Qualification Policy for Catalog Year 2014-15

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) has a qualification policy that applies to the Biology BA, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology BS, Marine Biology BS, and Plant Sciences BS majors.

To qualify for any of these majors, students must complete the following courses, or their equivalents, with a grade of C or better:

CHEM 1A, General Chemistry
CHEM 1B, General Chemistry
BIOL 20A, Cell and Molecular Biology

And one of the following courses offered by the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department:

BIOE 20C, Ecology and Evolution or BIOE 20B, Development and Physiology

And one of the following calculus courses (except biology B.A. majors) offered by the Mathematics Department:

MATH 11A, Calculus with Applications
MATH 19A, Calculus for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

Students with two or more grades of NP, D, or F in the qualification courses are not allowed to declare.

Determining qualification:

- Students who complete all the qualification courses with a grade of C or better are allowed to declare a major. Students with non-grades (I, IP, DG, etc.) in any of the policy courses will not be eligible to declare until a grade has been assigned.
- Students with AP credit for any of the qualification course(s) are allowed to declare after successfully completing the remaining qualification courses.
- Students enrolled in the last course(s) required for qualification may submit a petition to declare by the quarterly declaration deadline date. This option is only available to students who have reached the quarter in which they are required to declare. The campus declaration deadline is before a student enrolls in their 3rd year or the equivalent; for most students, this will be the declaration deadline in spring quarter of their sophomore year. Declaration petitions will be evaluated at the end of the quarter to determine if the qualification criteria has been met.
- Students who have completed the five qualification courses with grades of C or better, but do not meet the qualification policy criteria may appeal by submitting a letter to the EEB Curriculum Chair. See Appeal Process for further information.