



Biology - B.A.

College of
Arts and Sciences

To address the breadth and depth essential to educating biologists, the biology major is structured to include both a broad foundation through core courses and opportunity for specialization within a biological subfield through biology electives. The major is designed to prepare the student for a post-baccalaureate profession in biology, for advanced professional training in the health sciences, or for graduate study in basic and applied areas of the biological sciences.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree can be found on page 109 of the 2009-2010 UK Bulletin.

University Studies Program Requirements

- I. Math (completed by Premajor Requirement)
- II. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
- III. Inference-Logic (completed by Premajor Requirement)
- IV. Written Communication 0-4
- V. Oral Communication 3
- VI. Natural Sciences (completed by Premajor Requirements)
- VII. Social Sciences 6
- VIII. Humanities 6
- IX. Cross-Cultural (choose a Humanities course) 3
- X. Electives (choose 2 Social Science courses) 6

USP hours: 24-36

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. See "University Writing Requirement" on page 75 of the 2009-2010 UK Bulletin.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: 3

College Requirements

- I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
- II. Disciplinary Requirements
 - a. Natural Science (completed by Premajor Requirements)
 - b. Social Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement)
 - c. Humanities (partially completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement) 3
- III. Laboratory or Field Work (completed by Premajor Requirement)
- IV. Electives 6

College Required Hours: 9-17

Premajor Requirements

- *MA 123 Elementary Calculus and its Applications
or
*MA 113 Calculus I 3-4
- *CHE 105 General Chemistry I 3
- *CHE 107 General Chemistry II 3
- *CHE 111 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry I 1
- *CHE 113 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry II 2
- *BIO 150 Principles of Biology I 3
- BIO 151 Principles of Biology Laboratory I 2
- BIO 152 Principles of Biology II 3
- BIO 153 Principles of Biology Laboratory II 2

Premajor hours: 22-23

Major Requirements

Major Core Requirements

- BIO 304 Principles of Genetics 4
- BIO 315 Introduction to Cell Biology 3
- BIO 325 Introductory Ecology 4
- ^BIO 350 Animal Physiology 4
- BIO 425 Biology Seminar **or**
- BIO 499 Biology Research Seminar 1

^Students with a strong interest in plants may substitute BIO 430G for BIO 350 with the approval of faculty advisor.

Major Core hours: 16

Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department:

To be chosen from 200+ level BIO courses (excluding BIO 208) or the list below. Two courses **must** contain a laboratory component. Six hours of Independent Research (395) from biological sciences departments may be counted here; however, only BIO 395 is accepted for honors in biology. Note that ANA 209, BIO 208 and PGY 206 **cannot** be used for this requirement 16

A&S 300, 500 (when offered by the Department of Biology)

ABT 301, 395, 460, 461, 495

ANA 395, 511, 512

ANT 332

ASC 364, 378, 395

BCH 395, 401G, 503, 517

BIO – all 200+ level courses except BIO 208

CHE 226, 233, 395, 440G, 441G, 442G, 446G, 532, 533, 550, 552, 553, 558, 565

ENT 300, 310, 320, 395, 402, 460, 461, 561, 562, 564, 568

FOR 315, 340, 375, 402

FSC 530

GLY 401G

MI 494G, 595, 598

NRC 320, 395, 420G, 450G, 455G

PGY 412G, 502, 560, 590

PLS 220, 320, 330, 332, 366, 367, 450G, 502, 566, 567

PPA 395, 400G, 503

PSY 312, 456, 459, 552, 558, 565

STA 281, 291, 292, 570, 580 (Generally only **one** statistics course is accepted. Other STA courses may be accepted at the discretion of your advisor, and this may depend upon the area of biology in which you choose to specialize.)

TOX 508, 509, 560

VS 395

From Outside the Major Department

Choose either CHE 230/231/232

or

CHE 231/236 and BCH 401G 8

Choose either PHY 211/213

or

PHY 231/232/241/242 10

Other Major hours: 34

Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree 128

*Course used towards completion of a USP or College Requirement.