

BIOLOGY, B.S. (L&S)

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Four-year Plans for the Biology major are designed to support biological science major exploration and planning your academic career. Your specific program of study could, and probably will, look different. You should customize the Four-Year Plan to fit your unique interests at UW–Madison. Consult with your advisor about the best plan for you.

SAMPLE BIOLOGY MAJOR FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CHEM 103		4 CHEM 104	5
MATH 221 ¹		5 MATH 222 or STAT 371 ¹	4
Communication A		3 Literature Breadth	3
Social Science Breadth		3 Ethnic Studies/Social Science Breadth	3
	15		15

Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 151 ²		5 BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 ²	5
CHEM 343		3 CHEM 344	2
Literature Breadth		3 CHEM 345	3
Social Science Breadth		3 Humanities Breadth	3
INTER-LS 210		1 Elective	2
	15		15

Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Foundation Course for Major		3 Upper-Level Breadth in the Major	4
PHYSICS 103		4 PHYSICS 104	4
Social Science Breadth		3 Humanities Breadth	3
Electives		5 Electives	4
Declare the Major			
	15		15

Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Upper-Level Breadth in the Major		3 Upper-Level Breadth in the Major	6

Upper-Level Breadth in the Major Lab or Field Research	3 Additional Lab or Field Research	2
Electives	9 Electives	7
	15	15

Total Credits 120

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Follow the guidance of Math placement scores when choosing a Mathematics and/or Statistics course.

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Students may complete one of three Introductory Biology sequences. See the Requirements tab for more information.