## **University of Manchester**, England Academic Plan for Biology Majors







The University of Manchester is the UK's largest single-site university and hosts the country's biggest student community, with around 38,000 students. In the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities, it ranks 52nd globally and 6th in the UK. It was also named the UK's most sustainable university in 2024 and ranks among the top three worldwide for sustainability.

Renowned for its excellence in biological sciences, the university has a legacy of groundbreaking research, such as splitting the atom and isolating graphene, and has produced 25 Nobel Prize winners. In the 2024 SJTU rankings, its Biotechnology program ranks 36th globally.

The academic year at University of Manchester is divided into two semesters. Semester 1 typically runs from late September to late January with a Christmas break and exams in January, while Semester 2 spans late January to early June, including an Easter break and exams in May.

Listed below are the MCDB/EEMB equivalents offered at the University of Manchester and the major area requirements they fulfill for each of our 11 majors, as well as the semester they are typically offered. Please consult with your undergraduate advisor to determine if University of Manchester is a good fit for you, and if so, when the best time would be to attend.

It is important to note the University of Manchester does not offer the equivalent of MCDB 4-unit upper-division laboratories (i.e. MCDB 112L and MCDB 133L). Plan to complete the laboratory component(s) upon your return to UCSB if required by your major.

Manchester Course	UCSB Course Equivalent	Units Toward Major Requirement	MCDB Majors & Emphases	Biological Sciences	EEMB Majors	Notes
Semester 1 (~3rd week September - end of January/beginning of February)						
The Dynamic Cell (BIOL21121)	MCDB 103	4 units	Area I.D. (for all)	BS: Area B-2 BA: Area C	AQBIO: Area E ECOEV: N/A PHYSY: Area E ZOOL: Area E	Students cannot receive credit for this course <u>and</u> MCDB 103.
Introduction to Virology (BIOL21381)	MCDB 134	4 units	MCB: III BMB: III CDBIO: III MICRO: II.2 PHARM: III	BS: Area B-3 BA: Area C	AQBIO: Area E ECOEV: N/A PHYSY: Area E ZOOL: Area E	Students cannot receive credit for this course <u>and</u> MCDB 134.
Semester 2 (end of January/beginning of February - ~2nd week June)						
Fundamentals of Evolutionary Biology (BIOL21232)	EEMB 131	4 units	MCB: III BMB: N/A CDBIO: III MICRO: N/A PHARM: N/A	BS: Area B-5 BA: Area D	Area A-2 (for all)	Students cannot receive credit for this course and EEMB 131.
Principles of Developmental Biology (BIOL21172)	MCDB 112	4 units	MCB: II* BMB: II.2B* CDBIO: II.1 MICRO: NIA PHARM: III	BS: Area B-2 BA: Area C	AQBIO: Area E ECOEV: N/A PHYSY: Area E ZOOL: Area E	Students cannot receive credit for this course and MCDB 112.  *satisfies MCDB 112-112L requirement only if MCDB 112L is taken at UCSB upon return, otherwise defaults to elective (Area III)
Immunology (BIOL21242)	MCDB 133	4 units	MCB: II** BMB: II.2B** CDBIO: II.2B** MICRO: 11.2 PHARM: III	BS: Area B-2 or B-3 BA: Area C	AQBIO: Area E ECOEV: N/A PHYSY: Area E ZOOL: Area E	Students cannot receive credit for this course and MCDB 133.  **satisfies MCDB 133-133L requirement only if MCDB 133L is taken at UCSB upon return, otherwise defaults to elective (Area III)