

Department Information and Frequently Asked Questions

# CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

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**Q: Who are the Faculty/Major advisors?**

A: All Cell & Molecular Biology professors serve as advisors. The office staff is also highly knowledgeable with regard to the Cell curriculum.

**Q: What is the process for declaring majors/minors?**

A: For Majors: students bring in the Major/Minor Declaration form to be signed and will be assigned a department advisor. For Minors: students bring in the form and we sign it, but they are not assigned an advisor.

**Q: What is the process for transfer credit?**

A: Student submits the signed Transfer Credit Approval form (academic advisor's signature) to the department office along with the corresponding syllabus of the course they would like to take at another University. We have the appropriate faculty member review and approve or deny the request and contact the student to pick up the signed form. The department will not accept only a course description.

**Q: Where do students often study abroad?**

A: Students study in Great Britain, Spain, France, Italy, Australia, Africa, and Denmark

**Q: What classes can students take within this major to fill the public service requirement?**

A: The following courses satisfy public service requirements: CELL 1010, CELL 4560, CELL 3210.

**Q: Does TU have a graduate program in this area? Does your office have information on grad programs at other schools?**

A: Yes, MS and Ph.D. We do not maintain information on other graduate programs. Students should be able to research other schools on the internet.

**Q: Are there any clubs affiliated with this program?**

A: Yes, Biological Enthusiast Association for Students of Tulane (BEAST).

**Q: What internships/work study/summer programs do you know about?**

A: The department offers one or two undergraduate summer research stipends through its Dr. Jonathan Ching Endowment Fund. Students can also participate in paid summer research opportunities in faculty labs if funding is available.