

Biological Sciences: General Biology GENB (0404C)

effective August 2024

A minimum of 120 credits earned and a 2.0 cumulative GPA is needed to meet University graduation requirements. Major courses (Basic, Supporting, and Advanced) require a C– or better in each and a 2.0 average GPA.

1. Basic Program 15-16 credits

Sem	Gr	Cr	Course
		3	BSCI160 Ecology and Evolution *
		1	BSCI161 Ecology and Evolution Lab *
		3	BSCI170 Molecular and Cellular Biology *
		1	BSCI171 Molecular and Cellular Biology Lab *
		3	BSCI207 Principles of Biology III *
		4	BSCI222 Principles of Genetics *
		1	Freshmen seminar: UNIV100 ¹ , HONR100, GEMS100, HLSC100, HACS100 ² , HDCC105 ² , HEIP143, HHUM105 ³ , BSCV181, IDEA101, BSGC100

¹ All Biological Sciences majors must take UNIV100 or another approved freshman seminar from the list above in their first semester.
² Two-credit course. ³ Three-credit course.
 NOTE: Students enrolled in the Integrated Life Sciences Honors program will complete the following courses in lieu of the parenthetical courses: HLSC322 (BSCI222) and HLSC374 (BSCI374).
*** These are required benchmark courses, see:**
<http://bsci.umd.edu/benchmarks>

2. Supporting Courses 32 credits

Sem	Gr	Cr	Course
		4	MATH135 Discrete Mathematics *
		4	MATH136 Calculus * OR
		4	MATH140 Calculus I *
		4	MATH141 Calculus II * OR
		4	MATH140 Calculus I *
		4	MATH135 Discrete Mathematics *
		3	CHEM131 General Chemistry I *
		1	CHEM132 General Chemistry I Lab *
		3	CHEM231 Organic Chemistry I *
		1	CHEM232 Organic Chemistry I Lab *
		3	CHEM241 Organic Chemistry II *
		1	CHEM242 Organic Chemistry II Lab *
		2	CHEM271 Gen Chem & Energetics *
		2	CHEM272 Bioanalytical Chem Lab *
		4	PHYS131 OR PHYS141 Physics I
		4	PHYS132 OR PHYS142 Physics II

3. General Education Requirements (at least 27 credits)

(For more information on General Education, visit: www.gened.umd.edu)
 Fundamental Studies Math (MA), Analytic Reasoning (AR), Natural Sciences (NS) & Natural Sci. Lab (NL) are satisfied by major requirements.
 Courses may double or triple count among Distributive Studies, I-Series, and Diversity.

Sem	Gr	Course
Fundamental Studies		
		Academic Writing (AW) (ENGL101)
		Professional Writing (PW)
		Oral Communication (OC)
Distributive Studies		
		History and Social Sciences (HS)
		History and Social Sciences (HS)
		Humanities (HU)
		Humanities (HU)
		Scholarship in Practice (SP)
		Scholarship in Practice (SP) outside major
I-Series		
		I-Series (IS)
		I-Series (IS)
Diversity		
		Understanding Plural Societies (UP)
		Understanding Plural Societies (UP) or Cultural Competence (CC) (1–3 credits)

Summary of credits	
Required	Completed
Basic Program (15–16)	_____
Supporting Courses (32)	_____
Gen. Ed. (27+)	_____
Advanced Program (27)	_____
Elective	_____
Subtotal	_____
Duplicate credits (Subtract from subtotal)	_____
Total Credits	_____

4. Advanced Program courses: Please see reverse page.

NOTES:

Student name _____ UID _____

Advisor's signature _____ Date of audit _____

NOTE: The curriculum in Biological Sciences changes as faculty review and improve the program. The curriculum descriptions provided here are the latest versions. Your curriculum may look slightly different depending on when you declared the Biological Sciences major. Your academic advisor can provide you with the most accurate information on which curriculum you are under. Any questions can be referred to the Undergraduate Academic Programs Office, 301-405-6892.
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General Biology GENB (0404C) Advanced Program

27 credits minimum ♦ At least two courses designated as **Lab** must be taken

1. Required courses: 6–7 credits

Sem	Gr	Cr	Biochemistry
		3	BCHM461 Biochemistry OR BCHM463 Biochemistry of Physiology

Sem	Gr	Cr	Quantitative Course: one from below
		3	BIOM301 Introduction to Biometrics
		4	BSCI374 Mathematical Modeling in Biology w/ Lab
		3	STAT400 Applied Probability & Statistics
		3	STAT464 Introduction to Biostatistics
		3–4	MATH240 or higher w/ advisor approval

2. GENB Area Courses: 20–21 credits

- At least one course (3 credits) from each of the categories 1, 2, and 3

Sem	Gr	Cr	Genetics & Evolution	Sem	Gr	Cr	Cell Biology, Development, Physiology
		3	BCHM465 Biochemistry III			3	BSCI450 Mammalian Systems Physiology ²
		3	BSCI370 Principles of Evolution			2	BSCI451 Mammalian Systems Physiology Lab ^{1,2}
		3	BSCI381 Molecular Neuroethology			3	BSCI452 Diseases of the Nervous System
		3	BSCI402 Genomics of Sensory Systems			3	BSCI453 Biology of Hearing
		3	BSCI405 Population & Evolutionary Genetics w/ Lab			3	BSCI455 Neuroscience Laboratory ¹
		3	BSCI410 Molecular Genetics			3	BSCI457 Advanced Cellular Neuroscience
		4	BSCI411 Bioinform. & Integrated Genom. w/ Lab			Ecology, Behavior & Organismal	
		4	BSCI412 Microbial Genetics w/ Lab			4	BSCI333 Principles of Paleontology w/ Lab
		3	BSCI414 Recombinant DNA Lab			3	BSCI334 Mammalogy
		3	BSCI415 Molecular Genetics Laboratory Lab			1	BSCI335 Mammalogy Laboratory ¹
		3	BSCI416 Human Genetics			4	BSCI337 Biology of Insects w/ Lab
		3	BSCI471 Molecular Evolution			3	BSCI338B Marine Biology
		3	BSCI476 Evolutionary Genomics			3	BSCI348M Epidemiology of Microbial Pathogens
						3	BSCI360 Animal Behavior
			Cell Biology, Development, Physiology			4	BSCI361 Principles of Ecology
		3	BCHM462 Biochemistry II			3	BSCI363 Biology of Conservation & Extinction
		3	BCHM464 Biochemistry Lab			3	BSCI366 Environmental Physiology of Animals
		4	BSCI330 Cell Biology & Physiology w/ Lab			3	BSCI373 Natural History Chesapeake Bay
		3	BSCI342 Biology of Reproduction			3	BSCI392 Biology of Extinct Animals
		3	BSCI343 Cellular Mechanisms of Aging and Disease			1	BSCI393 Biology of Extinct Animals Lab ¹
		3	BSCI353 Principles of Neuroscience			3	BSCI400 Animal Diversity & Evolution
		3	BSCI355 Neurobiology of Extraordinary Senses			3	BSCI401 Animal Communication
		3	BSCI357 Neurobiology of Chemosensory Systems			3	BSCI403 Biology of Vision
		3	BSCI403 Biology of Vision			3	BSCI426 Global Change Biology
		3	BSCI404 Cell Biology from a Biophysical Perspective			3	BSCI462 Population Ecology
		3	BSCI406 Membranes and Biological Interfaces			3	BSCI464 Microbial Ecology
		3	BSCI417 Microbial Pathogenesis			4	BSCI467 Freshwater Biology w/ Lab
		3	BSCI420 Cell Biology Lectures			3	BSCI473 Marine Ecology
		3	BSCI422 Principles of Immunology			3	BSCI477 Ecology & Evolution of Infectious Disease
		2	BSCI423 Immunology Lab ¹			4	BSCI480 Arthropod Form & Function w/ Lab
		4	BSCI424 Pathogenic Microbiology w/ Lab			4	BSCI481 Insect Diversity & Classification w/ Lab
		2	BSCI425 Advanced Cell Biology Lab ¹			3	BSCI483 Insects, Pathogens, & Public Health
		3	BSCI430 Developmental Biology			4	BSCI487 IPM: Science-Based Decision Making for Sustainable Pest Management w/ Lab
		3	BSCI431 The Origin & Evolution of Nervous Systems			3	BSCI494 Animal-Plant Interactions
		3	BSCI432 Systems View of Cell Biology			4	BSCI497 Insect Pests of Ornamentals & Turf w/ Lab
		3	BSCI433 Biology of Cancer				
		3	BSCI436 RNA Biology and Therapeutics				Additional courses (Optional)
		3	BSCI437 General Virology			4	BSCI223 General Microbiology ³ OR BSCI283 Principles of Microbiology ³
		4	BSCI442 Plant Physiology w/ Lab			var	BSCI378H, BSCI398H Departmental Honors Seminars ⁴
		3	BSCI443 Microbial Physiology				Spec. Top. Courses ⁵ BSCI328, 338, 339, 348, 439
		3	BSCI446 Neural Systems				Dept. Research Credit ⁶ : BSCI379, 389, 399
		3	BSCI447 General Endocrinology				

¹ Requires a "C-" or better in the pre-/co-requisite lecture to count as a **Lab** or to satisfy the Area category.

² Formerly BSCI440 (4 credits) and 441 (2 credits) respectively. Credit only granted for BSCI338L, BSCI440, or BSCI450, and BSCI441 or BSCI451

³ BSCI223/283 may count in the GENB Area credits but NOT as an upper-level lab.

⁴ One credit of the Departmental Honors seminar may be applied to major requirements. Additional Departmental Honors seminar credits count as electives.

⁵ Special Topics courses allowed if specifically approved for Advanced Program in GENB. See your advisor or Testudo for applicability.

⁶ Independent study or research credits, including H and L versions, are acceptable up to a maximum of 3 credits overall in the Advanced Program.

Multiple semesters in research courses can possibly count for one of the two required lab courses. See your advisor for more details or ter.ps/reslabcredit
A maximum of 8 credits of any version of research credits (e.g., BSCI379, BSCI389, BSCI399) can be applied to one or more undergraduate degrees. Any research credits completed beyond the first 8 will be included in the total earned credits and factored into the GPA but **not applied to any undergraduate degree**.

Total credits in Advanced Program: _____

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