



College of: Arts & Sciences Degree/Major: BS/Biological Science Academic Year: 2014-15

Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (Total Hours 124)

The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

Assumption: Entering students have 2 years of a foreign language from high school.

Current Course Rotation: (F) = Fall only (S) = Spring only

Students must refer to the current course catalog for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings. This sample plan accounts for prerequisite sequencing, course rotations, and course time conflicts. Students considering an alternate plan should consult their advisor.

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
A&S	1111	Freshman Orientation	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
BIOL	1114	Introductory Biology	CHEM	1314	General Chemistry I
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I	MATH	1613	Trigonometry
MATH	1513	College Algebra	ZOOL	1604	Animal Biology
	3 hours	Social Science		2-3 hours	Electives
Total: 14 credit hours			Total: 16-17 credit hours		
Get involved with student organizations to further your experiences.			Interested in Study Abroad? Visit the Study Abroad Office this semester.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BOT	1404	Plant Biology	HIST	1103	Survey of American History
CHEM	1515	General Chemistry II	MICR	2123	Intro to Microbiology
PHYS	1114 or 2014	General Physics I	MICR	2132	Intro to Microbiology Laboratory
POLS	1113	Intro to American Government	PHYS	1214 or 2114	General Physics II
				3 hours	Social Science
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to research possibilities.			Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.		

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
CHEM	3015 or 3053	Chemistry of Organic Compounds or Organic Chemistry	BIOL	3023	General Genetics
MICR	3033	Cell & Molecular Biology	BOT	3-5 hours	Upper-Division BOT with lab
	3 hours	Humanities with International	CHEM	3153 & 3112	Organic Chemistry II & Lab OR 3 hours Upper-Division Elective (if took CHEM 3015)
STAT	4013	Statistical Methods		3 hours	Arts & Humanities
ZOOL or BOT	3204 or 3463	Physiology or Plant Physiology			
	0-2 hours	Upper-Division Related (if enrolled in CHEM 3053)			
Total: 15-18 credit hours			Total: 12-16 credit hours		
			If you are interested in departmental honors, apply this semester.		

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BIOL	3034	Ecology		3 hours	Upper-Division BIOL, BOT, MICR or ZOOLOG Electives
ZOOL	4133	Evolution		3 hours	Humanities with Diversity
	3 hours	Upper-Division BIOL, BOT, MICR or ZOOLOG Electives		3 hours	Upper-Division General Education Controlled Electives (not BIOL, BOT, MICR, ZOOLOG)
	0-3 hours	Upper-Division Related		0-1 hours	Upper-Division Related
	2-4 hours	Upper-Division Electives		3-4 hours	Upper-Division Electives
Total: 12-17 credit hours			Total: 12-14 credit hours		
Be prepared to apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor.			Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation!!		

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department.

Total hours must include at least 48 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

Hours in one department in excess of 54 will be added to the minimum total of 124 required for graduation.

1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

a. No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education Controlled Elective required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, and one required MATH course do not count against the two-course maximum.

b. The Diversity, International Dimension, Scientific Investigation and Non-Western requirements may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

c. Courses in the major department may not be used to satisfy the College requirement for six hours upper-division General Education.

2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from ART, HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except 1313 and 3003), REL, TH, creative writing, foreign languages (second year and above), linguistics and literature. No more than six hours may be music or theatre performance or art studio.

b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, STAT and ZOOLOG; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.

c. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A. – consult academic advisor

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 10 hours college credit in the same language, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; completing a second-year or higher college-level course in the language, etc.).

b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second year level of study). It may also be satisfied by any of the options listed above for the B.A.

c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing secondary education teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 5 hours college credit in the same language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination equivalent to 5 hours of college credit).

4. EXCLUSIONS

a. Courses used to satisfy the English Composition, American History and Government requirement will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.

b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit in the College of Arts & Sciences.