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# University of Minnesota Crookston Introduces Biology Degree Program

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MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL (7/16/2007 ) --This fall, the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) will be introducing a biology degree program.

The bachelor of science in biology provides students with a broad knowledge of the biological sciences while introducing them to the practical skills needed in today's biotech industries and the background required to be successful applicants to graduate programs. Students may choose from advanced courses designed to emphasize studies in either animal or plant systems while participating in a common core of courses which provide knowledge in the basic principles relevant to both areas.

"I am receiving a significant amount of experience learning and using laboratory protocols for such projects as hormonal assays, genetics and other molecular biology techniques," said Vanessa Armstrong, U of M, Crookston student. "Because of these experiences, I have decided to focus my future work on pharmaceutical research and genomics, rather than concentrating on retail or hospital pharmacy."

Professors in Crookston say the school's size gives students more opportunities for hands-on work in the classroom.

"Our comparative advantage at the U of M, Crookston with regard to the new biology degree is related to student exposure to research," said Brian Dingmann, U of M, Crookston assistant professor of biology. "Because of our small size we have always provided a more personalized approach to student education than larger campuses have the opportunity to provide."

Along with the degree program, the U of M, Crookston is also offering a biology minor that introduces students to the core concepts in a broad range of biological areas with two possible emphases, animal or plant biology.

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