

GENETICS, DOCTORAL MINOR

Admissions to the Genetics Doctoral Minor have been suspended as of fall 2022 and will be discontinued as of fall 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

The doctoral minor in genetics provides graduate students with solid course training in the area of genetics. The field of genetics seeks to understand how information is encoded in an organism's genome, how that information is read, replicated, and maintained by the cell, and how it evolves over time to impact organismal phenotypes. Courses offered through the Laboratory of Genetics span a wide variety of genetic topics, concepts, and experimental approaches. These include genetics related to human biology and disease, agriculture, conservation biology, and specialties such as neurogenetics, epigenetics, computational and statistical genetics, quantitative and population genetics, and basic, discovery-based genetic applications. Students who complete the doctoral minor in genetics will gain a strong foundation in genetic research and its application. In addition, through many of the courses offered in the Laboratory of Genetics, students gain experience in critical experimental thinking, oral and written presentation, and grant writing.