A variety of biologically-oriented student clubs are available for students. Each club has its own website; for more information, visit the Department of Biology’s website (http://biology.gmu.edu).
of a university faculty or staff member. No unauthorized work is allowed in any laboratory.

Policy on Using Organisms in Classes
Direct observations of actual organisms are considered an essential part of learning biology at all levels. Direct observations of organisms may involve the use of living or preserved specimens, dissections of organisms or parts of organisms, and microscopic examination of organisms or parts of organisms. All use of live animals conforms to National Institutes of Health guidelines for the use and care of laboratory animals. Activities specified above may be a required part of a course and thus serve as a basis for grading in the course. Any questions about the administration of this policy should be directed to the course coordinator or instructor.

Writing-Intensive Requirement
Mason requires all students to complete at least one course designated as "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300-level or above. Students majoring in biology fulfill this requirement by successfully completing BIOL 308 Foundations of Ecology and Evolution. Medical laboratory science majors fulfill the requirement by completing MLAB 300 Science Writing.

Minor in Biology
Information about this minor can be found on the Biology Minor page.

Premedical, Predental, Prepharmacy, and Preveterinary Students
Web: prehealth.gmu.edu (http://prehealth.gmu.edu)
Many students planning to enter medical, dental, pharmacy, veterinary, optometry, or other health professional schools choose to pursue a major in biology. These students should consult the health professions advising web site on required coursework and overall preparation.

Teacher Licensure
Students who wish to become teachers should pursue either the Biology, BA or the Biology, BS in addition to obtaining teaching certificates through the College of Education and Human Development. For more information, visit the Graduate School of Education’s website (https://gse.gmu.edu).

Biology for Non-majors
Students who are not majoring in science or mathematics and wish to fulfill their natural science requirement may enroll in the biology classes listed in the Mason Core Natural Science section. Chemistry, physics, and mathematics majors should consult their faculty advisor to determine which biology courses to take.

Programs
- Biology Minor
- Biology, BA
- Biology, BS
- Career Changer's Biological Sciences Undergraduate Certificate
- Medical Laboratory Science, BS