Texas A&M University Marketable Skills - Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology

Program	Molecular and Cell Biology
Degree	BS
Department	Biology
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Outcome	Master the depth of knowledge required for a degree
Marketable Skills	 Knowledge of microbes, plants, and animals at the population, organismal, and cellular, and molecular level Knowledge of genetic and physiological processes at the cellular and molecular levels that sustain organisms Ability to use experimental methods to increase our knowledge of organisms at the molecular and cellular level Ability to use computational resources for bioinformatics and genomic studies

Outcome	Demonstrate critical thinking
Marketable Skills	 Use logic and reasoning to interpret scientific results Identify proper controls to use for experiments Identify and assess alternative explanations that could account for given results Identify non-scientific and pseudoscientific arguments Design methods for testing hypothesis
	Apply critical thinking to all problems, not just scientific ones

Outcome	Communicate effectively
Marketable	Ability to make effective oral presentations
Skills	 Ability to communicate scientific ideas and concepts in writing
	Ability to listen to and interpret scientific presentations
	Ability to read and summarize scientific publications
	 Ability to adjust technical depth of presentations to be appropriate for the audience
	Ability to criticize arguments in a rational and non-personal manner

Outcome	Work collaboratively
Marketable	Ability to work in teams to perform research
Skills	Ability to work in teams to develop presentations
	 Ability to understand and follow oral instructions and protocols written by others
	Ability to lead team projects and motivate others

Outcome	Engaging in life-long learning
Marketable	Expanding knowledge of field by reading scientific literature
Skills	Ability to search relevant databases for new scientific literature or information
	Willingness to update ideas in light of new information
	Willingness to take advantage of training opportunities as they arise

Outcome	Demonstrate personal, corporate, and social responsibility
Marketable	Ability to understand and comply with all safety guidelines
Skills	 Ability to identify safety concerns and bring them to the attention of supervisors
	 Understand and articulate ethical, legal, and societal implications of research projects