

Program Change Request

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Effective Catalog: 2019-2020
Program Level: Undergraduate
Program Type: Bachelor's
Degree Type: Bachelor of Science
Title: Biology, BS
Banner Title: **Biology, BS**
Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV Status Approved
Registrar’s Office Use Only – Program Start Term
Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV Letter
Concentration(s):

| | Associated Concentrations | Registrar's Office Use Only: Concentration Code |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Bioinformatics | BNF |
| 2 | Biopsychology | BP |
| 3 | Biotechnology and Molecular Biology | BTMB |
| 4 | Environmental and Conservation Biology | ESCB |
| 5 | Microbiology | MIB |

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Concentration CIP Code
College/School: College of Science
Department / Academic Unit: Biology

 No

Jointly Owned Program?

Justification

- Replacing BIOL 310 & 330 with BIOL 300. Making credit total adjustments as a result.
- Adding elective options.
- Reformatting so credit totals are easier to decipher.

Total Credits Required: Total credits: minimum 120

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:

SC-BS-BIOL

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Program CIP Code

Admission Requirements:

Admissions

University-wide admissions policies can be found in [Undergraduate Admissions Policies](#).

To apply for this program, please complete the [George Mason University Admissions Application](#).

Program-Specific Policies:

Policies

Students must fulfill all [Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees](#), including the [Mason Core](#).

Important information and departmental policies are listed in the [Department of Biology](#).

[BIOL 308](#) Foundations of Ecology and Evolution meets the writing intensive requirement for this major. Transfer students who have transferred in [BIOL 308](#) Foundations of Ecology and Evolution but did not meet the writing intensive requirement may take [MLAB 300](#) Science Writing to meet the writing intensive requirement.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see [AP.5 Undergraduate Policies](#).

Important Program Requirements

- Students may apply no more than 8 credits of [BIOL 103](#) Introductory Biology I ([Mason Core](#)) or [BIOL 107](#) Intro Biology II Lecture ([Mason Core](#)) and [BIOL 106](#) Introductory Biology II Laboratory ([Mason Core](#)) toward elective credit (or equivalent transfer credit at the 100 to 200-level) if taken before successful completion of [BIOL 213](#) Cell Structure and Function ([Mason Core](#)).

- Biology majors must earn a minimum grade of 'C' in all biology core courses. A grade of 'C' or better must be earned in [BIOL 213 Cell Structure and Function \(Mason Core\)](#) in order to advance to other core requirements.
- Students may repeat [BIOL 213 Cell Structure and Function \(Mason Core\)](#) once, but a second time only with permission from the Department of Biology.
- Students may **not** count [BIOL 124 Human Anatomy and Physiology](#) and/or [BIOL 125 Human Anatomy and Physiology](#) toward any biology major requirement.
- Students who take [BIOL 300 BioDiversity](#) may ~~[BIOL 310 Biodiversity](#)~~ may **not** count [BIOL 303 Animal Biology](#) and/or [BIOL 304 Plant Biology](#) toward any biology major requirement.
- 44 credits must be in biology coursework.
- [BIOL 493 Honors Research in Biology](#), [BIOL 495 Directed Studies in Biology](#), and [BIOL 497 Special Problems in Biology](#) do not satisfy the requirements of the BS degree which state that students must complete at least two upper division courses that include a laboratory. The courses do, however, count as non-laboratory electives.

Several optional concentrations are available; details on each can be found in the Requirements tab.

Teacher Licensure

Students majoring in biology who wish to pursue a career teaching secondary school may consider applying for the [Curriculum and Instruction Undergraduate Certificate](#) offered by the [College of Education and Human Development](#) as an option in seeking an initial Virginia teaching license.

Other routes to licensure include the [Biology, BA or BS/Curriculum and Instruction, Accelerated MEd](#) (Secondary Education Biology Concentration) or select traditional Master's programs. Please contact the Undergraduate Advisor in [College of Education and Human Development](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements:

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Students must complete their biology coursework and the supporting requirements which follow with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

All students must complete the **Core Courses** ~~biology core, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science courses~~ listed below. Students then elect to complete the BS degree either with a concentration or without a concentration. ~~Biology~~

Core Courses ~~Chemistry Physics Mathematics Computer Science~~

~~1 Recommended by the Department of Biology~~

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|--------------|
| Select one from the following: | | |
| CDS-130 | Computing for Scientists (Mason Core)-1 | 3 |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|-------|---------|
| Any course(s) that fulfills the Mason Core: Information Technology requirement | | |
| Total Credits | | 0 |

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------------------------------|---|---------|
| Select one from the following: | | |
| MATH 111 | Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) | |
| or MATH 113 | Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core) | |
| MATH 123 | Calculus with Algebra/Trigonometry, Part A | |
| & MATH 124 | and Calculus with Algebra/Trigonometry, Part B (Mason Core) | |
| Total Credits | | 0 |

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---------|
| Select from one from the following Mason Core: Natural Science sequences: | | |
| PHYS 243 | College Physics I (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 244 | and College Physics Lab (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 245 | and College Physics II (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 246 | and College Physics Lab (Mason Core) | |
| PHYS 160 | University Physics I (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 161 | and University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 260 | and University Physics II (Mason Core) | |
| & PHYS 261 | and University Physics II Laboratory (Mason Core) | |
| Total Credits | | 0 |

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---------------|---|---------|
| CHEM 211 | General Chemistry I (Mason Core) | 4 |
| & CHEM 213 | and General Chemistry Laboratory I (Mason Core) (Natural Science course) | |
| CHEM 212 | General Chemistry II (Mason Core) | 4 |
| & CHEM 214 | and General Chemistry Laboratory II (Mason Core) (Natural Science course) | |
| CHEM 313 | Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 315 | Organic Chemistry Lab I | 2 |
| Total Credits | | 0 |

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Biology | | |
| <u>BIOL 213</u> | Cell Structure and Function (<u>Mason Core</u>) | 4 |
| <u>BIOL 214</u> | Biostatistics for Biology Majors | 4 |
| <u>BIOL 300</u> | BioDiversity | 4 |
| <u>BIOL 308</u> | Foundations of Ecology and Evolution 1 | 5 |
| | | 5 |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| BIOL 310 & BIOL 330 | Biodiversity and Biodiversity Lab and Recitation | |
| <u>BIOL 311</u> | General Genetics | 4 |
| Chemistry | | |
| <u>CHEM 211</u> & <u>CHEM 213</u> | General Chemistry I (<u>Mason Core</u>) and General Chemistry Laboratory I (<u>Mason Core</u>) | 4 |
| <u>CHEM 212</u> & <u>CHEM 214</u> | General Chemistry II (<u>Mason Core</u>) and General Chemistry Laboratory II (<u>Mason Core</u>) | 4 |
| <u>CHEM 313</u> & <u>CHEM 315</u> | Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry Lab I | 5 |
| Physics | | |
| Select from one of the following Mason Core Natural Science sequences: | | 8 |
| <u>PHYS 160</u> & <u>PHYS 161</u> & <u>PHYS 260</u> & <u>PHYS 261</u> | University Physics I (<u>Mason Core</u>) and University Physics I Laboratory (<u>Mason Core</u>) and University Physics II (<u>Mason Core</u>) and University Physics II Laboratory (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| <u>PHYS 243</u> & <u>PHYS 244</u> & <u>PHYS 245</u> & <u>PHYS 246</u> | College Physics I (<u>Mason Core</u>) and College Physics Lab (<u>Mason Core</u>) and College Physics II (<u>Mason Core</u>) and College Physics Lab (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| Mathematics | | |
| Select one from the following: | | 3-6 |
| <u>MATH 111</u> or <u>MATH 113</u> <u>MATH 123</u> & <u>MATH 124</u> | Linear Mathematical Modeling (<u>Mason Core</u>) Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (<u>Mason Core</u>) Calculus with Algebra/Trigonometry, Part A and Calculus with Algebra/Trigonometry, Part B (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| Computer Science | | |
| Select one from the following: | | 3 |
| <u>CDS 130</u> <u>Any course(s) that fulfills the Mason Core: Information Technology requirement</u> | Computing for Scientists (<u>Mason Core</u>) 2 | |
| Total Credits | | 48-51 |

1Fulfills writing intensive requirement.

Transfer students who have transferred in BIOL 308 but did not meet the writing intensive requirement may take MLAB 300 Science Writing to meet the writing intensive requirement.

2 Recommended by the Department of Biology

BS without Concentration

Students who do not select an optional concentration must complete the biology core and shared courses shown above in addition to the curriculum requirements listed below.

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------|-------|---------|
|------|-------|---------|

Biology Electives

Complete 23 credits of additional biology courses 1 **23**

Additional Science Courses

Students are encouraged to consult with a biology faculty advisor to determine which option (A, B, or C) best meets their career goals. Select one from the following options:

Option A:

CHEM 314 Organic Chemistry II
& CHEM 318 and Organic Chemistry Lab II

Option B:

One 3 credit chemistry course at the 300 or 400-level (not CHEM 314)

Option C:

GEOL 101 Introductory Geology I (Mason Core)
& GEOL 102 and Introductory Geology II (Mason Core) (Natural Science courses)

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|---------------|-------|
| Total Credits | 26-31 |
|---------------|-------|

~~Biology Electives Additional Science Courses Students are encouraged to consult with a biology faculty advisor to determine which option (A, B, or C) best meets their career goals. Note:~~

~~1Of which, at least 14 credits must be upper division, and at least two of the upper division courses must include a laboratory.~~

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------|-------|---------|
|------|-------|---------|

~~Complete 22 credits of additional biology courses 1~~ ~~22~~

~~Total Credits~~ ~~0~~

Students expecting to enter a professional school are strongly encouraged to complete MATH 113 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core).

1Of which, at least 14 credits must be upper division, and at least two of the upper division courses must include a laboratory.

Concentration in Bioinformatics (BNF)

The highly interdisciplinary field of bioinformatics has emerged as a powerful modern science. There is a great demand for undergraduate and graduate-level trained individuals with a background in bioinformatics in industry as well as in academia.

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------|-------|---------|
|------|-------|---------|

Computer Science 3

Please note: CDS 130 is recommended to fulfill the Computer Science requirement in the shared core above.

CDS 230 Modeling and Simulation I

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Bioinformatics | 6 |
|----------------|---|

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|
| <u>BINF 401</u> | Bioinformatics and Computational Biology I | |
| <u>BINF 402</u> | Bioinformatics and Computational Biology II | |
| Biology | | 14-16 |
| <u>BIOL 312</u> | Biostatistics for Bioinformatics | |
| <u>BIOL 401</u> | Phage Discovery | |
| <u>BIOL 412</u> | Phage Genomics | |
| Biology Lab Elective | | |
| Select one from the following: | | |
| <u>BIOL 320</u> | Comparative Chordate Anatomy | |
| <u>BIOL 322</u> | Developmental Biology | |
| & <u>BIOL 323</u> | and Lab for Developmental Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 331</u> | Invertebrate Zoology | |
| <u>BIOL 332</u> | Insect Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 334</u> | Vertebrate Paleontology | |
| <u>BIOL 336</u> | Invertebrate Paleontology | |
| <u>BIOL 344</u> | Plant Diversity and Evolution | |
| <u>BIOL 345</u> | Plant Ecology | |
| <u>BIOL 350</u> | Freshwater Ecosystems | |
| <u>BIOL 355</u> | Ecological Engineering and Ecosystem Restoration | |
| <u>BIOL 379</u> | RS: Ecological Sustainability (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| <u>BIOL 385</u> | Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering | |
| & <u>BIOL 486</u> | and Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 405</u> | Microbial Genetics | |
| <u>BIOL 406</u> | Microbial Physiology and Metabolism | |
| <u>BIOL 407</u> | Microbial Diversity | |
| <u>BIOL 430</u> | Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I | |
| <u>BIOL 431</u> | Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II | |
| <u>BIOL 437</u> | Orinthology | |
| <u>BIOL 438</u> | Mammalogy | |
| <u>BIOL 439</u> | Herpetology | |
| <u>BIOL 452</u> | Immunology | |
| & <u>BIOL 453</u> | and Immunology Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 454</u> | Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation | |
| & <u>BIOL 455</u> | and Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation Field Course | |
| <u>BIOL 465</u> | Histology | |
| <u>BIOL 468</u> | Vertebrate Natural History | |
| <u>BIOL 472</u> | Introductory Animal Behavior | |
| & <u>BIOL 473</u> | and Introductory Laboratory in Animal Behavior | |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| <u>BIOL 484</u> | Eukaryotic Cell Biology | |
| & <u>BIOL 485</u> | and Eukaryotic Cell Biology Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 509</u> | DNA Analysis of Biological Evidence | |
| & <u>BIOL 510</u> | and Forensic DNA Analysis Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 543</u> | Tropical Ecosystems | |
| or <u>BIOL 305</u> | Biology of Microorganisms | |
| & <u>BIOL 306</u> | and Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory | |

Additional Science Courses

Select one from the following options: 1 3-8

Option A:

[CHEM 314](#) Organic Chemistry II

[CHEM 318](#) Organic Chemistry Lab II

Option B:

[One 3 credit chemistry course at the 300 or 400-level](#) 2

Option C:

[GEOL 101](#) Introductory Geology I ([Mason Core](#))

[GEOL 102](#) Introductory Geology II ([Mason Core](#))

Total Credits 26-33

1 Students are encouraged to consult with a biology advisor to determine which option (A, B, or C) best meets their career goals.

2 [CHEM 314](#) Organic Chemistry II does not fulfill this requirement.

Concentration in Biopsychology (BP)

The biopsychology concentration consists of a selection of courses designed to address the needs and interest of students who wish to study biology in more depth while simultaneously exploring psychology and neurobiology. This concentration will help prepare students for the MCAT section related to psychology and provide veterinary students with a background in animal learning/behavior.

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---------|
| Biopsychology Courses | | |
| <u>BIOL 430</u> | Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| <u>BIOL 431</u> | Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| <u>PSYC 372</u> | Biopsychology | 3 |
| <u>PSYC 373</u> | Biopsychology Laboratory | 1 |
| Additional Psychology/Neuroscience Course | | |
| Select 3-4 credits from the following: | | 3-4 |
| <u>PSYC 304</u> | Principles of Learning | |
| <u>PSYC 376</u> | Brain and Behavior | |
| <u>PSYC 406</u> | Psychology of Communication (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|------------|
| <u>NEUR 327</u> | Cellular, Neurophysiological, and Pharmacological Neuroscience | |
| <u>NEUR 335</u> | Molecular, Developmental, and Systems Neuroscience | |
| Additional Biology Courses | | |
| Select 6-7 credits from the following: | | 6-7 |
| Select 7-8 credits from the following: | | 7-8 |
| <u>BIOL 305</u> | Biology of Microorganisms | |
| <u>BIOL 306</u> | Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 314</u> | Introduction to Research Design and Analysis | |
| <u>BIOL 322</u> | Developmental Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 323</u> | Lab for Developmental Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 437</u> | Orinthology | |
| <u>BIOL 438</u> | Mammalogy | |
| <u>BIOL 472</u> | Introductory Animal Behavior | |
| <u>BIOL 473</u> | Introductory Laboratory in Animal Behavior | |
| <u>BIOL 483</u> | General Biochemistry | |

Additional Chemistry Courses

Select one from the following options: 1 3-5

Option A:

[CHEM 314](#) Organic Chemistry II
& [CHEM 318](#) and Organic Chemistry Lab II

Option B:

[One chemistry course at the 300 or 400-level](#) 2

Total Credits 25-29

1Students are encouraged to consult with a biology faculty advisor to determine which option best meets their career goals.

2[CHEM 314](#) Organic Chemistry II alone does not fulfill this requirement.

Concentration in Biotechnology and Molecular Biology (BTMB)

The biotechnology and molecular biology concentration consists of a selection of courses that provide essential skills to students who seek employment in the field or wish to include an applied component in their undergraduate training in biology.

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Biotechnology Courses | | |
| <u>BIOL 305</u> | Biology of Microorganisms | 3 |
| <u>BIOL 306</u> | Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory | 1 |
| <u>BIOL 385</u> | Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering | 3 |
| <u>BIOL 483</u> | General Biochemistry | 4 |
| Additional Biology Courses | | |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Select 11 credits from the following, at least one of the courses must include a laboratory: | | 11 |
| Select 12 credits from the following, at least one of the courses must include a laboratory: | | 12 |
| Laboratory Courses: | | |
| <u>BIOL 402</u> | Applied and Industrial Microbiology | |
| & <u>BIOL 403</u> | and Techniques in Applied and Industrial Microbiology | |
| <u>BIOL 405</u> | Microbial Genetics | |
| <u>BIOL 406</u> | Microbial Physiology and Metabolism | |
| <u>BIOL 452</u> | Immunology | |
| & <u>BIOL 453</u> | and Immunology Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 465</u> | Histology | |
| <u>BIOL 486</u> | Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Laboratory | |
| Non-laboratory Courses: | | |
| <u>BIOL 314</u> | Introduction to Research Design and Analysis | |
| <u>BIOL 382</u> | Introduction to Virology | |
| <u>BIOL 401</u> | Phage Discovery | |
| <u>BIOL 411</u> | Advanced General Genetics | |
| <u>BIOL 412</u> | Phage Genomics | |
| <u>BIOL 417</u> | Selected Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology 1 | |
| <u>BIOL 418</u> | Current Topics in Microbiology 1 | |
| <u>BIOL 420</u> | Vaccines | |
| <u>BIOL 421</u> | Genetics of Human Diseases | |
| <u>BIOL 422</u> | Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine | |
| <u>BIOL 482</u> | Introduction to Molecular Genetics | |
| <u>BIOL 484</u> | Eukaryotic Cell Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 497</u> | Special Problems in Biology 1 | |
| Additional Chemistry Courses | | |
| <u>CHEM 314</u> | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| <u>CHEM 318</u> | Organic Chemistry Lab II | 2 |
| Total Credits | | 28 |
| 1Registration for <u>BIOL 417</u> Selected Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology, <u>BIOL 418</u> Current Topics in Microbiology, or <u>BIOL 497</u> Special Problems in Biology is subject to approval by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Chairman of the Department of Biology. | | |

Concentration in Environmental and Conservation Biology (ESCB)

This concentration is offered to students seeking a biology degree that focuses on ecology and organismal biology and prepares them for graduate work or employment in environmental and conservation fields, such as natural resources management, fisheries, forestry, water quality management, aquatic and wetland ecology, and conservation biology. The concentration is staffed and supported by the [Department of Environmental Science and Policy](#).

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|---------------|
| Environmental and Conservation Biology | | |
| <u>BIOL 318</u> | Conservation Biology | 3 |
| <u>BIOL 377</u> | Applied Ecology | 3 |
| Biology Electives | | |
| Select 16 credits from the following: 1 | | 16 |
| Select 17 credits from the following: 1 | | 17 |
| <u>BIOL 309</u> | Introduction to Oceanography | |
| <u>BIOL 314</u> | Introduction to Research Design and Analysis | |
| <u>BIOL 326</u> | Animal Physiology | |
| <u>BIOL 331</u> | Invertebrate Zoology | |
| <u>BIOL 332</u> | Insect Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 344</u> | Plant Diversity and Evolution | |
| <u>BIOL 345</u> | Plant Ecology | |
| <u>BIOL 350</u> | Freshwater Ecosystems | |
| <u>BIOL 355</u> | Ecological Engineering and Ecosystem Restoration | |
| <u>BIOL 378</u> | Applied Ecology Laboratory | |
| <u>BIOL 379</u> | RS: Ecological Sustainability (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| <u>BIOL 437</u> | Orinthology | |
| <u>BIOL 438</u> | Mammalogy | |
| <u>BIOL 439</u> | Herpetology | |
| <u>BIOL 440</u> | Field Biology | |
| <u>BIOL 446</u> | Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology | |
| <u>BIOL 449</u> | Marine Ecology | |
| <u>BIOL 450</u> | Marine Conservation | |
| <u>BIOL 454</u> | Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation | |
| <u>BIOL 455</u> | Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation Field Course | |
| <u>BIOL 457</u> | Reproductive Strategies | |
| <u>BIOL 459</u> | Fungi and Ecosystems | |
| <u>BIOL 468</u> | Vertebrate Natural History | |
| <u>BIOL 472</u> | Introductory Animal Behavior | |
| & <u>BIOL 473</u> | and Introductory Laboratory in Animal Behavior | |
| <u>BIOL 480</u> | The Diversity of Fishes | |
| <u>BIOL 497</u> | Special Problems in Biology 4 | |
| Additional Science Courses | | |
| Select one from the following options: 2 | | 3-8 |
| Option A: | | |
| <u>CHEM 314</u> | Organic Chemistry II | |
| & <u>CHEM 318</u> | and Organic Chemistry Lab II | |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|---------|
| Option B: | | |
| <u>One chemistry course at the 300 or 400-level</u> ³ | | |
| Option C: | | |
| <u>GEOL 101</u> | Introductory Geology I (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |
| & <u>GEOL 102</u> | and Introductory Geology II (<u>Mason Core</u>) | |

Total Credits 26-31

¹Of which, two courses must be selected from the list above and must have either: 2 laboratory courses or 1 laboratory course and 1 field course (consult with an advisor for guidance).

²Students are encouraged to consult with a biology faculty advisor to determine which option best meets their career goals.

³[CHEM 314](#) Organic Chemistry II alone does not fulfill this requirement.

⁴Registration in [BIOL 497](#) Special Problems in Biology is subject to approval by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Chairman of the Department of Biology.

Concentration in Microbiology (MIB)

This concentration offers lecture and laboratory courses in microbiology to prepare students for employment or advanced study in microbial genetics, physiology, diversity, and related fields.

Course List

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|---------------|
| Microbiology Courses | | |
| <u>BIOL 305</u> | Biology of Microorganisms | 3 |
| <u>BIOL 306</u> | Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory | 1 |
| <u>BIOL 405</u> | Microbial Genetics | 4 |
| <u>BIOL 407</u> | Microbial Diversity | 4 |
| Biology Electives | | |
| Select 10 credits from the following: | | 10 |
| Select 11 credits from the following: | | 11 |
| <u>BIOL 314</u> | Introduction to Research Design and Analysis | |
| <u>BIOL 382</u> | Introduction to Virology | |
| <u>BIOL 385</u> | Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering | |
| <u>BIOL 401</u> | Phage Discovery | |
| <u>BIOL 402</u> | Applied and Industrial Microbiology | |
| <u>BIOL 403</u> | Techniques in Applied and Industrial Microbiology | |
| <u>BIOL 404</u> | Medical Microbiology | |
| <u>BIOL 412</u> | Phage Genomics | |
| <u>BIOL 418</u> | Current Topics in Microbiology | |
| <u>BIOL 420</u> | Vaccines | |
| <u>BIOL 452</u> | Immunology | |
| <u>BIOL 453</u> | Immunology Laboratory | |

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| BIOL 459 | Fungi and Ecosystems | |
| BIOL 483 | General Biochemistry | |
| Additional Chemistry Courses | | |
| CHEM 314 | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| CHEM 318 | Organic Chemistry Lab II | 2 |
| Total Credits | | 28 |

**Retroactive
Requirements
Updates:**

Plan of Study:

**Honors
Information:**

Honors in the Major

Admissions

Minimum requirements for invitation:

- GPA in biology courses must be 3.33 or better
- GPA in supporting requirements (math and other science) must be 3.00 or better
- Grade of 'B' or better in [BIOL 213](#) Cell Structure and Function ([Mason Core](#))

Students should apply for admission to the Honors Program during their first or second year at the university. Contact the [Department of Biology](#) for information on applying.

Retention Requirements

Students in honors biology must maintain a biology GPA of 3.33 or better and a supporting GPA of 3.00 or better from the time they have accumulated 30 hours and thereafter. Students who fall below this standard will be given a one semester probationary period in which to bring their GPA back up to the minimum standard.

Requirements to Graduate with Biology Honors

Students are required to take 6 to 8 credits in honors courses in BIOL including three semesters of [BIOL 494](#) Honors Seminar in Biology or two semesters of [BIOL 494](#) Honors Seminar in Biology and one semester of [BIOL 493](#) Honors Research in Biology. [BIOL 498](#) Research Seminar may count towards one of the semester requirements of [BIOL 494](#) Honors Seminar in Biology. The GPA requirements are as follows:

- Minimum 3.33 GPA in honors biology courses
- Minimum 3.33 GPA in biology requirements
- Minimum 3.00 GPA in supporting requirements
- Minimum 3.00 GPA overall

Additional Program Information

This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.

Courses offered via distance (if applicable):

What is the primary delivery format for the program?
Face-to-Face Only

Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?

No

Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?

No

Related Departments

Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in Virginia or elsewhere?

No

Are you adding or removing a licensure component?

No

Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information

Are you changing the total number of credits required for this program?

Are you changing the delivery format in any way (e.g adding an online option)?

Are you adding/removing a licensure option which was approved by SCHEV?

Will any portion of this program be offered at an off-campus location?

Are you adding significant new content areas to the program?

Will this program change affect any specialized accreditation?

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program? No

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Additional Attachments

SCHEV Proposal

Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

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Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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