

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY, B.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.

The Conservation Biology road map is a tool to assist you and your advisor in planning your academic career. Use it along with your DARS report and the Course Guide/Schedule of Classes. Your specific program of study could, and probably will, look different. You should customize the road map to fit your unique path at UW–Madison. Consult with your advisor about the best path for you.

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Communication A ¹		3 I/A COMP SCI or MATH (if required for the BS)	3-5
Quantitative Reasoning A		3-5 Ethnic Studies ²	3
Foreign Language (if needed)		3-4 Social Science Breadth	3
CHEM 103		4 Elective	3
	16		14

Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101 & ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 102 ³		5 BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130	5
INTER-LS 210 ⁴		1 Communication B	3
STAT 301, 371, or 571		3-4 Physical Environment	3-5
Humanities Breadth		3 Social Science Elective in the Major	3-4
Elective		3	
	15		15

Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Ecology and Evolution		3-4 Species & Field Biology	3
Species & Field Biology		3 Humanities Breadth	3-4
Humanities Breadth		3-4 Social Science Breadth	3-4
Elective		3-4 Elective	3-4
	15		15

Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Ecology and Evolution		3-4 Species & Field Biology	3
Species & Field Biology		3 Elective credit in the major (if needed for 50 credits)	3-4
Elective in the major (if needed for 50 credits)		3-4 Social Science Breadth	3-4
Humanities Breadth		3-4 Elective	3-4
	15		15

Total Credits 120

- ¹ While most incoming freshman are required to complete coursework to fulfill the Communication A requirement, students may be exempted by approved college coursework while in high school, AP test scores, or placement testing. Students are expected to satisfy this requirement by the end of their first year of undergraduate study.
- ² Students are expected to complete the Ethnic Studies requirement within the first 60 credits of undergraduate study.
- ³ There are three options for Introductory Biology – please consult the Requirements page of this Guide for more information. The Communication B requirement can be fulfilled by completion of ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 152 or BIOCORE 381, BIOCORE 382, or BIOCORE 384 if you choose to take those courses for Introductory Biology.
- ⁴ INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative is recommended, but not required for students pursuing the Conservation Biology major.