Biology - B.S.

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 Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found on page 110 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 a Social Science course) ...................... 3

USP hours: ................................................................. 21-33

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 (completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement)
III. Laboratory or Field Work (completed by Premajor Requirement)
IV. Electives ........................................................................ 6

College Required hours: .................................................. 6-14

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 231/236 and BCH 401G .............................................. 8
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Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree .......................... 122

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