Biological Science Courses Emphasizing Human Biology

There are two biological science requirements that prospective undergraduate social work students must fulfill: 1) a UHM biological science requirement that is part of the General Education Core Requirements, and 2) a biological science requirement that is part of the School of Social Work Knowledge Base. Both requirements are to be completed prior to applying for admission to the BSW program or be scheduled for completion before the student begins taking social work major courses. For example, a student may apply in the spring for admission in the fall while finishing up required courses in the spring and/or summer. Students may also “double-dip,” i.e., use one course to meet both the UHM and SSW requirements. The UHM biological science class must be passed with a grade of D or better, while the SSW biological science course must be passed with a grade of C or better. (Neither a D- nor a C-, respectively, are acceptable. A double-dipped course – one used to satisfy both requirements - must be passed with a C or better.) Always check the current UHM catalog to see which courses meet the UHM biological science requirement.

The courses listed below are offered at UHM and meet the Social Work Knowledge Base Biological Science Requirement (with the exception of FAMR 230: see note). Some are also offered at the community colleges.

UHM courses approved for the SW Knowledge Base Biological Sciences Requirement:

Biology
BIOL 101 – Biology and Society
BIOL 350 – Sex Differences in the Life Cycle (cross-listed as WS 350) (Does not have a lab.)

Family Resources
FAMR 230 – Human Development (NOTE: not a DB [biological science course]; is a DS [social science] course. Does not have a lab.)

Food Science and Human Nutrition
FSHN 185 – The Science of Human Nutrition (NOTE: Does not have a lab.)

Microbiology
MICR 130 – General Microbiology (Lab is MICR 140.)

Physiology
PHYL 103 – Human Physiology and Anatomy
PHYL 141 – Human Anatomy and Physiology
PHYL 301 or 302 – Human Anatomy and Physiology

Women’s Studies
WS 350 – Sex Differences in the Life Cycle (cross-listed as BIOL 350) (Does not have a lab.)