Biology has long been recognized as basic to such important areas as environment, agriculture, and medicine. Biology is a highly diverse subject with roots in many other fields of study. Inclusion of this minor can make a student's education more well rounded and make graduates more employable.

**Why UMD**

- Active learning environment
- Access to state-of-the-art instrumentation
- Focus on undergraduate teaching and research

**Scholarships**

In addition to SCSE scholarships, our department has several scholarships including, the A. Jane Berry Warren Scholarship, Karim Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholarship, Ernest and Tyyne niemu Scholarship, the T.O. Odaug Scholarship, the Ed and Alma Turcotte Scholarship, the Mowbray Scholarship, the Jon McCabe Scholarship, the UMD Peterson Memorial Scholarship, and the Solidarity Through Science Scholarship.

**Student Clubs**

We have 2 biology clubs on campus. The Biology club allows students to interact socially and academically with peers and department faculty, contribute to service projects and fundraisers, take a break from your studies, enjoy activities like picnics, camping trips, bowling excursions with faculty and intramural sports, Ask questions about biology classes or faculty, Share feedback and get information from departmental administrators.

The Entomology club is open to anyone that is interested in insects. Students meet to discuss and explore various topics in entomology through scientific articles, field outings, and by sharing personal experiences (insects gathered, photographed, witnessed, etc.). Members also volunteer with U of M Extension Service to provide insect identification help and outreach activities for the public.

In addition to these clubs, some of our chemistry majors are involved in pre-professional clubs such as the following: Pre-Dentistry Club, Pre-Medicine Club (Pre-Med Club), Pre Optometry Club, Pre-OT Club, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Pre-Physical Therapy (Pre PT), Pre-Physician Assistant Club (Pre-PA Club), Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club.