell Cycle (5) (Spring)*
   OR
   **MCDB 144** Molecular Biology (5) (Fall & Spring)*
   OR
   **Phy Sci 166** Animal Physiology (6) (Summer only)*
   OR
   **BME CM102** Basic Human Biology for Biomedical Engineers I (4) (Fall)*
   OR
   **BME CM103** Basic Human Biology for Biomedical Engineers II (4) (Fall)*

III. **Two additional courses** selected from the following list, in consultation with a CB mentor, justified as coherent in the proposal submitted when applying to the Major, and approved by the Program Chair.

- **CS 111** Operating Systems Principles (4)
- **CS 112** Computer Science Modeling Fundamentals (4)
- **CS M117** Computer Networks: Physical Layer (6) *(same as EE M117)*
- **CS 118** Computer Network Fundamentals (4)
- **CS CM121** Introduction to Bioinformatics (4)
- **CS CM122** Algorithms in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology (4)
- **CS CM124** Computational Genetics (4)
- **CS 130** Software Engineering (4)
- **CS 131** Programming Languages (4)
- **CS 132** Compiler Construction (4)
- **CS 133** Parallel and Distributed Computing (4)
- **CS 143** Database Systems (4)
- **CS M151B/EE M116** Computer Systems Architecture (4)
- **CS 151C** Design of Digital Systems (4)
- **CS M152A/EE M116L** Introductory Digital Design Laboratory (2)
- **CS 152B** Digital Design Project Laboratory (4)
- **CS 161** Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (4)
- **CS 170A** Mathematical Modeling and Methods for Computer Science (4)
CS M171L  Data Communication Systems Laboratory (2 to 4)
CS 174A  Introduction to Computer Graphics (4)
CS 180  Introduction to Algorithms and Complexity (4)
CS 181  Introduction to Formal Languages and Automata Theory (4)
CS M296B  Optimal Parameter Estimation and Experiment Design for Biomedical Systems (same as Biomath M270B, Biomed Eng M296B and Medicine M270D)
CS M296D  Introduction to Computational Cardiology (4) (same as Biomed Eng M296D)
Math 180  Combinatorics (4)
Math 149  Mathematics of Computer Graphics (4)
Math 151B  Applied Numerical Methods (4)
Stats 101B  Introduction to Data Analysis and Regression (4)
Stats 101C  Introduction to Regression and Data Mining (4)
Stats 201A  Research Design, Sampling and Data Mining (4)
Stats 201B  Regression Analysis: Model Building, Fitting and Criticism (4)
Stats 201C  Advanced Modeling and Data Mining (4)
Biomedical Systems (BMS)

For student interested primarily in computationally-oriented medical system studies, e.g. systems aspects of computational model-based biomedical, surgical or other biomedical-engineering system devices, including MEMS or nanoscale system devices; use of dynamic biosystem/computational modeling methods for optimizing or developing new clinical diagnostic or therapeutic protocols; feedback biocontrol system model development for imaging-based medical diagnosis; and optimal control of therapeutic drug delivery.

I. Required Core Courses

1. BME CM102/CM202 - Basic Human Biology for Biomedical Engineers I (4) (Fall)*
2. BME CM103/CM203 - Basic Human Biology for Biomedical Engineers II (4) (Fall)*
3. Math 151A Applied Numerical Methods (4) (Fall, Winter, Spring)*
   OR
   EE 103 Applied Numerical Computing (4) (Fall, Spring)*

II. Two additional courses selected from the following list, in consultation with a BMS mentor, justified as coherent in the proposal submitted when applying to the Major, and approved by the Program Chair.

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