

BIOLOGY, BS (CALs)

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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Four-year plans for the biology major are designed to support biological science major exploration. The four-year plan is a tool to assist you and your advisor in planning your academic career. Use it along with your DARS report and Course Search & Enroll. Your specific program of study could, and probably will, look different. You should customize your own four-year plan to fit your unique path at UW–Madison. Consult with your advisor about the best path for you.

SAMPLE BIOLOGY FOUR-YEAR PLAN

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CHEM 103 or 109	4-5 CHEM 104	5
Math Course	3-5 Math or Statistics	3-4
General Education or Breadth Courses	4 General Education or Breadth Courses	5-7
First Year Seminar	1	
	12-15	13-16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CHEM 343	3 CHEM 344	2
Math or Statistics (if needed)	3-4 CHEM 345	3
Intro Biology Courses	5 Intro Biology Courses	5
Breadth Course	3 Breadth Courses	4-6
	14-15	14-16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYSICS 103 or 207	4-5 PHYSICS 104 or 208	4-5
Foundational or Biocore	3 Biocore or Upper-Level Breadth in the Major	3-5
Elective Courses	5-8 Elective Courses	5-8
	12-16	12-18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Upper-Level Breadth in the Major	3-5 Upper-Level Breadth in the Major	3-5
Capstone or Research Course	2-3 Capstone or Research Course	2-3
Elective Courses	7-10 Elective Courses	7-10
	12-18	12-18

Total Credits 101-132