

BA: Biology — Professional Option (120 S.H. required to complete the degree)

Name: _____ Adviser: _____



General Education Requirements (43 S.H.)

COMMUNICATION SKILLS (3 S.H.) Choose one of the following: COM 160 Public Speaking, COM 161 Decision Making in Groups, COM 162 Interpersonal Communication or COM 163 Introduction to Communication Skills		
COM:	3	
WRITING INTENSIVE (W) All students must complete at least one writing intensive course. W courses can be found in several disciplines. The credits will be counted in the discipline associated with the course. <i>NOTE: WRT101 does not satisfy the writing intensive requirement.</i>		
Course:	Y/N	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE All biology majors must complete a foreign language requirement. This may be done by completing a language at an elementary II level or above. Students who have completed three years of language in high school with at least a C average have satisfied this requirement. (For more info, click the link above.)		
Foreign Language Requirement Met?	Y / N	
HUMANITIES (15 S.H.) Humanities courses can be found in Art, Communication, English, Foreign Languages, History, Humanistic Studies, Music, Philosophy, Theatre and Writing. Students may only use one studio course to satisfy this requirement. You must complete courses in at least 3 areas. <i>NOTE: You must complete the foreign language requirement (Elementary II or higher) before counting Elementary I foreign language courses as Humanities credit.</i>		
Elective:	3	
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SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (12 S.H.) Courses that satisfy this requirement can be found in Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Social Sciences, and Sociology), Non-Western Cultures, and Psychology. <i>You must select courses from at least 2 of the 3 main areas: Social Sciences, Psychology and Non-Western Cultures.</i>		
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NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE (11 S.H.) Students must complete one lab Science and at least one math or computer Science course in this category. <i>NOTE: MAT 100 does not satisfy this requirement.</i>		
CHE110 General Chemistry I	4	
CHE111 General Chemistry II	4	
Math Elective:	3	
HEALTH PROMOTION AND EXERCISE SCIENCES (2 S.H.)		
HPX 177 Fitness for Life — Lecture	1	
HPX 177 Fitness for Life — Activity	1	

*Biology majors are required to take the Science courses specified above for the general education requirements. This means that your general education semester hour total is 43 instead of the average 42.

Major Requirements (61-62 S.H.)

BIO 103 General Biology I	4	
BIO 104 General Biology II	4	
BIO 200 Ecology (Fall)	4	
BIO 205 Animal Physiology (Spring)	4	
BIO 260 Modes of Scientific Communication	3	
BIO 300 Cell Biology (Spring)	4	
BIO 312 Genetics (Fall)	4	
BIO 325 Evolutionary Biology (Spring)	3	
BIO 480 Group Senior Research or BIO 490 Senior Research	3	
CHE 210 Organic Chemistry I (Fall)	4	
CHE211 Organic Chemistry II (Spring)	4	
BIOLOGY MAJOR ELECTIVES 200-level or above (7-8 S.H.)		
BIO Elective:		
BIO Elective:		
SCIENCE/MATH COURSES chosen with department approval (14 S.H.)		
Approved Course:	3-4	
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FREE ELECTIVES (14-15 S.H.)		
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Free electives offer an opportunity to complete a minor, study a second language, study abroad, or participate in an internship. Make a plan.

NOTES

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Four-Year Plan This is a sample sequence of courses. Other combinations are possible.



Pre-requisites are in parentheses; see catalog for details.

Class standing by credit: Freshman: 0-29 credits; Sophomore: 30-59 credits; Junior: 60-89 credits; Senior: 90+ credits

FIRST YEAR (28 S.H.)	SEMESTER 1 (14 S.H.)			SEMESTER 2 (14 S.H.)		
	BIO 103 General Biology I (MAT and WRT 098, or placement test)	4		BIO 104 General Biology II (\geq C in BIO 103)	4	
	CHE 110 General Chemistry I (Placement test or \geq B in CHE 100)	4		CHE 111 General Chemistry II (CHE 110)	4	
	MAT 100 or Gen Ed: Humanities	3		Gen Ed: Humanities or Gen Ed: Communication Skills	3	
	WRT 101 Composition I: Habit of Writing	3		Writing Intensive in Humanities or Social & Behavioral Sciences	3	

SECOND YEAR (34 S.H.)	SEMESTER 3 (17 S.H.)			SEMESTER 4 (17 S.H.)		
	BIO 200 Ecology (BIO 103 & 104)	4		BIO 205 Animal Physiology (BIO 104 OR BIO 110)	4	
	CHEM 210 Organic Chemistry (CHE 110 & 111)	4		CHEM 211 Organic Chemistry (CHE 210)	4	
	Gen Ed: Communication Skills	3		Gen Ed: Humanities	3	
	Gen Ed: Math Elective	3		Gen Ed: Social & Behavior Sciences	3	
	BIO 260 Modes of Scientific Communication	3		Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3	

THIRD YEAR (31-33 S.H.)	SEMESTER 5 (16-17 S.H.)			SEMESTER 6 (16-17 S.H.)		
	BIO 312 Genetics (BIO 104 and Junior standing)	4		BIO 325 Evolutionary Biology (BIO 312)	3	
	BIO Elective	4		BIO 300 Cell Biology (CHE 210 and Junior Standing)	4	
	Science/Math Approved Elective	3 – 4		Free Elective	3	
	Gen Ed: Humanities	3		Science/Math Approved Elective	3 – 4	
	HPX 177 Fitness for Life (Lecture & Activity)	2		Gen Ed: Humanities	3	
Complete a degree audit and plan for application for graduation						

FOURTH YEAR (30-33 S.H.)	SEMESTER 7 (12-13 S.H.)			SEMESTER 8 (15-16 S.H.)		
	BIO 480 Group Senior Research or BIO 490 Senior Research (BIO 360 and Senior standing and, for 490, 3.0 GPA in major and dept. approval)	3		BIO Elective or Free Elective	3 – 4	
	Science/Math Approved Elective	3 – 4		Science/Math Approved Elective	3 – 4	
	BIO Elective	3		Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Sciences or Free Elective	3	
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			Free Elective	3		

The number of Free Electives available will vary based on your initial math, writing, and chemistry placement tests. MAT 100, WRT 101 and CHEM 100, if required, count as elective credit.

Because you have variable options (3 or 4 credit courses) it is important to keep track of your total semester hours to be sure you reach 120 by the end of your 4th semester.