Graduation with Distinction: Biology (BIOLOGY)

Procedure for selection of students
Biology majors with a GPA of 3.0 or above in biology courses, not including independent study, may apply for graduation with distinction in biology. They must also maintain at least this level of performance throughout the remainder of their studies at Duke. The on-line application includes a summary of the student's research project, and must be endorsed by the student's research supervisor and approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

Expected product
Candidates will complete an original research project, usually carried out as an independent study in biology or as an interdisciplinary study that includes biology, in BIOLOGY 293 or 493, or in an appropriate science department at Duke. An oral poster presentation and a written thesis are required.

Evaluative body
A committee comprised of three faculty members.

Evaluative procedure
Evaluation of the product is based on an oral poster presentation and the written thesis itself.

Levels of distinction
Two levels: Distinction and High Distinction.

Special courses, other activities required, comments
Optional 1 credit thesis writing course for Distinction Students offered in Spring, Biology 495: Scientific Argument in Writing. Carries a W code.

A link to the application and more information can be found here:

https://biology.duke.edu/undergraduate/graduation-with-distinction