

Biology Major Checklist for the Biology BA

Name: _____ SB ID: _____ Today's Date: _____

Pre Health Interest: _____ Overall GPA: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for the official policy, full course options, and requirements in detail. Completion of the major in Biology BA requires a foundation of life science coursework, along with an 18-24 credit non-overlapping, approved minor. The minor must have no more than a 3 credit overlap with the life science requirements for the BIO BA.

Foundational Courses in Related Fields

At least one semester of the two-semester sequences of required courses in general chemistry lecture, organic chemistry lecture, and physics must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

General Chemistry

General Chemistry 1		OR	Molecular Science 1	
General Chemistry 1 lab			Molecular Science 1 lab	
General Chemistry 2				
General Chemistry 2 lab				

Organic Chemistry

Organic Chemistry 1		OR	Molecular Science 2	
Organic Chemistry 2			Molecular Science 3	
Organic Chemistry lab			Molecular Science 2 lab	

Calculus, Statistics and Physics*

MAT 125 or MAT 131			PHY 121: Physics for the Life Sciences I	
Statistics: BIO 211, AMS 110, AMS 310, or EBH 230			PHY 122: Physics for the Life Sciences II	

* Classical Physics I and II with lab is also accepted; however, please note that PHY 132 requires a pre-or-co requisite of at least MAT 126 (beyond the calculus requirement for the BIO BA.)

Core Courses in Biology

Lecture courses

BIO 201: Organisms to Ecosystems	
BIO 202: Molecular and Cellular Biology	
BIO 203: Cellular and Organ Physiology	

Lab Courses

BIO 204	
BIO 205 or BIO 207	

Stony Brook Curriculum Courses

BIO 458: Speak Effectively Before an Audience (SPK)	
BIO 459: Write Effectively in Biology (WRTD)	

Advanced Course Requirements for the Biology BA

The Advanced Course Requirements Biology BA requires three BIO courses at the 300-level, taken at Stony Brook, including at least one of the following courses with learning outcomes on topics in genetics and evolution:

- BIO 320 General Genetics
- BIO 321 Ecological Genetics and Genomics
- BIO 354 Evolution
- EBH 302 Human Genetics

Genetics or Evolution Course: BIO 320, BIO 321, BIO 354, or EBH 302	
Advanced Biology Course: BIO _____	
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The list of Advanced BIO Courses accepted for the Biology BA can be found on the back of this page. The Accepted Electives for the Biology BS (ANP, BCP, BME, MAR and other EBH courses) are not accepted for the Biology BA. Advanced lab courses are not required for the Biology BA, but may be selected as one of the three required BIO courses.

Minor within the College of Arts and Sciences

Completion of a Minor within the College of Arts and Sciences with no more than a 3 credit overlap with the major requirements for the Biology BA. [The list of approved minors can be found here on the Undergraduate Biology Website.](#)

Approved Minor: _____	
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Upper-Division Writing Requirement

The advanced writing component of the major in Biology requires registration in the 0-credit BIO 459 and approval of either a term paper or a laboratory report written for an advanced course in the biological sciences at Stony Brook.

Upper-Division Writing Requirement	
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Transfer courses are accepted for the Core Courses in Biology. All Advanced Courses for the Biology BA must be taken at Stony Brook.

Advanced BIO Courses and Accepted Electives for the Biology Major

The advanced BIO courses and Accepted Electives are listed below in groupings that correspond to four broad areas of biology. The advanced courses are listed below as: Course Indicator, Course Name, Course Type (lecture or lab), and semester usually offered. Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for the most up-to date list including full course options, descriptions, policies, and prerequisites in detail.

Area I: Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology:

- BIO 310 Cell Biology (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 306 Virology (Lec)(SUMMER) ♦
- BIO 311 Techniques in Molecular and Cellular Biology (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 312 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 314 Cancer Biology (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 316 Molecular Immunology (Lec)(SUMMER) ♦
- BIO 320 General Genetics (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 361 Biochemistry I (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 362 Biochemistry II (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 364 Laboratory Techniques in Cancer Biology (Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 365 Biochemistry Laboratory (Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 368 Food Microbiology Laboratory (Lec)
- BIO 511 Topics in Biotechnology (Lab)(SPRING)
- BIO 515 Current Topics in Microbiology (Lab)(FALL)
- EBH 302 Human Genetics (Lec)(FALL) ♦

Area II: Neurobiology and Physiology

- BIO 317 Principles of Cellular Signaling (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 328 Mammalian Physiology (Lec)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 332 Computational Modeling of Physiological Systems (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 334 Principles of Neurobiology (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 335 Neurobiology Laboratory (Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 337 Neurotransmission and Neuromodulation: Implications for Brain Function (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 338 Selforganization of the Brain (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 339 Molecular Development of the Nervous System (Lec)(SPRING)

Area III: Organisms

- BIO 315 Microbiology (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 325 Animal Development (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 327 Developmental Genetics Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 340 Zoology (Lec/Lab)
- BIO 341 Plant Diversity (Lec/Lab) (SPRING) ♦
- BIO 342 Invertebrate Zoology (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 343 Invertebrate Zoology (Lab)(FALL)
- BIO 344 Chordate Zoology (Lec/Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 348 Diversity and Evolution of Reptiles and Amphibians (Lec)
- BIO 366 Molecular Microbiology Laboratory(Lec/Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 380 Entomology (Lec/Lab)

Area IV: Ecology and Evolution

- BIO 301 Sustainability of the Long Island Pine Barrens (Lec)
- BIO 319 Landscape Ecology Laboratory (Lab)(FALL)
- BIO 321 Introduction to Ecological Genetics and Genomics (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 336 Conservation Biology (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 350 Darwinian Medicine (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 351 Ecology (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 352 Ecology Laboratory (Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 353 Marine Ecology (Lec)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 354 Evolution (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 356 Applied Ecology & Conservation Biology Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 358 Biology & Human Social & Sexual Behavior (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 367 Molecular Diversity Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 371 Restoration of Aquatic Systems (Lec/Lab)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 385 Plant Ecology (Lec)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 386 Ecosystem Ecology & the Global Environ.(Lec)(SPRING) ♦

♦ Indicates that the Upper-Division Writing Requirement can be completed in the course