

Bachelor of Sciences – Biology General

An undergraduate degree from Washington State University requires a minimum of 120 total semester hours. The University, College of Arts and Sciences, and School of Biological Sciences each have specific requirements for a degree; checklists for these requirements are provided on the second page of this sheet. Requirements and electives for the specific degree and option headlined above are listed below this paragraph. All official requirements for each student's specific degree are listed in the student's my.wsu.edu Academic Requirement Report. This sheet is only meant to serve as a guide.

Biology-General Electives:

A minimum of 15 credits of Biological Sciences chosen in consultation with an advisor.

Courses in other departments at WSU may be suitable as electives and should be chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Biology Core Requirements:

<u>Biological Sciences Requirements:</u>		Credits	Semester/Year	Grade
BIOLOGY 106	Intro Biology: Organismal	4		
BIOLOGY 107	Intro Biology: Cell Bio & Genetics	4		
BIOLOGY 301	General Genetics	4		
BIOLOGY 370 [M]	Ecology of Health & Disease OR			
BIOLOGY 372 [M]	General Ecology	4		
BIOLOGY 395	Evolutionary Medicine OR			
BIOLOGY 403	Evolutionary Biology OR			
BIOLOGY 405	Prin. of Organic Evolution	3		
<u>Calculus Requirement:</u>				
MATH 140	Calculus for Life Scientists OR			
MATH 171	Calculus I	4		
<u>Statistics Requirement:</u>				
STAT 212	Intro to Statistical Methods OR			
STAT 412	Stat Methods in Research I OR			
PSYCH 311	Statistics in Psychology	3-4		
<u>Chemistry Requirement:</u>				
CHEM 105*	Principles of Chemistry I	4		
CHEM 106*	Principles of Chemistry II	4		
CHEM 345*	Organic Chemistry I	4		
<u>Physics Requirement:</u>				
PHYS 101* & 111	General Physics I and Lab OR			
PHYS 201 & 211*	Physics for Sci. & Engineers I	4		
PHYS 102 & 112	General Physics II and Lab OR			
PHYS 202 & 212	Physics for Sci. & Engineers II	4		
<u>Biology-General Requirements:</u>				
<u>Cell Biology Requirement:</u>				
BIOLOGY 352	Cells	3		
<u>Biochemistry Requirement:</u>				
CHEM 370	Chemical Biology OR			
MBIOS 303	Introductory Biochemistry	3-4		

*Chemistry and Physics require a grade of C or better to progress to the next level course.

UCORE and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

	Grade	Semester/Year	Credits
[ROOT]	___	Roots of Contemporary Issues	(3)
[COMM]	___	Communication OR	(3)
[WRTG]	___	Written Communication	(3)
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[QUAN]	___	Quantitative Reasoning	(3)
[SSCI]	___	Inquiry in the Social Sciences	(3)
[HUM]	___	Inquiry in the Humanities	(3)
[ARTS]	___	Inquiry in the Arts	(3)
[BSCI]	___	Inquiry in the Biological Sciences	(3)
[PSCI]	___	Inquiry in the Physical Sciences	(3)
[EQJS]	___	Inquiry into Equity and Justice	(3)
[DIVR]	___	Diversity	(3)
[CAPS]	___	Integrative Biology Capstone	(3)
[M]	___	Writing in the Major (Biology)	(2-4)
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Note: Three UCORE courses of 3 credits (9 credits total) may fulfill major requirements.

Foreign Language 1 yr. or 2 yrs. HS (CAS)

Upper Division 3xx-4xx (Minimum 40 credits)

Minimum Total Credits (120)

University Writing Portfolio

<https://writingprogram.wsu.edu/uwpsubmission/>

School of Biological Sciences Requirements

- A minimum of 120 total semester hours.
- At least 40 semester hours must be 300 and 400 level coursework.
- A minimum of 19 semester hours of core BIOLOGY courses (BIOLOGY 106; 107; 301; 370 or 372; and 395 or 403 or 405).
- An additional 21 semester hours of biological sciences coursework selected in consultation with your biology advisor. The 21 semester hours must include 15 credits of 300 and 400 level courses, six of which must be BIOLOGY taken in residence at WSU. See guidelines for the many BIOLOGY options that are available to structure your course selections.
- An overall GPA of at least 2.0 must be maintained in all college and departmental requirements.
- A maximum of four credits of coursework that are graded S,F may be used toward fulfilling School requirements or program options, and no other courses taken S,F can be applied toward fulfilling School requirements or program options.
- Two BIOLOGY courses to satisfy the "Writing in the Major" [M] requirement.
- One BIOLOGY course to satisfy the "Capstone" [CAPS] requirement.