

BS in BIOLOGY (282022)

2016–2017

Preveterinary Medicine

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Students interested in applying to veterinary medicine schools should take the following courses as part of the biology major:

Required:

Bio 220, 291R, 380, 392R.
Chem 351, 352, 353 (1 hr req.), 481.
MMBio 221, 222.
Psych 111.
PWS 335.
Stat 201.
StDev 150.

Recommended:

Bio 270, 445, 447, 525.
MMBio 261, 407, 417.
PDBio 325, 360, 484.

Premedical and Predental

Students interested in applying to medical or dental schools should take the following courses as part of the biology major:

Chem 351, 352, 353 (2 hours suggested), 481.
PDBio 220, 305.

Suggested Sequence of Courses:

FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester

Bio 130 (FW) (Biological Science)	4.0
Chem 105 (FWSp)	4.0
First-Year Writing	3.0
or A Htg 100 (FWSpSu)	(3.0)
Quantitative Reasoning (if needed)	0–3.0
Religion Cornerstone course	2.0
Total Hours	13–16.0

2nd Semester

Chem 106, 107 (FWSpSu)	4.0
Math 112	4.0
A Htg 100 (FWSpSu)	3.0
or First-Year Writing	(3.0)
General Elective	3.0
Religion Cornerstone course	2.0
Total Hours	16.0

SOPHOMORE YEAR

3rd Semester

Bio 220 or 230 (FW)	4.0
Phscs 105 & 107 (FWSp)	4.0
(Physical Science)	
MMBio 240 (FWSp)	3.0
Civilization 1 elective	3.0
Religion Cornerstone course	2.0
Total Hours	16.0

4th Semester

Phscs 106 & 108	4.0
Biology elective	3.0
Civilization 2 elective	3.0
Arts or Letters elective (FWSpSu)	3.0
Religion Cornerstone course	2.0
Total Hours	15.0

JUNIOR YEAR

5th Semester

Bio 350 (FW)	3.0
PWS 340 (FW)	3.0
Biology elective	3.0
Arts or Letters elective	3.0
Religion elective	2.0
Total Hours	14.0

6th Semester

Biology elective	4.0
Biology elective	3.0
Adv. Written & Oral Communication	3.0
Religion elective	2.0
General elective	3.0
Total Hours	15.0

SENIOR YEAR

7th Semester

Biology elective	5.0
General elective	4.0
Social Science elective	3.0
Religion elective	2.0
Total Hours	14.0

8th Semester

Bio 420 & 421	3.0
Biology elective	3.0
Global & Cultural Awareness elective	3.0
General electives	4.0
Total Hours	13.0

THE DISCIPLINE:

The biology degree provides students with current, practical knowledge of plants and animals, emphasizing whole organism biology in both ecological and evolutionary contexts. Broad, synthetic training, from molecular to community levels of organization, equips students to address critical issues and contemporary biological problems associated with the long-term preservation of earth's biodiversity. Elective flexibility allows students to emphasize the botanical or zoological fields, or create a combined program of study. Undergraduate research opportunities may include internships, museum collections curation, bioinventory and data-basing activities, applied molecular genetics, and field and laboratory research in ecology, conservation biology, and evolutionary biology.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

One objective of this program is to provide solid preparation for post graduate studies. For that reason students should take advantage of research opportunities. Department faculty conduct field and laboratory research on diverse topics (including genetics of human diseases, conservation biology, molecular systematics, evolution of life history strategies, biogeographical ecology, bioinventories, aquatic ecology, and bioassessment). Undergraduates have studied black bears in Utah, mouse systematics in Mexico, stonefly and trout biogeography in the western U.S., turtles in Amazonia, insects in Borneo, and fish predation in the Provo River. The mentoring option allows up to 2 hours of Bio 494R research credit.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, INTERNSHIPS, CO-OP EDUCATION, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

Undergraduates can seek paid positions in research laboratories. Cooperative programs with the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be available, as is summer employment with state and federal agencies. This can lead to permanent employment. Completing Bio 430, PWS 330 and 355 can increase summer employment options with government agencies.

CAREERS:

Post-graduate study in a wide-variety of sub disciplines in biology (molecular biology, genetics, ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, etc.), as well as preparation for medical or dental school. Students may also pursue employment as a biologist in state and federal agencies, non-government organizations, and research laboratories.

FINANCING:

Students in this major may apply for university, college, and departmental scholarships. A number of research or teaching assistant positions for undergraduate students also exist.

Note: This degree program requires a minimum of 120.0 hours for graduation. Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.

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