**BIOINFORMATICS MINOR**

A minor in bioinformatics is available on both the Rose Hill and Lincoln Center campuses. Bioinformatics is an emerging interdisciplinary field fusing mainly biological sciences and computer sciences and encompassing the knowledge and tools of other science disciplines. Bioinformatics studies the sequence, structure, and function of genes and proteins in all living organisms, including the human species. When dealing with an influx of raw information, a significant amount of effort is spent on how to effectively and efficiently warehouse and access these data and on new methods and algorithms aimed at mining this warehoused data in order to make novel discoveries in biology, medicine, and pharmaceuticals. Some examples of the topics are genomics, proteomics, phylogenetics, systems biology, DNA microarray gene expression, protein chip, and next generation sequencing (NGS) data analysis, genomic medicine, biomarkers for cancer and disease, drug discovery and design for disease and disorders, database and data mining, network form and function, and ESL (ethical, societal, and legal) issues.

**For more information**

Visit the Bioinformatics minor program webpage.

**Requirements**

The following courses are required for the Bioinformatics minor.

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Intro Biology I & II with Lab must be taken to fulfill the Natural Science Core Requirement.

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Certain majors are required to complete certain additional courses (often taken as electives in their major) to earn the Bioinformatics minor.

**Computer Science majors must also take:**

- CISC 2500 Information and Data Management
- CISC 4631 Data Mining

**Biological Sciences (RH) majors must also take:**

- CISC 3500 Database Systems
- CISC 1400 Discrete Structures

- CISC 1600 Computer Science I /CISC 1610 Computer Science I Lab or CISC 1800 Introduction to Computer Programming
- CISC 4631 Data Mining
- Either BISC 3754 Cell Biology or BISC 3752 Molecular Biology as an elective toward the major.

**Natural Science (LC) majors must also take:**

- CISC 3500 Database Systems
- CISC 1400 Discrete Structures
- CISC 1600 Computer Science I/CISC 1610 Computer Science I Lab or CISC 1800 Introduction to Computer Programming
- CISC 4631 Data Mining
- NSCI 3133 Genetics Lecture taken toward the major.
- NSCI 4176 Molecular Biology Lecture or NSCI 3154 Cell and Development Biology Lecture taken toward the major.

**General Science (RH) majors must also take:**

- CISC 3500 Database Systems
- CISC 4597 Artificial Intelligence
- CISC 4631 Data Mining
- BISC 2539 General Genetics/BISC 2549 General Genetics Lab taken toward the major.
- Either BISC 3754 Cell Biology or BISC 3752 Molecular Biology as an elective toward the major.

**Availability**

The minor in bioinformatics is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center.

*Fordham College at Rose Hill students:* The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

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