

Biology Major Checklist for the Specialization in Interdisciplinary Biology

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

Overall GPA: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Future Plans: _____

Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for the official policy, full course options, and requirements in detail.

Foundational Courses in Related Fields

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

General Chemistry

General Chemistry 1	
General Chemistry 1 lab	
General Chemistry 2	
General Chemistry 2 lab	

OR

Molecular Science 1	
Molecular Science 1 lab	

Organic Chemistry

Organic Chemistry 1	
Organic Chemistry 2	
Organic Chemistry lab	

OR

Molecular Science 2	
Molecular Science 3	
Molecular Science 2 lab	

Calculus, Statistics, and Physics*

Calculus Semester 1	
Calculus Semester 2	

Physics Semester 1	
Physics Lab Semester 1	
Physics Semester 2	
Physics Lab Semester 2	

Statistics: BIO 211, AMS 110 <i>or</i> AMS 310	
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* The Classical Physics A, B, C sequence requires 3 semesters of physics lecture.

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 <i>or</i> BIO 207	

Advanced Course Requirements for the Specialization in Interdisciplinary Biology

The list of Advanced BIO Courses and Accepted Electives for the Biology Major can be found on the back of this page. All courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

The Specialization in Interdisciplinary Biology requires:

1. At least five advanced lecture courses; one lecture course in each of the four Areas from the list of Advanced BIO Courses and Accepted Electives, plus a second lecture course in the Area of your choice (Depth).
2. Two advanced laboratory courses, or combined lecture/laboratory courses, chosen from two of the four Areas. Note, one advanced laboratory course can be replaced by two semesters of independent research for a total of at least 4 credits in a BIO research course.
3. Additional advanced lecture, laboratory, reading, or independent research courses, as needed, for a minimum of 20 credits of advanced biology coursework.

Course	Area	Lecture	Lab	Credits
	I	X		
	II	X		
	III	X		
	IV	X		
	Depth	X		

Totals				
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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.

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Stony Brook Curriculum Courses

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

Transfer students must take at least 15 credits of required core and advanced biology at Stony Brook in courses for majors at the 200 level or higher. Both of the two advanced laboratory experiences 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 pre-requisites in detail.

Area I: Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology

- BIO 310 Cell Biology (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 312 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (Lec/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) ♦
- BIO 368 Food Microbiology (Lec)
- BIO 511 Topics in Biotechnology (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)
- AMS 333 Mathematical Biology (Lec)(FALL)
- BME 304 Genetic Engineering (Lec)(SPRING)
- BME 404 Essentials of Tissue Engineering (Lec)(SPRING)
- CHE 346 Biomolecular Structure and Reactivity (Lec)(FALL)
- EBH 302 Human Genetics (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- EBH 370 Advanced Human Genetics (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)

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 From synapse to circuit: Self-organization of the Brain (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 339 Molecular Development of the Nervous System(Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 347 Introduction to Neural Computation (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 369 Animal Nutrition (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 547 Introduction to Neural Computation (Lec)(FALL)
- BCP 401 Principles of Pharmacology (Lec)(FALL)
- BME 301 Bioelectricity (Lec)(SPRING)
- BME 303 Biomechanics (Lec)(FALL)
- EBH 316 The Evolution of the Human Brain (Lec)(SPRING)
- EBH 331 Hormones and Behavior (Lec)
- NEU 517 Principles of Cell Signaling (Lec)(FALL)

Area III: Organisms

- BIO 315 Microbiology (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 325 Animal Development (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 327 Developmental Genetics Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 341 Plant Diversity (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)
- BIO 342 Invertebrate Zoology (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 343 Invertebrate Zoology Laboratory (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 515 Current Topics in Microbiology (Lab)(FALL)
- MAR 370 Marine Mammals (Lec)(FALL)
- MAR 375 Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Rehab. (Lec)(SPRING)
- MAR 376 Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles (Lec)(FALL)
- MAR 377 Biology and Conservation of Seabirds (Lec)(SPRING)
- MAR 380 Ichthyology (Lec/Lab)(FALL)

Area IV: Ecology and Evolution

- BIO 319 Landscape Ecology Laboratory (Lab)(FALL)
- BIO 321 Ecological Genetics (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 354 Evolution (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- BIO 356 Population and Community Ecology Computer Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING)
- BIO 358 Biology and Human Social and Sexual Behavior (Lec)(SPRING)
- BIO 367 Molecular Diversity Laboratory (Lab)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 383 Paleobiology (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)
- BIO 384 Intermediate Statistics (Lec)(FALL)
- BIO 385 Plant Ecology (Lec)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 386 Ecosystem Ecology & the Global Environment (Lec)(SPRING) ♦
- BIO 558 Biology and Human Social and Sexual Behavior (Lec)(SPRING)
- ANP 360 Primate Conservation (Lec)
- EBH 359 Behavioral Ecology (Lec)(FALL)
- EBH 380 Genomics (Lec)(FALL) ♦
- EBH 381 Genomics Laboratory (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)
- ENS 311 Ecosystem Ecology and the Global Environment (Lec, not for credit in addition to BIO 386)(SPRING)
- ENV 301 Sustainability of the Long Island Pine Barrens (Lec)
- MAR 301 Environmental Microbiology (Lec/Lab)(FALL) ♦
- MAR 302 Marine Microbiology and Microbial Ecology (Lec, not for credit in addition to MAR 301)(SPRING)
- MAR 303 Long Island Marine Habitats (Lec/Lab)(FALL)
- MAR 305 Experimental Marine Biology (Lab)(FALL)
- MAR 315 Marine Conservation (Lec)(SPRING)
- MAR 320 Limnology (Lec/Lab)(SPRING)
- MAR 373 Marine Apex Predators: Ecology and Conservation (Lec)(FALL)
- MAR 384 Diseases of Aquatic Organisms (Lec)(SPRING)
- MAR 386 Ecosystem Science for Fisheries Management (Lec)

Study Abroad Course Options in Area IV

Jamaica:

- MAR 388 Tropical Marine Ecology (Lec/Lab)(WINTER)

Turkana Basin:

- ANP 304 Ecology: Linking People and Nature (Lec)
- ANP 305 Earth & Life Through Time: Vertebrate Paleontology & Paleocology (Lec)
- ANP 306 Human Evolution (and evidence from the Turkana Basin)(Lec)

Madagascar:

- ANP 307 Comparing Ecosystems in Madagascar (Lec)
- ANP 326 Lemurs of Madagascar (Lec)
- ANP 350 Methods in Studying Primates (Lec)
- ANP 351 Biodiversity Assessment Methods for Tropical Field Research (Lec)
- ANP 391 Topics in Biological Anthropology (Lec)

♦ Indicates that the upper division writing requirement can be completed in the course