

BIOLOGY: PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OPTION

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are **italicized and bolded**. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

63-65 hour major – No minor required

Required Courses:

- ___ BI163 Evolution & Ecology (4)
- ___ BI173 Cell & Organismal Biology (4)
- ___ **BI283 Genetics (4)**
- ___ BI389 Career Development in Biology (2)
- ___ CH184 General Chemistry I Lab (1)
- ___ CH185 General Chemistry I (3)
- ___ MI101 Introduction to Microcomputer Applications (3)

Choose one math course:

- ___ MA116 Precalculus A (3)
- ___ MA137 Precalculus (5)
- ___ MA139 Applied Calculus (3)
- ___ MA140 Analytical Geometry & Calculus I (5)

Experiential Learning Requirement: 2 hours

- ___ BI551-553 Biology Field Studies (2)
- ___ BI563-565 Experience in Museum Curation (1-3)
- ___ BI570 Development of Instructional Materials (1-3)
- ___ BI582 Internship in Biology (1-3)
- ___ BI589-591 Biological Research (1-3)

Pre-Physician Assistant Option Required Courses:

- ___ BS113 Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab (4)
- ___ BS114 Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab (4)

Biology Electives - choose 12 Hours

- ___ BI/BO/BT/ZO prefix with at least 9 hours at the 300 level (12)
- OR
- ___ BS240 Microorganisms and Their Human Hosts (4)
- AND
- ___ BI/BO/BT/ZO prefix with at least 9 hours at the 300 level (8)

Non-Biology Requirements:

- ___ **CH186 General Chemistry II (3)**
- ___ CH187 General Chemistry II Lab (1)
- ___ CH341 Foundations of Organic Chemistry (4)
- ___ HL113 Medical Terminology (3)
- ___ MAxxx Additional math (for which MA116 is a prerequisite) (3)
- ___ PY220 Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (3)

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be

fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100* for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100*	1	BI173/073	4
	BI163/063	4	EN100	3
	CH184/CH185	4	CH186	3
	MA116/137/139/140	3-5	CH187	1
	MI101	3	Additional math	3
			General Education	3
	Total	15-17	Total	17
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.2				
SECOND YEAR	BI283/083	4	BI389	2
	BS113/013	4	BS113/014	4
	CH341	4	HL113	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
			General Education	3
		Total	15	Total
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.2				
THIRD YEAR	Biology Elective or BS240/040	3-4	Experiential Learning Course 2	
	PY220	3	Biology Elective	3
	General Education	3	Biology Elective	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
		Total	15-16	Total
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.2				
FOURTH YEAR	Biology Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
		Total	15	Total
Milestone: achieve a target cumulative GPA of 3.2				

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

*BI103 Preparation for Pre-Professionals: Getting Ready to Go Above and Beyond may be taken in lieu of UI100.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

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2025-2026 degree map

