

Three-Year Graduation Guarantee

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Recommended Program Plan beginning Fall 2015
(Subject to change depending on credits transferred in by student)

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Prior to Year #1

9 Credits Minimum – Evaluated during creating of program plan.

Important Notes: *This program meets the requirements of the Biology major. Although generally not advised, those students intending to also complete the requirements of a pre-professional program (such as dentistry, physical therapy, physician assistant, etc) in three years must consult with the student's academic advisor and/or the appropriate advisory committee to determine the feasibility of this guarantee for the desired career direction.*

Year #1

Fall – 16 Credits

BIO 110 - Biological Inquiry (3)
CHM 125 - Intro. to Chemistry I (4)
LAR 101 – Liberal Arts Seminar (3)
FAK – Foundational Area of Knowledge – Core Requirement (3)
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Spring – 17 Credits

BIO 111 - Energy of Life (3)
BIO 202 - Career Seminar (1)
BIO 295 - Biostatistics (3)
CHM 126 - Intro. to Chemistry II (4)
FAK – Foundational Area of Knowledge – Core Requirement (3)
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Summer after Year #1

6 Credits – Approved with guidance of faculty advisor

Year #2

Fall – 18 Credits

BIO 112 - Information of Life (3)
BIO 351 - Biology Research Seminar I (2)
Biology Cognate – (4)
LAR 202 – Liberal Arts Seminar (3)
FAK – Foundational Area of Knowledge – Core Requirement (3)
General Elective or Minor – (3)

Spring – 17 Credits

BIO Elective w/ Lab - (4)
BIO Elective - (3)
Biology Cognate - (4)
FAK – Foundational Area of Knowledge – Core Requirement (3)
General Elective or Minor - (3)

Summer after Year #2

6 Credits – Approved with guidance of faculty advisor

Year #3

Fall – 17 Credits

BIO Elective w/ Lab - (4)
BIO 495 - Biology Research II (4)
LAR 303 – Liberal Arts Seminar (3)
FAK – Foundational Area of Knowledge – Core Requirement (3)
General Elective or Minor - (3)

Spring – 18 Credits

BIO Elective - (3)
BIO 496 - Biology Research III (3)
General Elective or Minor - (3)
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IMPORTANT:

1. Students are required to transfer in AT LEAST 9 credits for 3-year guarantee eligibility. These credits have the potential to alter the program plan slightly. Careful planning is required to maintain the BIO course schedule. If a student transfers more than 9 credits to start, it can either affect the student's semester or summer loads in the 3-year program plan.
2. Students are required to earn 123 credits for graduation. The above plan shows 9 credits transferred in prior to enrollment, 12 credits during summers after years 1 and 2, plus the total of 103 credits earned during fall and spring semesters.
3. The Undergraduate Core requires 3 LAR courses, 7 FAK courses, and 1 experiential learning course (BIO 495 – Biology Research II). These have been met in the above plan.
4. This guarantee meets the general requirements of a Biology major; it does not guarantee that a particular selection of courses will be made available. If a student chooses to enroll in specific elective courses that prevent graduation in three years, this guarantee will be void.
5. If participation in extracurricular activities (e.g. athletics, music, drama) prevents a student from meeting the requirements of the three year guarantee, the guarantee will be void.