The Bio-Atmospheric Interactions specialization provides students with a unique learning environment to promote an understanding of the interactions between the atmosphere and the biosphere. This specialization encourages cooperation among the community of scientists within the bio-atmospheric research area.

Students in the Bio-Atmospheric Interactions specialization focus on describing the state of the environment (atmospheric, vegetation and soil) by addressing mass (e.g., carbon, water vapor) and energy (radiative and heat) exchange between the biosphere and atmosphere. This understanding is useful to studies of biogeochemistry, atmosphere, remote sensing, hydrology and ecology. Measuring and modeling of the mass and energy fluxes is essential to understanding bio-atmospheric interactions.

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