# **Department of Biology** Undergraduate Advising Handbook

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#### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: INTEGRATIVE CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Integrative Concentration is for students who wish to earn a general degree in Biology. Students may select from a variety of courses that provide skills needed to achieve a number of different career goals. This program prepares students for admission into graduate or professional schools. Students preparing for professional school who need to take the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

For more information contact Dr. Fish.

#### ACCELERATED PROGRAM - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: INTEGRATIVE CONCENTRATION + MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

The Accelerated Program allows students to start making progress on the Master's degree before completing their Bachelor's degree. Twelve credits of graduate coursework are used to satisfy the Bachelor's degree, allowing a student to earn both a B.S. and M.S. degree in as few as 138 credits. Students are considered undergraduates until conferral of the B.S. degree. Students can apply to the Accelerated Program in their junior year. *Students are responsible for finding a biology faculty member that is willing to serve as their thesis advisor as well as a thesis committee that will supervise the project.* 

To be considered for the Accelerated Program and enroll in BIO 608 (Thesis Research I), students must have attained (completed) 75 credits with a minimum of 18 biology credits. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 including a minimum GPA of 3.00 for biology courses. BIO 608 requires departmental permission to enroll; students must arrange a committee meeting prior to enrolling in BIO 608 (e.g., during their third year). The accelerated program in biology is only open to thesis students. Any student wishing to switch out of the thesis option will be required to complete all requirements of the B.S. degree. Once admitted to the graduate program, graduate policies apply, including minimum GPA (3.00).

For more information contact Dr. Casotti or Dr. Auld.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: CELL AND MOLECULAR CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Cell and Molecular Biology Concentration is designed to prepare students for graduate study or employment in modern Cell and Molecular Biology. The curriculum entails a "core" of concentration requirements (designed to provide an appropriate academic foundation) followed by a selection of upper-level "concentration electives" to be chosen in consultation with the student's academic advisor. Several Biology Department faculty members are actively engaged in research, and opportunities exist for qualified undergraduates to obtain hands-on

research experience working in one of these laboratories. This program is appropriate for students anticipating a career in Medicine or other Health Professions. Students preparing for professional school who need to take the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

For more information contact Dr. Sullivan-Brown.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: MICROBIOLOGY CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Microbiology Concentration is designed to provide students with the special preparation required for careers in clinical laboratories, industrial, academic research and government service in the areas of microbiology, immunology, virology, and mycology. The training students receive should make them especially attractive to biotechnology industries, several of which are developing or expanding in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. Generation of highly trained individuals requires that the courses incorporated into the program provide extensive "hands-on" experience with the techniques that are most useful and important to modern biomedical sciences. Students will be exposed to fundamental knowledge of the characteristics, genetics, cultivation, metabolic properties, and host interaction of microorganisms including bacteria, fungi, intracellular and extracellular parasites, and viruses. Also included is the identification and characterization of such microorganisms. Emphasis will also be placed on acquisition of skills needed to evaluate and technically interpret results obtained.

Satisfactory completion of this program gives the student the option of taking the National Registry Examinations that provide recognition by the National Registry of Microbiologists at specific levels of training and/or experience mastered. Circulation of the student name in the registry brings the student to the attention of prospective employers.

This program also provides the basic preparation needed for entry into graduate school in several specialized areas of biology or into professional schools.

Students whose primary interests relate to the role of microorganisms in nature (Microbial *Ecology*) should consider taking the following courses as directed electives: Chemistry of the Environment (CHE 403), Wastewater Systems (ENV 463), and Water Quality and Health (ENV 462).

For more information contact Dr. Pisciotta.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Ecology and Conservation Concentration provides an opportunity for interested students to obtain a strong background in field biology. The required core curriculum

and choice of electives provide opportunities for later careers as biologists in State and Federal Environmental agencies, industry, environmental consulting firms and similar organizations. Internships are strongly recommended as part of the program. Coursework emphasizes skills obtained in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Additional coursework from other departments may be recommended to fulfill particular career objectives. Whereas many students obtain jobs in some area of Ecology directly after obtaining the B.S. degree, many jobs in Ecology today require a M.S. degree.

Although the basic purpose of the program is to develop strong analytical skills suitable for a broad range of careers in ecology, conservation, and environmental biology, the opportunity exists for some specialization at the undergraduate level through 1) recommended courses, 2) internships with local organizations, and 3) summer courses offered at appropriate biological field stations.

1) <u>Recommended Courses</u>: Students interested in aquatic ecology, water quality, fisheries and related fields should consider taking Freshwater Ecology (BIO 476), Wetlands (BIO 471), Water Quality and Health (ENV 462), and Chemistry of the Environment (CHE 403). Students interested in plant ecology, horticulture, and related fields should take Plant Physiology (BIO 466), Wetlands (BIO 471), Plant Communities (BIO 475), Systematic Botany (BIO 485), and selected courses such as Entomology (BIO 377) and Fundamentals of Soil (ESS 490). Students wishing to specialize in wetland ecology should plan to take Wetlands (BIO 471), Freshwater Ecology (BIO 476), Hydrogeology (ESS 339) and Soils (ESS 490). Students interested in microbial ecology should consider taking General Microbiology (BIO 214), Microbial Ecology (BIO 474), Microbial Physiology (BIO 464), Chemistry of the Environment (CHE 403), and Water Quality and Health (ENV 462). Students with an interest in animal ecology should plan to take Vertebrate Ecology (BIO 277), Entomology (BIO 377), Invertebrate Zoology (BIO 387) and Animal Behavior (PSY 335, 336).

2) <u>Internships</u>: A large number of local organizations are interested in providing student internships, and can supply valuable experience and contacts. Students should expect to seek internships during their senior year, or during the summer between their junior and senior years. Internships receive course credit as BIO 409. A maximum of 8 credit hours may be used to satisfy Biology elective credit.

3) <u>Biological Field Stations</u>: Course taken during the summer at Biological Field Stations are highly recommended. Field stations provide an intensive exposure to field biology and can offer courses complementary to those available at West Chester. Courses taken under advisement can be applied to the degree.

For more information contact Dr. Schedlbauer.

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For more information contact Dr. Casotti or Dr. Auld.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: MARINE SCIENCE CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Marine Science Concentration provides the opportunity for interested students to obtain a strong educational background in marine biology and other topics in a field that stretches from marine organisms to biotechnology and even oceanography interests from the coastal waters to deep oceans. The required core curriculum and electives will allow students the opportunity to draw on educational resources at West Chester University and Marine Field stations, such as the Wallops Island Marine Science Consortium, VA. Course work emphasizes techniques in biological sciences, oceanography, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Field and laboratory courses form a strong foundation of this program and students are encouraged to engage in directed research projects or internships.

For more information contact Dr. Boettger.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE CONCENTRATION**

The B.S. Biology: Medical Laboratory Science Concentration offers students the opportunity to enter the field of laboratory medicine with emphasis on the techniques and instrumentation used to evaluate disease processes. This concentration allows students to complete the necessary general education and departmental requirements in three years. The fourth year is spent in a hospital internship training program at one of the several affiliated hospitals and students receive 26 semester hour credits for the internship year (Bio 407 & 408, Internship in Medical Laboratory Science). To qualify for the internship, students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA

and be accepted by an accredited hospital Medical Laboratory Science program. <u>Applications</u> <u>should be submitted by the summer of the junior year</u> (60 credits completed). Internships are <u>very competitive</u> and acceptance depends on the cumulative GPA, excellent letters of recommendation and successful completion of an on site interview. Please note that some programs require computer science or Anatomy and Physiology courses. Students completing the internship will receive a B.S. in Biology: Medical Laboratory Science concentration and the training necessary to take the national certification exam.

Affiliated hospitals include Pennsylvania Hospital, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences (formerly Lancaster General Hospital) and St. Christopher's Hospital.

For more information contact Dr. Pisciotta.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION: BIOLOGY**

This program is designed to prepare the student for a career in teaching in Secondary Schools. Professional certification in biology is awarded to the student who completes the program satisfactorily. Each student is strongly advised to seek certification in a related area to enhance employment potential. Related areas include the following: General Science, Health Education, Athletic Training, and Environmental Education. Students in this program have two Academic Advisors, one for Biology and one for Secondary Education.

\*THE BSED PROGRAM REQUIRES 124 CREDITS FOR GRADUATION.

For more information contact **Dr. Turner**.

#### MINOR IN BIOLOGY

The Department of Biology offers a minor in biology. The Minor in Biology requirements include the following:

- 1. Required prerequisite: BIO 110 (must be passed with a C- or better), or BIO 100 (must be passed with a grade of A or A-). These courses are prerequisites and must be completed before admission to the minor. The grades in these courses are not used in calculating the GPA in the minor and do not count toward the 18 semester hours required.
- 2. Students must complete 18 credits at the 200 level or higher for the minor. At least three credits must be in addition to the biology courses required by the student's major. A grade of C- or better is required in all courses.
- 3. To graduate with a minor in Biology, students must maintain a GPA of 2.00 in the minor courses.

For more information contact **Dr. Auld**.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS**

#### **Pre-Professional Studies**

West Chester University has a Pre-Professional program design to help students gain entry into professional school once they graduate with an undergraduate degree from the University. The program aids student admission into programs such as medicine, veterinary sciences, physical assistants, physical therapists and dentistry. The program advises students on the courses appropriate for entry into the above programs and conducts mock interviews with applicants in their junior year to prepare them for successful admission. If recommended by the program, each applicant receives a committee letter of recommendation forwarded directly to their schools of choice. Although any biology major can qualify for these programs the department strongly encourages majors to be in either the *Integrative or Cell and Molecular Biology concentrations*, as these offer almost all of the pre-requisite courses needed for entry into future programs.

Appropriate Biology courses students should take to gain admission to the schools include Organic Chemistry II lab (CRL 232) (not a biology requirement), Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy (BIO 357), Animal Histology (BIO 428), Animal Development (BIO 448) and Comparative Vertebrate Physiology (BIO 468), these BIO courses fulfill Biology Elective credit. Other useful courses include Molecular Biology Techniques (BIO 333), Cellular and Molecular Biology (BIO 421), Molecular Genetics (BIO 431), Human Genetics (BIO 440), Virology (BIO 456), Immunology BIO 465), Light Microscopy and the Living Cell (BIO 480), Epidemiology (BIO 484), and Special Problems in Biology (BIO 491).

Other courses that are highly recommended include Biomedical Ethics (PHI 371), Business & Organizations Writing (ENG 368), Technical Writing (ENG 371), and Biochemistry I (CHE 476, required for Cell & Molecular students).

Interested students may apply in their second semester. Please note that five letters of reference are required for an interview or eligibility for a letter of recommendation from the Pre-Med committee. MCAT and GRE prep assistance is available through the Pre-Professional Office as well.

#### **Pre-Physical Therapy Option**

There are several academic paths a student may follow to prepare for a professional physical therapy program. The Department of Kinesiology has a Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration in Exercise Science, for students who wish to emphasize Exercise Science; we strongly recommend a minor in Biology for those students. Students may also meet the requirements for Physical Therapy programs by following the general concentration in the BS in Biology. In addition, within the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Biology and the Liberal Studies

Program have cooperated on a degree plan that will allow students the flexibility necessary to meet the requirements of virtually all physical therapy schools in the Northeast. Students who are interested in a career in physical therapy are strongly advised to write to the admissions office of the schools they are interested in to determine specific prerequisites for those programs. Required biology courses are particularly variable.

Students interested in pre-physical therapy in the College of Arts and Sciences should enter West Chester University as biology majors in the BS: General program, and identify themselves as pre-physical therapy during their summer orientation and advising session. They will be given a pre-physical therapy guidance sheet, and all assigned to the same advisor. The basic skills, science, and math courses taken during the first year are virtually the same as the BS: General program, but specific courses are recommended for the general education electives. These include Psychology 100 and Philosophy 180.

After completing 32 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.00, the student may elect to transfer to the B.S. in Liberal Studies, Science and Mathematics Track, and declare a biology minor. Biology courses that will fulfill the requirements of the minor will be selected after advisement and consideration of the particular physical therapy school the student plans to enter.

#### **Pre-MBA Option**

Students interested in pursuing a Master's in Business Administration following a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology can be admitted to the M.B.A. program with a GMAT score of 460 (or its equivalent GRE score). The GMAT requirement will be waived if your overall GPA is 3.3 (or higher), and you earn a B or better in each of the following courses: Management, Accounting, Marketing, Economics (ECO 111 or ECO 112), Finance, and Statistics (MAT 121).

#### **INFORMATION & POLICIES**

#### **Research Opportunities in Biology**

All of the Biology professors hold doctoral degrees and most are actively engaged in research in such areas as molecular genetics, immunology, cell physiology, ecology, and functional morphology. These individuals are nationally and internationally recognized with over 50 articles and papers appearing over the last five years in prestigious journals. Almost half have recently received grant support from either the National Institutes of Health or the National Science Foundation. Research facilities, as well as classrooms, are equipped with such state-of-the-art equipment as liquid scintillation and gamma counters, spectrophotometers with recorders, a digitized HPLC system, and scanning and transmitting electron microscopes. The Biology Department also manages the 20,000 specimen William Darlington Herbarium and a 126-acre Robert B. Gordon Natural Area for Environmental Studies.

Undergraduates interested in receiving academic credit for participating in departmental research activities should take BIO 491, Special Problems in Biology. Senior biology majors interested in gaining research experience in an off-campus medical, commercial, industrial or government agency should take BIO 409, Internship in Biological Sciences. Students interested in these research opportunities should consult their advisor or any faculty member in their field of interest. An overall GPA of 2.5 and a GPA 2.5 or better in BIO courses is required before taking BIO 409 or BIO 491.

#### **Advising & Graduation Requirements**

The following pages (advising sheets) list the requirements for each of the programs within the Biology Department. You should use the appropriate section to plan and record your academic progress. Students are assigned to an Academic Advisor during summer orientation; consult with your Academic Advisor regularly. As academic advisors, Biology faculty members are expected to provide accurate, helpful information to students; students are expected to be knowledgeable about the academic policies and procedures governing the completion of their degrees. The ultimate responsibility for satisfying all graduation requirements is the student's. The ultimate responsibility for constructing each semester's schedule is also the student's. For university policy information and degree requirements, refer to the WCU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you entered the university. This is your contract with the university for your General Education Requirements, provided you maintain full-time student status, for the duration of your academic career and terminates upon earning your degree. You may at any time review your major requirements with your academic advisor. Students are expected to utilize campus email.

Every semester, a Scheduling Hold is placed on your account. This hold prevents you from scheduling until you meet with your Academic Advisor. Your advisor then removes the hold. This system is designed to assist you selecting the best coursework each semester to meet graduation guidelines in a timely fashion.

Please note that several courses WILL NOT count as a Biology major elective: BIO 102, 204, 259, 269, 307, and 469, and SCB courses. *See the WCU Undergraduate Catalog for prerequisites for individual courses.* 

Be aware as well, that Interdisciplinary ("I") courses can **ONLY** be used to fulfill an interdisciplinary requirement, not a distributive requirement.

**You must apply for graduation one full year before you anticipate graduating**. This allows you the time to take required courses that may be offered only once per year in case you need them to graduate. The application process begins online in your myWCU account. The Registrar's Office will review your general education requirements with you prior to graduation. You should review your major requirements with your Academic Advisor. Students must have a GPA of 2.0 overall and in their BIO classes to receive a degree in Biology. Transfer students must complete at least half of their Biology credits at WCU to receive a degree in Biology.

#### **Internal and External Transfer Students**

For an internal transfer into any biology degree program, a student must:

- 1. be in good academic standing (2.00 GPA or better);
- 2. have already passed BIO 100 with an A- or better, or BIO 110 with a C- or better; and
- 3. complete the application for change of major.

For newly admitted transfer students, a student must:

- 1. meet University standards for admission to West Chester University;
- 2. have a grade of C- (70%) or better if they have taken a BIO 110 equivalent; and
- 3. interview with a department representative.

NOTE: In order to receive a degree in biology from West Chester University, a transfer student must successfully complete 30 credits at WCU and a minimum of 50 percent of the required biology credits (excluding cognates such as Chemistry, Physics, & Calculus) in the WCU Department of Biology.

#### **Advanced Placement Policy**

A score of three or better on the Biology Advanced Placement Exam will transfer as credit for BIO 110, General Biology.

#### **Darlington Biological Society**

The Darlington Biological Society (DBS) is the Biology Club at WCU. This dedicated group of students meets regularly to discuss a variety of topics and events with the assistance of a biology faculty advisor. Past service opportunities include Gordon Natural Area Clean-Up Days, West Chester's Adopt-a-Block program, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Earth Week, Aid to South Africa, and Native Plant Garden (planted outside Merion's window wall). They also hold an annual Paintball Tournament and All Science Semi-Formal along with the Chemistry Club. Trips to the Philadelphia Zoo, NYC, the Mutter Museum and the Franklin Institute were also taken last year. Camping and hiking events take place throughout the year. DBS hosts a successful monthly Seminar Series highlighting faculty and guests' research. Additionally, the DBS runs a tutoring program for biology courses. The first meeting of the year is announced via campus email to Biology students using OrgSync. Meetings are held in the Biology Student Lounge in Schmucker Science Link, Room 159.

Students should contact the Darlington Biological Society at BioClub@wcupa.edu.

#### **Approved General Education Distributive Requirements**

Beginning Fall 2014, only certain courses will be approved for general education credit for incoming first-year students. For a complete list of approved General Education Distributive classes consult the online Undergraduate Catalog. This can be found by going to

www.wcupa.edu and typing in the words "approved general education course" using the search engine. or entering the following URL:

### http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/approved-gened-course-list/

For transfer students, WCU will continue to accept transfer credit for courses other than those identified as "approved" general education courses, if the course equivalent has the same prefix as those in the sciences, behavioral and social sciences, humanities, or arts categories within the distributed requirements, including those assigned the 199 course number.

#### ADVISING SHEETS: B. S. IN BIOLOGY: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE
I. ACADEMIC FOUNDAT	FIONS (18 cred	lits)	
Effective Writing I	WRT 120	3	
Writing II	WRT*	3	
Statistics	MAT 121	3	
Communication	SPK*	3	
Diverse Communitie	s ("J")	3	
Interdisciplinary ("I"	')	3	

#### **II. LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS** (Approved courses only)

No course that carries the Interdisciplinary attribute ("I" course) may be used to fulfill any of these requirements, even if it carries a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.

A. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Humanities** (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Literature (LIT/CLS)	History (HIS)	Philosophy (PHI)
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B. <u>Approved</u> courses in the Select courses from at lea	ne <b>Behavioral and Socia</b> st 2 of the following area	al Sciences (6 credits) as.
Anthropology (ANT) Economics (ECO)	Psychology (PSY) Geography (GEO)	Sociology (SOC) Government (PSC)
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Students taking the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

C. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Arts** (3 credits) Select a course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre.

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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

**III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 16-17 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)


#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (28-29 credits)

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	
General Physics I ****	PHY 130	4	
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	

#### V. Biology Courses (42 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

lits)				
BIO 110	3			
BIO 215	3			
BIO 217	3			
BIO 220	3			
BIO 230	3			
BIO 270	3			
BIO 490/4	09/491			
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B. Biology Electives. Select 21 semester hours under advisement. Courses may be selected from BIO 214, BIO 275, BIO 277 or BIO courses at or above the 300 level, except BIO 307 and BIO 469.

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#### VI. Writing Emphasis See college catalog for details.

*One at 300/400-level:	 	 

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### <u>Requirements</u>

\* Courses in Communications, second WRT course, and Calculus must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 199 (for transfer students only), 208, or 230. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

\*\*\* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

 $^{\triangle}$  Students using BIO 409 to fill this requirement must be aware that using three credits in a required Biology course (section VI A) will not also count as three credits towards a Biology elective (section VI B). Check with your academic advisor if you are unsure of credit usage.

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

#### **Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors**

Integrative Biology Concentration Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #3 (15 credits) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) Math (if still needed) (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 (3) BIO 230 (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 270 (3) BIO Elective (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Diversity (J) Course (3) Directed Elective (3)	Semester #6 (13 credits) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3)
Semester #7 (15 credits) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #8 (15 credits) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) BIO 490/409/491 (3)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

#### ACCELERATED PROGRAM - B. S. IN BIOLOGY: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY + M. S. IN BIOLOGY

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 Requirement Course Credits Term Year Grade **I. Academic Foundations** (18 credits) Effective Writing I WRT 120 3 \_\_\_\_\_ WRT \* Writing II 3 MAT 121 SPK \_\_\_\_\* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Statistics 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Communication 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Diverse Communities ("J") \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Interdisciplinary ("I") 3 \_ \_\_\_\_ \_ **II. Liberal Arts (Distributive) Requirements** \*\* (15 credits) Courses must be selected from the approved list. No Interdisciplinary ("I") course may be used to fulfill any of these requirements, even if it carries a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix. A. Humanities (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas: History (HIS) Literature (LIT/CLS) Philosophy (PHI) 3 3 B. Behavioral and Social Sciences (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas: Anthropology (ANT) Psychology (PSY) Sociology (SOC) Economics (ECO) Government (PSC) Geography (GEO) 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ C. THE ARTS (3 credits) Select any course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 **III. Directed Electives** – 17 credits (to reach 120 credits for the B.S. degree)

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<b>IV. Writing Emphasis <sup>Ψ</sup></b> *One at 300/400-level:		 		
	<u>BIO 220</u>	 		

#### V. SUPPORTING COURSES (28 credits)

Calculus <sup><i>a</i></sup>	MAT 145	3	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	
General Physics I $^{\lambda}$	PHY 130	4	
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	

**VI. Biology Courses** (42 credits; 30 credits taken at the undergraduate level, 12 credits taken at graduate level are applied to the B.S.) Must have 3.00 GPA for graduate admission.

A. Required courses (18	8 credits)		
General Biology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 110	3	 
Botany <sup>β</sup>	BIO 215	3	
Zoology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 217	3	 
Cell Physiology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 220	3	
Genetics $\beta$	BIO 230	3	
Ecology <sup>β</sup>	<b>BIO 270</b>	3	 

B. Biology Electives  $^{\Omega}$  (12 credits; 12 additional credits completed at graduate level)

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#### VII. Graduate Classes in Biology $^{\Delta}$

A. Biology Electives  $\xi$  (21 credits; 12 are used to finish B.S. degree)

1. Two Research Methods courses (selected from BIO 511, 513, 514, or 515)

2. Two Concentration courses (selected from BIO 535, 536, 537, or 590)

3. Three other electives selected under advisement	 

credits)			
BIO 608	3		
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#### Notes and Requirements

The Accelerated B.S. + M.S. program is only open to thesis students (not non-thesis students). Students should begin discussing research topics with prospective faculty advisors during the  $2^{nd}$  year in preparation for application to the accelerated program during their  $3^{rd}$  year.

Credit requirements: B.S.: 120 credits; M.S.: 30 credits. Twelve credits taken at the graduate level are also applied to the B.S. degree. Therefore the total for both degrees is 138 credits.

\* - The Communications course and the second WRT course must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 208, 230, or 199 (for transfer students only). Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* - Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

 $\Psi$  - Students are required to take at least 9 credits of approved Writing Emphasis (W) coursework; students transferring in 40-70 credits need only 6 W credits, students transferring in >70 credits only need 3 W credits. At least 1 W course must be taken at the 300 level or above. See the Undergraduate Catalog for further details.

 $\alpha$  - The Biology Department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must take the *Math Placement Exam* to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trig) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

 $\beta$  - Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

 $\lambda$  - The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

 $\Omega$  - Biology electives are selected from BIO 214, 275, 277, or BIO courses at or above the 300 level, except BIO 307 and BIO 469.

 $\Delta$  - To be considered for the accelerated program and enroll in BIO 608 (Thesis Research I), students must have attained (completed) 75 credits with a minimum of 18 biology credits. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 including a minimum GPA of 3.00 for biology courses. BIO 608 requires departmental permission to enroll; students must arrange a committee meeting prior to enrolling in BIO 608 (e.g., during their third year). The accelerated program in biology is only open to thesis students. Any student wishing to switch out of the thesis option will be required to complete all requirements of the B.S. degree. Once admitted to the graduate program, graduate policies apply, including minimum GPA (3.00). See the Graduate Catalog for further details.

 $\xi$  - If a course is offered at both the 400 and 500 levels, the student must take the 500-level course. No more than 6 credits of 400-level courses may be counted toward the M.S. degree. With prior departmental approval, up to 6 credits of graduate course work from another department or university may be applied toward the M.S. degree. BIO 535, 536, and 537 may be repeated for credit provided the topic is different.

 $\Sigma$  - A letter grade must be obtained for BIO 608 before the student can enroll in BIO 609. Likewise, a letter grade must be obtained for BIO 609 before the student can enroll in BIO 610.

### Suggested Sequence for Accelerated B.S. + M.S. Biology Majors

Integrative Biology Concentration Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103 / CRL 103 (3) / (1) MAT 121 (3) Gen Ed distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104 / CRL 104 (3) / (1) MAT 145 (3) Gen Ed distributive (3)
Semester #3 (15 credits) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 231 (4) CRL 231 (2) Gen Ed distributive (3) Diversity (J) elective (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 (3) BIO 230 (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 2(3) Gen Ed distributive (3)
Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 270 (3) BIO elective (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Gen Ed distributive (3) Directed elective (3)	Semester #6 (16 credits) BIO elective (3) BIO elective (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) elective (3) Directed elective (3)
Semester #7 $^{\Lambda}$ (14 credits) BIO elective (3) BIO elective (3) [Graduate] Directed elective (3) Directed elective (2) BIO 608 $^{\Lambda}$ (3)	 Semester #8 (12 credits) BIO elective (3) [Graduate] BIO elective (3) (500 level) Directed elective (3) Directed elective (3)
 Semester #9 (9 credits) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO 609 (3)	 Semester #10 (9 credits) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO 610 (3)

- All required 200 level Biology courses must be completed by the end of Semester #5. ٠
- Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in their first year. ٠

### B. S. IN BIOLOGY: CELL AND MOLECULAR CONCENTRATION

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM	YEAR GRADE
I. ACADEMIC FOUNDAT Effective Writing I Writing II Statistics Communication Diverse Communitie Interdisciplinary ("I"	FIONS (18 c WRT 120 WRT* MAT 121 SPK* s ("J")	<b>credits)</b> 3		
II. LIBERAL ARTS DIST	RIBUTIVE	REQUIREMEN	NTS (Approved co	ourses only)
No course that carrie fulfill any of these re	s the Interdis quirements,	sciplinary attribut even if it carries	te ("I" course) ma a LIT, GEO, MHI	y be used to L, etc. prefix.
A. <u>Approved</u> courses Select courses from a	in the <b>Hum</b> at least 2 of t	anities (6 credits he following area	) 15.	
Literature (LIT/CLS)	) His	tory (HIS)	Philosophy (PH	II)
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B. <u>Approved</u> courses Select courses from a	in the <b>Beha</b> at least 2 of t	vioral and Socia he following area	<b>l Sciences</b> (6 crec as.	lits)
Anthropology (ANT) Economics (ECO)	) Psy Geo	chology (PSY) ography (GEO)	Sociology (SO Government (P	C) 'SC)
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Students taking the N semester of sociology	ICAT shoul y.	d take at least one	e semester of psyc	chology and one
C. <u>Approved</u> courses Select a course in Ar	in the <b>Arts</b> t, Cinematog	(3 credits) graphy, Dance, M	usic, Photograph	y, or Theatre.
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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

**III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 13-14 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)

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#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (31-32 credits)

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#### V. Biology Courses (40 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required courses (28 cred	its)			
General Biology **	BIO 110	3	 	
General Microbiology**	BIO 214	4	 	
Botany <b>**</b> or Zoology	BIO 215/217	3	 	
Cell Physiology **	BIO 220	3	 	
Genetics **	BIO 230	3		
Molec. Biol. Techniques	BIO 333	2		
Cellular and Molecular **	BIO 421	4		
Molecular Genetics	BIO 431	3	 	
Seminar or Internship or	BIO 490/409/4	491		
Independent Study or CHE 4	91** <sup>△</sup>	3	 	

Students who take CHE 491 instead of Bio 490/491/409 must take 14 credits of upper level CHE or BIO courses.

B. Biology or Chemistry electives (14 credits)

Select 14 semester hours from courses in BIO or CHE at or above the 300 level (except BIO 307 and 469). Courses should be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor.

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#### VI. Writing Emphasis See college catalog for details.

	<u>BIO 220</u>	 <u> </u>	
*One at 300/400-level:		 	

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### **Requirements**

\* Courses in Communications, second WRT course, and Calculus must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 199 (for transfer students only), 208, or 230. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

\*\*\* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

 $^{\triangle}$  Students using BIO 409 to fill this requirement must be aware that using three credits in a required Biology course (section VI A) will not also count as three credits towards a Biology elective (section VI B). Check with your academic advisor if you are unsure of credit usage.

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

### Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors

Cell & Molecular Concentration

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #3 (16 credits) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) BIO 214 (4) Gen Ed Distributive (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3)	Semester #4 (12 credits) BIO 230 (3) BIO 220 (3) CHE 232 (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #5 (15 credits) BIO 333 (2) PHY 130/170 (4) Diversity (J) Course (3) Directed Elective (3) Directed Elective (3)	Semester #6 (16 credits) CHE 476 (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3) Directed Elective (3) BIO/CHE Elective (3)
Semester #7 (15 credits)	Semester #8 (16 credits)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

CRL 232 is strongly recommended for any student considering Professional or Graduate training following completion of their degree.

#### **B. S. IN BIOLOGY: MICROBIOLOGY CONCENTRATION**

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE				
I. ACADEMIC FOUNDAT Effective Writing I Writing II Statistics Communication Diverse Communitie Interdisciplinary ("I"	FIONS (18 cr         WRT 120         WRT*         MAT 121         SPK*         s ("J")         )	edits) 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3					
II. LIBERAL ARTS DIST	RIBUTIVE F	REQUIREMEN	NTS (Approved courses only)				
No course that carrie fulfill any of these re	s the Interdisc quirements, e	ciplinary attribut ven if it carries	e ("I" course) may be used to a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.				
A. <u>Approved</u> courses Select courses from a	in the <b>Huma</b> at least 2 of th	<b>nities</b> (6 credits e following area	) IS.				
Literature (LIT/CLS)	Histo	ory (HIS)	Philosophy (PHI)				
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B. <u>Approved</u> courses Select courses from a	in the <b>Behav</b> at least 2 of th	<b>ioral and Socia</b> e following area	l Sciences (6 credits)				
Anthropology (ANT) Economics (ECO)	) Psyc Geog	hology (PSY) graphy (GEO)	Sociology (SOC) Government (PSC)				
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Students taking the N semester of sociology	Students taking the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.						
C. <u>Approved</u> courses Select a course in Ar	in the <b>Arts</b> (3 t, Cinematogr	3 credits) aphy, Dance, M	usic, Photography, or Theatre.				
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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

**III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 18 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)



#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (28 credits)

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	
General Physics I ****	PHY 130	4	
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	

#### V. Biology Courses (41 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required courses (30 cre	dits)		
General Biology **	BIO 110	3	 
General Microbiology**	BIO 214	4	
Botany ** or Zoology**	BIO 215/217	3	 
Cell Physiology **	BIO 220	3	
Genetics **	BIO 230	3	
Ecology **	BIO 270	3	 
Microbial Physiology**	BIO 464	4	
Immunology**	BIO 465	4	 
Seminar or Internship or	BIO 490/409/	491	
Independent Study**		3	

B. Microbiology elective (11	l credits) to	be chosen	from the	followi	ng:
Pathogenic Microbiology	BIO 314	4			C
Molec. Biol. Techniques	BIO 333	2			
Microbial Genetics	BIO 334	4			
Applied & Industrial Micro.	BIO 414	3			
Molecular Genetics	BIO 431	3			
Parasitology	BIO 452	3			
Mycology	BIO 454	3			
Virology	BIO 456	3			
Microbial Ecology	BIO 474	4			
Epidemiology	BIO 484	3			
Light Microscopy	BIO 480	3			
VI. Writing Emphasis See college	catalog for	details.			
	<u>BIO 220</u>				
*One at 300/400-level:					

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### **Requirements**

\* Courses in Communications, second WRT course, and Calculus must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 199 (for transfer students only), 208, or 230. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

\*\*\* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

 $^{\triangle}$  Students using BIO 409 to fill this requirement must be aware that using three credits in a required Biology course (section VI A) will not also count as three credits towards a Biology elective (section VI B). Check with your academic advisor if you are unsure of credit usage.

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

## Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors

Microbiology	Concentration
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Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2 (3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #3 (16 credits) BIO 214 (4) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) Math (if still needed) (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 (3) BIO 230 (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 270 (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Diversity (J) Course (3) Directed Elective (3) Directed Elective (3)	Semester #6 (13 credits) BIO Elective (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3) Directed Elective (3)
Semester #7 (16 credits) BIO 465 (4) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #8 (16 credits) BIO 464 (4) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) BIO 490/409/491 (3)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

#### B. S. IN BIOLOGY: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION CONCENTRATION

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE
I. ACADEMIC FOUNDA	TIONS (18 cred	lits)	
Effective Writing I	WRT 120	3	
Writing II	WRT *	3	
Statistics	MAT 121	3	
Communication	SPK*	3	
Diverse Communitie	es ("J")	3	
Interdisciplinary ("I	")	3	

#### **II. LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS** (Approved courses only)

No course that carries the Interdisciplinary attribute ("I" course) may be used to fulfill any of these requirements, even if it carries a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.

A. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Humanities** (6 credits)

Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Literature (LIT/CLS)	History (HIS)	Philosophy (PHI)		
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B. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Behavioral and Social Sciences** (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Anthropology (ANT)	Psychology (PSY)	Sociology (SOC)
Economics (ECO)	Geography (GEO)	Government (PSC)
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Students taking the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

C. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Arts** (3 credits) Select a course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre.

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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with

CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses. **III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 14-15 credits (as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)

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#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (28-29 credits)

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	
General Physics I ****	PHY 130	4	
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	

#### V. Biology Ecology Core (39 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required courses (24 credits)					
General Biology **	BIO 110	3			
Botany **	BIO 215	3			
Zoology **	BIO 217	3			
Cell Physiology **	BIO 220	3			
Genetics **	BIO 230	3			
Ecology **	BIO 270	3			
<b>Biostatistical Applications</b>	BIO 310	3			
Seminar or Internship or					
Independent Study**△	BIO 490/409/491	3			
B. Biology Electives (15 credits)					
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Dit	hogy Electives to be selected from.		
BI0214	General Microbiology	BIO453	Marine Mammals
BI0275	Field Botany	BIO454	Mycology
BI0277	Vertebrate Ecology	BIO466	Plant Physiology
BI0312	Marine Botany	BIO470	Population Biology
BI0313	Marine Biology	BIO471	Wetlands
BI0315	Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology	BIO473	Conservation Biology
BI0377	Entomology	BIO474	Microbial Ecology
BI0387	Invertebrate Zoology	BIO475	Plant Communities
BI0409	Internship in Biological Sciences	BI0476	Freshwater Ecology
BI0412	Organic Evolution	BI0478	Plant Evolution

#### Biology Electives to be selected from:

BIO415	Tropical Ecology and Conservation	BIO485	Systematic Botany
BIO435	Global Climate Change	BI0491	Special Problems in Biology

#### VI. OTHER ECOLOGY RELATED ELECTIVES (6-7 credits)

To be chosen under advisement from Biology Department approved list below.

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Ecology and Conservation Concentration majors must also take 2 courses (6-7 semester hours) under advisement in disciplines germane to ecology. Student originated requests to use a course not on the list to fulfill this requirement must be signed by their Advisor, then by the Department Chair. Select two from the following list:

Department of	Biology	Department	of Geology & Astronomy
Any Biology Ec	ology Electives (above)	ESS 330	Introduction to Oceanography
BIO 457	Functional Animal Morphology	ESS 332	Advanced Oceanography
BIO 464	Microbial Physiology	ESS 336	Environmental Geology
BIO 468	Comparative Vertebrate Physiology	ESS 343	Geomorphology
		ESS 435	Remote Sensing
Department of	Chemistry	ESS 439	Hydrogeology
CHE 321	Analytical Chemistry I	ESS 490	Fundamental of Soil
CHE 403	Chemistry of the Environment		
CHE 424	Advanced Analytical Chemistry	Department of Geography & Planning	
CRL 321	Experimental Analytical Chemistry I	GEO 214	Introduction to Planning
CRL 424	Advanced Analytical Chemistry Lab	GEO 225	Introduction to Maps & Remote Sensing
		GEO 230	Environmental Conservation & Sustainability
Department of	Health	GEO 320	Land Use Planning
ENV 451	Environmental Toxicology	GEO 324	Introduction to GIS
ENV 462	Water Quality and Health	GEO 332	Environmental Crises
		GEO 336	Environmental Planning
Department of	Psychology	GEO 338	Environmental Applications of GIS
PSY 335	Animal Behavior	GEO 341	Landscape Analysis
PSY 336	Animal Behavior Lab	GEO 401	Internet Mapping
PSY 490	Course Topics: Primate Behavior & Culture	GEO 402	Field Methods in Environmental Geography
ANT/PSY 230	Introduction to Primatology	GEO 424	GIS Applications

VI. Writing Emphasis See college catalog for details.

	<u>BIO 220</u>	 <u> </u>	 
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• One at 500/400-level?		 	 

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### **Requirements**

\* Courses in Communications, second WRT course, and Calculus must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 199 (for transfer students only), 208, or 230. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

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requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a

 $^{\triangle}$  Students using BIO 409 to fill this requirement must be aware that using three credits in a required Biology course (section VI A) will not also count as three credits towards a Biology elective (section VI B). Check with your academic advisor if you are unsure of credit usage.

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

#### Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors

Ecology and Conservation Concentration

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #3 (15 credits) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) Math (if still needed) (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 or 230 (3) BIO 270 (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)
Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 220 or 230 (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Diversity (J) Course (3) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) Directed Elective (3)	Semester #6 (16 credits) BIO 310 (3) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3) Directed Elective (3)
 Semester #7 (15 credits) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) Ecology Relevant Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	 Semester #8 (15 credits) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) BIO ECOLOGY Elective (3) Ecology Relevant Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) BIO 490/409/491 (3)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5. Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

#### ACCELERATED PROGRAM - B. S. IN BIOLOGY: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION CONCENTRATION + M. S. IN BIOLOGY

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019						
Requirement	Course	Credits	Term	Year	Grade	
I. Academic Foundations (18 credit Effective Writing I Writing II Statistics Communication Diverse Communities ("J") Interdisciplinary ("I")	ts) WRT 120 WRT MAT 121 SPK*	* 3 3 3 3 3				
<b>II. Liberal Arts (Distributive) Req</b> Courses must be selected from the a to fulfill any of these requirements,	pproved list even if it ca	** (15 cred t. No Inter rries a LIT	its) disciplina , GEO, N	ary ("I") /IHL, etc	) course may be used c. prefix.	
A. Humanities (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 Literature (LIT/CLS)	2 of the follo History (H	owing area HIS) 3 3	s: Philosc	ophy (PH 	H)	
B. Behavioral and Social Sci Select courses from at least 2 Anthropology (ANT) Economics (ECO)	ences (6 cro 2 of the follo Psycholog Geograph	edits) owing area gy (PSY) y (GEO) 3 3	s: Sociolo Govern	ogy (SO iment (P	C) 'SC)	
C. THE ARTS (3 credits) Select any course in Art, Cin	ematograph	ny, Dance,	Music, P	hotogra	phy, or Theatre.	
<b>III. Directed Electives</b> – 17 credits (to reach 120 credits for the B.S. degree)						
IV. Writing Emphasis <sup>4</sup>				 		
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\*One at 300/400-level:

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#### V. SUPPORTING COURSES (28 credits)

MAT 145	3	
CHE 103	3	
CRL 103	1	
CHE 104	3	
CRL 104	1	
CHE 231	4	
CRL 231	2	
CHE 232	3	
PHY 130	4	
PHY 170	4	
PHY 140	4	
PHY 180	4	
	MAT 145 CHE 103 CRL 103 CHE 104 CRL 104 CRL 231 CRL 231 CHE 232 PHY 130 PHY 170 PHY 140 PHY 180	MAT 1453CHE 1033CRL 1031CHE 1043CRL 1041CHE 2314CRL 2312CHE 2323PHY 1304PHY 1704PHY 1404PHY 1804

**VI. Biology Courses** (42 credits; 30 credits taken at the undergraduate level, 12 credits taken at graduate level are applied to the B.S.) Must have 3.00 GPA for graduate admission.

A. Required courses (21 cre	dits)		
General Biology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 110	3	 
Botany <sup>β</sup>	BIO 215	3	 
Zoology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 217	3	 
Cell Physiology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 220	3	 
Genetics <sup>β</sup>	BIO 230	3	 
Ecology <sup>β</sup>	BIO 270	3	
Biostatistical Applications	BIO 310	3	 

B. Biology Ecology Electives (3 credits; must be selected from list below)

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BI0214	General Microbiology	BIO453	Marine Mammals
BIO275	Field Botany	BIO454	Mycology
BIO277	Vertebrate Ecology	BIO466	Plant Physiology
BIO312	Marine Botany	BIO470	Population Biology
BIO313	Marine Biology	BI0471	Wetlands
BIO315	Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology	BIO473	Conservation Biology
BIO377	Entomology	BIO474	Microbial Ecology
BIO387	Invertebrate Zoology	BIO475	Plant Communities
BIO409	Internship in Biological Sciences	BIO476	Freshwater Ecology
BIO412	Organic Evolution	BIO478	Plant Evolution
BIO415	Tropical Ecology and Conservation	BIO485	Systematic Botany
BIO435	Global Climate Change	BIO491	Special Problems in Biology

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C. Ecology Related Electives (6 credits; must be selected under advisement from list below)

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Department of	Biology	Department of	of Geology & Astronomy
Any Biology Ec	ology Electives (above)	ESS 330	Introduction to Oceanography
BIO 457	Functional Animal Morphology	ESS 332	Advanced Oceanography
BIO 464	Microbial Physiology	ESS 336	Environmental Geology
BIO 468	Comparative Vertebrate Physiology	ESS 343	Geomorphology
		ESS 435	Remote Sensing
Department of	Chemistry	ESS 439	Hydrogeology
CHE 321	Analytical Chemistry I	ESS 490	Fundamental of Soil
CHE 403	Chemistry of the Environment		
CHE 424	Advanced Analytical Chemistry	Department of	of Geography & Planning
CRL 321	Experimental Analytical Chemistry I	GEO 214	Introduction to Planning
CRL 424	Advanced Analytical Chemistry Lab	GEO 225	Introduction to Maps & Remote Sensing
		GEO 230	Environmental Conservation & Sustainability
Department of	Health	GEO 320	Land Use Planning
ENV 451	Environmental Toxicology	GEO 324	Introduction to GIS
ENV 462	Water Quality and Health	GEO 332	Environmental Crises
		GEO 336	Environmental Planning
Department of	Psychology	GEO 338	Environmental Applications of GIS
PSY 335	Animal Behavior	GEO 341	Landscape Analysis
PSY 336	Animal Behavior Lab	GEO 401	Internet Mapping
PSY 490	Course Topics: Primate Behavior & Culture	GEO 402	Field Methods in Environmental Geography
ANT/PSY 230	Introduction to Primatology	GEO 424	GIS Applications

#### VII. Graduate Classes in Biology $^{\Delta}$

A. Biology Electives  $\xi$  (21 credits; 12 are used to finish B.S. degree)

1. Two Research Methods courses (selected from BIO 511, 513, 514, or 515)

2. Two Concentration courses (selected from BIO 535, 536, 537, or 590)

3. Three other electives  $\frac{\xi}{5}$  (selected under advisement from: BIO 412, 415, 435, 453, 454, 473, 474, 478, 485, 566, 570, 571, 575, 576)

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BIO 608	3		
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Notes and Requirements The Accelerated B.S. + M.S. program is only open to thesis students (not non-thesis students). Students should begin discussing research topics with prospective faculty advisors during the  $2^{nd}$  year in preparation for application to the accelerated program during their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Credit requirements: B.S.: 120 credits; M.S.: 30 credits. Twelve credits taken at the graduate level are also applied to the B.S. degree. Therefore the total for both degrees is 138 credits.

\* - The Communications course and the second WRT course must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 208, 230, or 199 (for transfer students only). Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* - Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

 $\Psi$  - Students are required to take at least 9 credits of approved Writing Emphasis (W) coursework; students transferring in 40-70 credits need only 6 W credits, students transferring in >70 credits only need 3 W credits. At least 1 W course must be taken at the 300 level or above. See the Undergraduate Catalog for further details.

α - The Biology Department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must take the Math Placement Exam to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trig) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

 $\beta$  - Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

 $\Delta$  - To be considered for the accelerated program and enroll in BIO 608 (Thesis Research I), students must have attained (completed) 75 credits with a minimum of 18 biology credits. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 including a minimum GPA of 3.00 for biology courses. BIO 608 requires departmental permission to enroll; students must arrange a committee meeting prior to enrolling in BIO 608 (e.g., during their third year). The accelerated program in biology is only open to thesis students. Any student wishing to switch out of the thesis option will be required to complete all requirements of the B.S. degree. Once matriculated into the graduate program, graduate policies apply, including minimum GPA (3.00). See the Graduate Catalog for further details.

 $\xi$  – Students may not, under any circumstances, take any additional graduate courses beyond the 12 graduate credits until conferral of their undergraduate degree. If a course is offered at both the 400 and 500 levels, the student must take the 500-level course. No more than 6 credits of 400-level courses may be counted toward the M.S. degree. With prior departmental approval, up to 6 credits of graduate course work from another department or university may be applied toward the M.S. degree. BIO 535, 536, and 537 may be repeated for credit provided the topic is different.

 $\Sigma$  - A letter grade must be obtained for BIO 608 before the student can enroll in BIO 609. Likewise, a letter grade must be obtained for BIO 609 before the student can enroll in BIO 610.

### **Suggested Sequence for Accelerated B.S. + M.S. Biology Majors**

Ecology & Conservation Concentration

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103 / CRL 103 (3) / (1) MAT 121 (3) Gen Ed distributive (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104 / CRL 104 (3) / (1) MAT 145 (3) Gen Ed distributive (3)
Semester #3 (15 credits) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 231 (4) CRL 231 (2) Gen Ed distributive (3) Diversity (J) elective (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 or 230 (3) BIO 270 (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 2(3) Gen Ed distributive (3)
Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 220 or 230 (3) BIO Ecology elective (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Gen Ed distributive (3) Directed elective (3)	Semester #6 (16 credits) BIO 310 (3) BIO Ecology related elective (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) elective (3) Directed elective (3)
 Semester #7 $^{\Delta}$ (14 credits) BIO Ecology related elective (3) BIO elective (3) [Graduate] Directed elective (3) Directed elective (2) BIO 608 $^{\Delta}$ (3)	 Semester #8 (12 credits) BIO elective (3) [Graduate] BIO elective (3) (500 level) Directed elective (3) Directed elective (3)
 Semester #9 (9 credits) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO 609 (3)	 Semester #10 (9 credits) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO elective (3) (500 level) BIO 610 (3)

• All required 200 level Biology courses must be completed by the end of Semester #5.

• Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in their first year.

#### **B. S. IN BIOLOGY: MARINE SCIENCE CONCENTRATION**

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE
FIONS (18 cred	lits)	
WRT 120	3	
WRT *	3	
MAT 121	3	
SPK*	3	
es ("J")	3	
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#### **II. LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS** (Approved courses only)

No course that carries the Interdisciplinary attribute ("I" course) may be used to fulfill any of these requirements, even if it carries a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.

A. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Humanities** (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Literature (LIT/CLS)	History (HIS)	Philosophy (PHI)
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B. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Behavioral and Social Sciences** (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Anthropology (ANT)	Psychology (PSY)	Sociology (SOC)
Economics (ECO)	Geography (GEO)	Government (PSC)
	3 3	

Students taking the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

C. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Arts** (3 credits) Select a course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre.

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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

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### **III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 16-17 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)


#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (31-32 credits)

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	
General Physics I ****	PHY 130	4	
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	
Intro to Oceanography** $\Phi \Omega$	ESS 330	3	
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#### **V. Biology Courses** (39 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required courses (30 cr	edits)		
General Biology **	BIO 110	3	 
Botany **	BIO 215	3	
Zoology **	BIO 217	3	
Cell Physiology **	BIO 220	3	
Genetics **	BIO 230	3	
Ecology **	BIO 270	3	 
<b>Biostatistical Applications</b>	BIO 310	3	
Marine Biology** $\Phi$	BIO 313	3	 
Marine Botany** $\Phi$	BIO 312	3	
Seminar or Internship orBIO	490/409/491		 
Independent Study* <sup>*∆</sup>	3		 

B. Marine Science Electives (9 credits) - 6 credits are to be chosen at the 300 or 400 level from the Biology Department approved list.

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West Chester Courses: BIO 387 Invertebrate Zoology ESS 332 Advanced Oceanography BIO 453 Marine Mammals <u>Cheyney Courses</u>: Marine Invertebrates SLF330 Ichthyology SLF332 GEO 324 Introduction to GIS

Wallops Island/Marine Field Station Courses: (all 3 credit courses)

Courses are to be chosen from two or more topics including but not limited to marine or wetlands ecology, ichthyology, invertebrate zoology, marine mammals, ornithology, marine molecular biology and biotechnology.

Courses to be completed at the Wallops Island Marine Science Consortium and other marine field stations (summer and winter semesters) will be approved on an individual basis and will require advisor and departmental approval.

#### VI. Writing Emphasis See college catalog for details.

	<u>BIO 220</u>	 <u> </u>	 
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One al 500/400-level.		 	 

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### **Requirements**

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\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

<sup>△</sup> Students using BIO 409 to fill this requirement must be aware that using three credits in a required Biology course (section VI A) will not also count as three credits towards a Biology elective (section VI B). Check with your academic advisor if you are unsure of credit usage.

 $\Phi$  Core Courses of the Marine Science Program Concentration.

 $\Omega$  Marine Science majors are exempt from the pre-requisite of ESS 101 for ESS 330 (Introduction to Oceanography).

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved. Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

#### Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors

#### Marine Science Concentration

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

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Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 220 or 230 (3) PHY 130/170 (4) Diversity (J) Course (3) ESS 330 (3) Directed Elective (3)	Semester #6 (16 credits) BIO 310 (3) Marine Botany (3) PHY 140/180 (4) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3) Directed Elective (3)
 Semester #7 (13 credits) MarSci Relevant Elective (3) MarSci Relevant Elective (3) Directed Elective (4) Gen Ed Distributive (3)	 Semester #8 (13 credits) MarSci Relevant Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) BIO 490/409/491 (3) Directed Elective (4)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

Marine Science relevant electives (noted in semesters 7&8) may need to be taken during the summer or winter terms, when taken off campus, i.e. at a Marine Science Field Station.

#### B. S. IN BIOLOGY: MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE
I. ACADEMIC FOUNDA	TIONS (18 cred	lits)	
Effective Writing I	WRT 120	3	
Writing II	WRT *	3	
Statistics	MAT 121	3	
Communication	SPK*	3	
Diverse Communitie	es ("J")	3	
Interdisciplinary ("I'	')	3	

#### **II. LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS** (Approved courses only)

No course that carries the Interdisciplinary attribute ("I" course) may be used to fulfill any of these requirements, even if it carries a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.

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Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

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B. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Behavioral and Social Sciences** (6 credits) Select courses from at least 2 of the following areas.

Anthropology (ANT)	Psychology (PSY)	Sociology (SOC)
Economics (ECO)	Geography (GEO)	Government (PSC)
	3 3	

Students taking the MCAT should take at least one semester of psychology and one semester of sociology.

C. <u>Approved</u> courses in the **Arts** (3 credits) Select a course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre.

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Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with

CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

**III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES** – 9-10 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 credits at graduation)


#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES** (28-29 credits)

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	 
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	 
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	 
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	 
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	 
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	 
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	 
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	 
General Physics I ****	PHY 130	4	 
or Physics I	PHY 170	4	
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	 
or Physics II	PHY 180	4	

#### V. Biology Courses (49 credits) Must have 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required courses (27 cre	dits)			
General Biology **	BIO 110	3	 	
General Microbiology**	BIO 214	4		
Botany *** or Zoology**	BIO 215/217	3		
Cell Physiology **	BIO 220	3		
Genetics **	BIO 230	3		
Immunology**	BIO 465	4		
Seminar**	BIO 490	3		
Internship in Medical Lab	ooratory Science BIO 407-408	** 26	 	
VI. Writing Emphasis See college	e catalog for det <u>BIO 220</u>	tails.	 	
*One at 300/400-level:			 	

Total degree program: 120 credits.

#### **Requirements**

\* Courses in Communications, second WRT course, and Calculus must be selected with the approval of the advisor. Approved Communication courses are SPK 199 (for transfer students only), 208, or 230. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

\*\* Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

\*\*\* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

\*\*\*\* The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

✤ To qualify for the internship, students must have a <u>minimum</u> 2.75 GPA and be accepted by an accredited hospital Medical Laboratory Science program. Applications should be submitted by the summer of the junior year (60 credits completed). Internships are <u>very competitive</u> and acceptance depends on the cumulative GPA, excellent letters of recommendation and successful completion of an on site interview. Please note that some programs require computer science or Anatomy and Physiology courses. Please see **Dr. Pisciotta** for any questions about applying for this internship.

All students entering WCU Fall of 1980 or later must take at least three approved Writing Emphasis courses, totaling at least 9 credits; students who enter with 40-70 transfer credits need only 2, and a minimum of 6 credits; students who enter with more than 70cr. only need one course (at least 3 credits). At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.

A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & 491 may be applied to total Biology credits.

Some Medical Laboratory Science programs require a course in computer science. Consult with **Dr. Pisciotta.** 

#### **Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors**

#### Medical Laboratory Science Concentration

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Social Science #1 (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Elective (3)
Semester #3 (16 credits) BIO 214 (4) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) SPK 208 or 230 (3) Humanities #1 (3)	Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 (3) BIO 230 (3) CHE 232 (3) Humanities #2 (3) Social Science #2 (3)
Semester #5 (17 credits) PHY 130/170 (4) BIO 465 (4) Art (3) Diversity (J) Course (3) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3)	 Semester #6 (16 credits) PHY 140/180 (4) BIO 490 (3) Free Elective (3) Free Elective (3) Free Elective (3)
 Semester #7 (13 credits) BIO 407	 Semester #8 (13 credits) BIO 408

An average of 16 credits per semester must be completed to enter the Medical Laboratory Science training in the 4<sup>th</sup> year. If a student follows the proposed outline of courses, a total of 94 credits will be earned at WCU. The additional 26 credits necessary for graduation will be earned at the affiliated hospital.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION: BIOLOGY**

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

EQUIREMENT	COURSE	CREDITS	TERM YEAR GRADE
ACADEMIC FOUNDA	TIONS (18 cr	edits)	
Effective Writing I	WRT 120	3	
Writing II	WRT *	3	
Statistics	MAT $\overline{121}$	3	
Communication	SPK*	3	
Diverse Communitie	es ("J") #	3	
Interdisciplinary ("I	")#	3	
I. LIBERAL ARTS DIST	RIBUTIVE R	REQUIREMEN	<b>TS</b> (Approved courses only)
No course that carrie fulfill any of these re	es the Interdisc equirements, ev	iplinary attribut ven if it carries	e ("I" course) may be used to a LIT, GEO, MHL, etc. prefix.
A. <u>Approved</u> course Select courses from	s in the <b>Huma</b> at least 2 of the	<b>nities</b> (6 credits e following area	) IS.
Literature (LIT/CLS	) ##	History (HIS	) Philosophy (PHI)
		3	
		3	
B. <u>Approved</u> course Select courses from	s in the <b>Behav</b> i at least 2 of the	ioral and Socia e following area	<b>I Sciences</b> (6 credits)
Anthropology (ANI	) Psycl	hology (PSY)	Sociology (SOC)
Economics (ECO)	Geog	grapny (GEO)	Government (PSC)
		3	
		3	
C. <u>Approved</u> course Select a course in A	s in the <b>Arts</b> (3 rt, Cinematogra	3 credits) aphy, Dance, M	usic, Photography, or Theatre.
		3	

Note: Biology majors will fulfill their distributive requirements in the Sciences with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170. These courses are listed under Supporting Courses.

#### III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES (9 credits)\*\*

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#### **IV. SUPPORTING COURSES (24-25 credits)**

Calculus ***	MAT	3/4	
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	
Exp. General Chemistry I	CRL 103	1	
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	
Exp. General Chemistry II	CRL 104	1	
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	
Exp. Organic Chemistry I	CRL 231	2	
General Physics I	PHY 130/170	) 4	
Earth & Space Science	ESS 101	3	

**V. BIOLOGY COURSES (27-28 credits)** Must be passed with a "C-" or greater and a 2.0 to graduate.

A. Required			
General Biology	BIO 110	3	
General Microbiology	BIO 214	4	
General Botany	BIO 215	3	
General Zoology	BIO 217	3	
Cell Physiology	BIO 220	3	
Genetics	BIO 230	3	
General Ecology	BIO 270	3	
<b>B. Electives</b> (300 level or above		3	
except BIO 307 and 469)		3	

#### VI. EDUCATION COURSES (36 credits)

Democracy & Education (I)	EDF 300/HIS 444	3
or History of American Education		
Educational Psychology+	EDP 250^	3
Foundations of Special Education	EDA 103	3
Special Education Processes/Procedures for	EDA 304^	3
Secondary Educators		
Literacy Development and Secondary Students	EDR 347	3
with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms		
Teaching English Language Learners PK-12 (J)	LAN/ENG 382	3
Teaching Principles and Field Experience in	EDS 306^	3
Secondary Schools ("W")^^+		
Science Education in the Secondary School <sup>+</sup> +	SCB 350^	3
Student Teaching^+	EDS 411/412	12

VII. WRITING EMPHASIS COURSES – 3 approved "W" courses must be taken by BSEd students unless they enter with 40-70 transfer credits, in which case they need only 2 "W" courses. Students entering with > than 70 credits need take only 1 "W" course. At least 1 "W" course must be taken at the 300 or > level. EDS 306 meets the later requirement, as does BIO 440 that can also act as a Biology elective. Other recommended "W" courses include general education or directed elective courses.

LIT 165	 	
EDS 306	 	
BIO 440	 	

#### The minimum number of credits in the BSEd Biology Program: 124.

\*Communications courses and a <u>second</u> writing course must be selected with advisor approval and include SPK 208 or 230 and WRT 200, 204, 205, 206, 208 or 220. The department recommends WRT 208 or 220 for BSEd majors.

\*\*Recommended Directed Elective courses include CHE 232, EDM 300, ESS 170, or GEO 101.

\*\*\* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

#Students may use either EDF 300 or SCB 210 to fulfill their General Education (a) Interdisciplinary ("I") and LAN 382 their (b) Diverse Communities ("J") course requirements, since counting any other course(s) may result in a student graduating with more than 127 credits.

##A literature course is required for Formal Admission to Teacher Education.

+Clearances are required at time of enrollment.

^Requires field experiences: EDP 250, EDA 304, EDS 306, and SCB 350.

^^Requires Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE). Refer to the College of Education and Social Work website (<u>http://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/</u>) for up to date information on requirements.

Students must take Basic Skills and Subject Area Tests (i.e., Praxis II, Biology: Content Knowledge) for certification. Refer to the College of Education and Social Work website for up to date general information, subject area details and requirements, and registration information. Note that the Biology Praxis II must be <u>taken</u> before student teaching.

A cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation and for certification from PDE.

A maximum of three combined credits from BIO 409 and 491 may be applied to Biology credits, but they cannot count in multiple areas.

# Suggested Course Sequence for BSED Biology Majors Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Semester 1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103 (3) / CRL 103 (1) MAT 121 (3) GEN ED 1 (3)	Semester 2 (16 credits) WRT (3) BIO 215 or 217 (3) CHE 104 (3) / CRL 104 (1) SPK 208 or 230 (3) LIT/CLS {GEN ED 2} (3)
 Semester 3 (18 credits) CHE 231 (4) / CRL 231 (2) BIO 215 or 217 (3) EDF 300 "I" (3) EDP 250 (3) – <i>Requires 20 FE hours</i> GEN ED 3 (3)	Semester 4 (16 credits) BIO 214 (4) MAT 145 or 161 (3/4) EDA 103 (3) BIO 230 or 270 (3) DIRECTED Elective 1 (3) <i>Apply for FATE by semester end.</i>
<b>Semester 5 (16 credits)</b> PHY 130/170 (4) BIO 220 (3) BIO 230 or 270 (3) EDA 304 (3) – <i>Requires 20 FE hours</i> EDR 347 (3)	Semester 6 (15 credits) DIRECTED Elective 2 (3) BIO Elective 1 (3) EDS 306 (3) – <i>Requires 24 FE hours</i> LAN/ENG 382 "J" (3) GEN ED 4 (3)
 Semester 7 (15 credits) DIRECTED Elective 3 (3) BIO Elective 2 (3) GEN ED 5 (3) SCB 350 (3) – <i>Requires 24 FE hours</i> ESS 101 (3)	 Semester 8 (12 credits) EDS 411 & 412 (12)

#### MINOR IN BIOLOGY

Student

Major:

Major Advisor:

WCU ID:

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE (must be completed before admission into minor; does not count toward 18 required credits and is not calculated into minor GPA)

BIO 110 (3) (requires C- or better)

or

BIO 100 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (requires A- or better)

**18 additional credits of Biology courses** are required for the minor in Biology. You may choose any courses with a BIO prefix at the 200 level or higher. They must be completed with C- or better AND at least 3 credits must be in addition to BIO courses required for student's major AND at least 9 of these credits MUST be taken at WCU.

Course	Credits	Semester	Letter	Numerical	Numerical value
		earned	grade	value of grade	X credits
BIO					
Total # of credits earned					
				Minor GPA	

For the minor to be earned, the minor GPA must be 2.00 or better.

To calculate your minor GPA, use the chart above to fill in the *Numerical value of grades* column. Each letter grade corresponds to a number. Multiply this number by the number of credits earned for that grade and enter it in the last column. Add the column on the right together then divide that total by the total number of credits you have earned toward the major. This number will be your minor GPA.

	A 4	A- 3.67
B+ 3.33	B 3	B- 2.67
C+ 2.33	C 2	C- 1.67
D+ 1.33	D 1	D- 0.67

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#### **Pre-Physical Therapy Guidance sheet** Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors, Integrative Concentration

 Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive Requirement (3)	Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2(3) BIO 217 (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 (3) or MAT 143, 145, 161 Gen Ed Distributive Requirement (3)
Semester #3 (16 credits) BIO 230 (3) BIO 259 <sup>1</sup> (4) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) HEA 110 (J)(3)	Semester #4 (16 credits) BIO 220 (3) BIO 269 <sup>1</sup> (4) CHE 232 (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3) PSY 100(3)
Semester #5 (15 credits) BIO 357 (4) BIO core course (4) BIO Elective (3) PHY 130 (4)	<b>Semester #6 (14 credits)</b> BIO 468 (4) BIO core course (4) (3) BIO Elective (3) PHY 140 (4)
Semester #7 (15 credits) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) BIO PPT Elective * (3) Directed Elective (3) PSY (as directed by school you are going to attend) (3)	Semester #8 (15 credits) BIO Elective (3) BIO Elective (3) BIO PPT Elective * (3) PHI 374 (I)(3) BIO 490/409/491 (3)

\**BIO electives (13 credits total):* BIO 214 General Microbiology (4) BIO 428 Animal Histology BIO 457 Functional Morphology

BIO 367 Physiology of Drug Interactions BIO 448 Animal Development (4) BIO 467 Endocrinology

<sup>1</sup>Bio 259 & 269 count as Directed Electives and *not* Bio Electives

All required 200-level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take MAT 121 (Statistics) in the first year.

Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors, Integrative Concentration				
 Semester #1 (16 credits) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 <sup>1</sup> (3) CHE 103/CRL 103 (3)/(1) MAT 121 <sup>2</sup> (3) or Calculus <sup>3</sup> (3-4) Gen Ed Distributive <sup>4</sup> (3)		Semester #2 (16 credits) WRT 2 <sup>5</sup> (3) BIO 215 <sup>1</sup> or 217 <sup>1</sup> (3) CHE 104/CRL 104 (3)/(1) MAT 121 <sup>2</sup> (3) or Calculus <sup>3</sup> (3-4) Gen Ed Distributive <sup>4</sup> (3)		
 Semester #3 (12-15 credits) BIO 215 <sup>1</sup> or 217 <sup>1</sup> (3) CHE 231/CRL 231 (4)/(2) Math (if still needed) (3) ECO 111 or 112 <sup>2</sup> (3)		Semester #4 (15 credits) BIO 220 <sup>1</sup> (3) BIO 230 <sup>1</sup> (3) CHE 232 (3) SPK 208 or 230 (3) Gen Ed Distributive <sup>4</sup> (3)		
 Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 270 <sup>1</sup> (3) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) PHY 130 (4) ACC elective <sup>2</sup> (3) FIN elective <sup>2</sup> (3)	 	Semester #6 (16 credits) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) PHY 140 (4) MGT elective <sup>2</sup> (3) MKT elective <sup>2</sup> (3)		
 Semester #7 (15 credits) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) Interdisciplinary (I) Course (3) Directed elective (3) Gen Ed Distributive <sup>4</sup> (3)		Semester #8 (12-15 credits) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) BIO elective <sup>6</sup> (3) Diversity (J) Course (3) Directed elective (if still needed) (3) BIO 490/409/491 <sup>1,7</sup> (3)		

#### Pre-MBA Guidance sheet Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors, Integrative Concentration

A GMAT score of 460 (or its equivalent GRE score) is required for admission to the M.B.A. program. The GMAT
requirement will be waived if your overall GPA is 3.3 (or higher), and you earn a B or better in each of the following
courses<sup>2</sup>: Management, Accounting, Marketing, Economics, Finance, and Statistics.

- Students must take at least 9 credits of approved Writing Emphasis courses. Students with 40-70 transfer credits need a minimum of 6 credits; students with >70 transfer credits need a minimum of 3 credits. At least 1 Writing Emphasis course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level for all students.
- 1. Course must be passed with a "C-" or better. All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.
- 2. Course must be passed with a "**B**" or better. Students should take MAT 121 in the first year.
- 3. The Biology Department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the <u>Math Placement Exam</u> to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.
- 4. Choose courses from the approved list: 2 from the Humanities, 1 from the Behavioral and Social Sciences, and 1 from the Arts.
- 5. Approved WRT courses are 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.
- 6. Selected from BIO 214, 275, 277, or BIO courses at or above the 300 level except BIO 307 and BIO 469.
- 7. A maximum of 8 combined credits from BIO 409 & BIO 491 may be applied to total BIO credits.