



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

Biological Science is the study of God's created life and is therefore one of the broadest subjects you can study. Biology encompasses everything from the minute (molecular study of life processes) to the gigantic (animal and plant communities/biomes). Most of our classes have both lectures and labs. Due to a common core, lateral transition to the Biomedical Track is possible up to the Junior year. This B.A. degree requires a minor (usually chemistry) and two years of H.S. or one year of college foreign language.

SPECIALTY

The B.A. in Biology is designed for those who want a little more flexibility in their degree. It fits well with pre-dental students wanting to take a few business classes, transfer students trying to make the most of their transfer credits, and those not needing all the typical pre-medical classes. About one-third of our pre-med students take this degree to allow them to take other specialty classes. For those heading to the medical or dental professions, this degree is only a couple of classes different than the B.S. degrees. It is also a springboard into job-assured high school teaching.

SKILLS

Biology degrees start with core classes to give you a basic understanding of the terminology used and the wide range of topics to enjoy. As you progress through the degree, the classes become more specialized and deeper in detail. You will develop key skills such as using a wide range of laboratory equipment, collecting and analyzing data, building teams, strong written and oral communication, leadership, and time management.

42 HOURS

	BIOLOGY CORE	HOURS
BIOL 151-152	General Biology I & II	8
BIOL 282	Biological Analysis	3
BIOL 311	Genetics	4
BIOL 317 or 321	Ecology (Fall) or Field Ecology (Summer)	3
BIOL 412	Cell & Molecular Biology	4
BIOL 424	Issues in Nat Sci & Rel (W)	3
BIOL	Biology Electives *	9
CHEM 151-152	General Chemistry I & II	8
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	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED	HOURS	
CHEM 311-312	Organic Chemistry I & II	8	
CHEM 361	Biochemistry I	4	
MATH 120	Pre-calculus Algebra	0-3	
MATH 121	Pre-calculus Trigonometry	0-2	
PHYS 211-212	General Physics I & II*	6	
PHYS 213-214	General Physics I & II Lab	2	

^{*}Contact School of Engineering & Physics regarding pre-requisites.

ELECTIVE AREAS (9 HRS)**

	BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS	
BIOL 313	Developmental Biology	3
BIOL 416	Human Anatomy	3
BIOL 417	Animal Histology	3
BIOL 418	Animal Physiology	3
	CLINICAL SCIENCES	
BIOL 315	Human Parasitology (W)	3
BIOL 329	General Microbiology	3
BIOL 333	Medical Toxinology	3
BIOL 340	Immunology	3
BIOL 450	Epidemiology	3

	ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY	
BIOL 252	Tropical Biology (Summer)	3
BIOL 314	Ornithology	3
BIOL 320	Entomology	3
BIOL 321	Field Ecology (Summer)	3
BIOL 387	Animal Behavior	3
BIOL 415	Comparative Anatomy	3
BIOL 458	Ecotoxicology	3

^{**}Take one class from each category. See course schedule for topics courses that may be applied to any elective area.



B.A. BIOLOGY (With Chemistry Minor) 4-YEAR SUGGESTED PLAN SHEET

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	WINTER SEMESTER	HOURS
FRESHMAN YEAR			
BIOL 151: General Biology I (I-7)	4	BIOL 152: General Biology II (I-7)	4
COMM 135: Comm & Pub Spkg (I-3)	3	ENGL 102: Crit Thnk in Ac Rdg/Wrt II (I-2)	3
CPTE 100: Computer Concepts (I-5)	1	MATH 215: Statistics (I-4)	3
ENGL 101: Crit Thnk in Ac Rdg/Wrt I (I-2)	3	RELB 125 or RELT 177 (R-1)	3
NOND 101: Southern Connections (I-1)	1	Aesthetic Analysis (IN-10)	3
PEAC 125: Fitness for Collegiate Life (P-1)	1		16
Elective	3		
	16		
SOPHOMORE YEAR			
BIOL 282: Biological Analysis	3	CHEM 152: General Chemistry II	4
BIOL 311: Genetics	4	RELT 138, 225, or 255 (R-2)	3
CHEM 151: General Chemistry I	4	BIOL: Biology Elective *	3
Foreign Language or Elective **	3	Foreign Language or Elective **	3
Physical Activity (P-1b)	1	Elective	3
	15		16
JUNIOR YEAR			
CHEM 311: Organic Chemistry I (Chem minor)	4	BIOL 412: Cell & Molecular Biology	4
RELB except 125 (R-3)	3	CHEM 312: Organic Chemistry II (Chem minor)	4
PSYC 128 or SOCI 125 (I-8)	3	Historical Perspectives (IN-6)	3
Elective (sugg. General Physics I)	4	Elective (sugg. General Physics II)	4
Physical Activity (P-1b)	1		15
	15		
SENIOR YEAR			
BIOL 317 or 321: Ecol or Field Ecol (Summer)	3	BIOL: UD Biology Elective *	3
BIOL 424: Issues in Nat Sci & Rel (W)	3	PEAC 425: Fit for Hire (P-3)	1
BIOL: UD Biology Elective *	3	Stewardship, Business & Econ (IN-9)	3
CHEM Elective minor (sugg. Biochemistry I)	4	UD Religion (W) (R-4)	3
UD Elective (W)	3	UD Elective	5
	16		15
		"W" Classes TOTAL HOURS	124
		"S" Classes	

^{*}One course from each of the 3 biology elective areas: Biological Systems, Organismal Biology, and Clinical Sciences.

** Language waived if 2 yrs. high school language taken with grade of B or better. If not, 6 hrs. elementary language required for B.A.