Biology majors are able to choose courses in basic biological sciences while allowing room for courses in biological fields of interest. This major is especially useful for students interested in meeting course requirements for various professional schools, including veterinary school. It is also useful for students wanting to meet the requirements for secondary teachers of biological science. A student can also choose this major if they are interested in graduate work in basic biology and applied biological sciences.

Factors of success:

- Engagement with the CSU Career Center
- Internship or research involvement
- On campus employment
- GPA

Additional resources:

- What can you do with a major in Biological Sciences? [https://col.st/430hE](https://col.st/430hE)
- Learn more about occupations involving biology: [https://col.st/X01an](https://col.st/X01an)
- Learn more about careers in biology from a professional association: [https://www.aibs.org/home/index.html](https://www.aibs.org/home/index.html)
- See current opportunities in Biological Sciences: [https://col.st/LHJiW](https://col.st/LHJiW)

Common employers:

- City of Fort Collins
- Colorado National Guard
- First National Bank
- Kaiser Permanente
- Lockheed Martin
- Poudre School District
- Precision Water Resource Engineering
- Woodward

Common job titles:

- Horticulturalist
- Lab Technician / Technologist
- Emergency Services Technician (EMT)
- Surgical Technician
- Vet Assistant/Technician
- Education & Interpretation Ranger
- High School Teacher
## CAREER CHECKLIST

### Year 1
- Go to the Career Center's drop-in hours or schedule an appointment
- Log into Handshake, the CSU Career Center's online location for on-campus jobs, internships, and careers. Find an on-campus job and work for 10+ hrs/week
- Select a minimum of 12 credits from a field as well as a minimum of 6 credits in 2 additional fields: [https://col.st/iqO7N](https://col.st/iqO7N)
- Join a student organization relevant to Biology

### Year 2
- Go to the Career Center to discuss job/internship search strategies, create a resume and write a cover letter and tips for interviewing
- Apply for summer internships or research opportunities related to Biology
- Consider adding a botany minor: [https://col.st/bbKca](https://col.st/bbKca)
- Learn more about possible research opportunities in the department: [https://col.st/LHJiW](https://col.st/LHJiW)

### Year 3
- Run for a leadership role in a student organization
- Update your resume and/or cover letter for internships or on-campus jobs
- Apply for undergraduate internship
- Learn about graduate school options in the Department of Biology

### Year 4+
- Present research at CSU
- Attend many networking events to meet employers
- Ask three professors and/or employers to be professional references
- Meet with Career Center to prepare for the job search or graduate school applications and to update your resume and/or cover letter

### Alums
- You may continue to use the Career Center for guidance! All services are still available to you at no cost for one year after graduation and for a small fee after that.

Find more information specific to Biological Science: [www.natsci.colostate.edu/career-resources/biological-science/](http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/career-resources/biological-science/)