**Honors Biology Emphasis:**

Students who decide to pursue the Honors Biology emphasis must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.40 to be accepted into this emphasis. Once accepted, students must maintain a 3.40 combined cumulative GPA and a 3.40 GPA within the major to satisfy this emphasis. A minor is not required for this emphasis. In addition to the core biology classes, additional Biology electives numbered above 250 (excluding Bio 303, 498, 499) are required in order to achieve 54 units in the Biology major. Two semesters of Physics as well as other unique requirements (such as Math 253 and Chemistry) are required as well.

Students in this emphasis are required to conduct a year-long, formal research project with a Biology faculty member, which culminates in a written thesis and oral defense their senior year, as well as a public presentation at an appropriate venue, such as Fall or Spring Undergraduate Research Days, Posters on the Rotunda, or NCUR. These research projects may often result in one or more publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Recognition of achievement in Honors Biology is designated by the purple and gold honors cords worn at graduation, along with a set of honors cords designating overall scholastic achievement based on the student’s cumulative UW-W GPA: Summa Cum Laude (3.85 & above), Magna Cum Laude (3.60-3.84), and Cum Laude (3.40-3.59).