

Program Progression Guides

Disclaimer: The [2020-21 Purdue West Lafayette catalog](#) is considered the source for academic and programmatic requirements for students entering programs during the Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 semesters. The Program Progression Guide assists students in the development of an individualized 8-semester plan. Students are encouraged to use this guide, MyPurduePlan* (online degree auditing tool) and the Student Educational Planner (SEP) as they work with their academic advisor towards the completion of their degree requirements.

Notification: Each student is ultimately responsible for knowing, monitoring and completing all degree requirements.

An undergraduate degree in the College of Science requires completion of the following degree requirements.

University Degree Requirements		
Minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA	Minimum 120 Credits that fulfill degree requirements	32 Residency Credits (30000 and above) at a Purdue University campus
University Core Curriculum**		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Cultures: Behavioral/Social Science Human Cultures: Humanities Information Literacy Oral Communication <p>University Core Curriculum Course Listing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Reasoning Science Science, Technology & Society Selective Written Communication 	
Required Major Program Courses		
Departmental specific requirements. 2.0 average GPA in classes required to fulfill biology requirements. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA Must have a 500-level BIOL course other than BIOL 54200.		
College of Science Core Curriculum		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman Composition – 3 credits Technical Writing and Presentation - 3 credits Teaming & Collaboration (NC) General Education - 9 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Language & Culture – 9 credits Great Issues - 3 credits Laboratory Science - 8 credits Multidisciplinary - 3 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics - 6-10 credits Statistics - 3 credits Computing - 3 credits
Degree Electives		
Any Purdue or transfer course approved to meet degree requirements in accordance with individual departmental policies. Consult the No Count course list for courses, which may not be used to meet any College of Science degree requirement.		

* This audit is not your academic transcript and it is not official notification of completion of degree or certificate requirements.

** University Core Curriculum Outcomes may be met through completion of the College of Science Core curriculum. Students should consult with their academic advisors and MyPurdue Plan for course selections.

2020-21 Genetics Degree Progression Guide

The Department of Biological Sciences has suggested the following degree progression guide for the Genetics Degree. Students will work with their academic advisors to determine their best path to degree completion. Course pre-requisites are specific to this degree plan.

Credit	Fall 1st Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 2nd Year	Prerequisite
2	BIOL 12100		3	BIOL 13100	
5	CHM 12901	ALEKS 85 or Calc Placement	4	Organic Chem I Selective	CHM 12901
2	BIOL 13500 or 19500	CHM 12901 co-req	3-5	Calculus II selective	Calc I
3-5	Calculus I selective	ALEKS 75 or 85	3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Science Core Option		3	Science Core Option	
1	Elective (BIOL 11500 pref.)	BIOL 12100 co-req			
16-18			16-19		

Credit	Fall 2nd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 2nd Year	Prerequisite
3	BIOL 23100	BIOL 13100 and co-req CHM 12901	3	BIOL 24100	BIOL 23100
2	BIOL 23200	Co-req BIOL 23200	2	BIOL 24200	
4	Organic Chem II Selective	Organic I	3	Chemistry Selective	
3	Science Core Option		1	CHM 33901	CHM 33900 co-req
3	Science Core Option		2	BIOL 28600	BIOL 12100
			1	Free Elective (BIOL 29300 pref)	
			3	Science Core Option	
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Credit	Fall 3rd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 3rd Year	Prerequisite
3	Biology Selective		3	BIOL 48100	BIOL 24100
4	PHYS I Selective		4	PHYS II Selective	
3	Science Core Option		3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Elective		3	Science Core Option	
3	Elective		1	Elective (BIOL 39300 pref)	
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Credit	Fall 4th Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 4th Year	Prerequisite
1	BIOL 44100	BIOL 24100	3	BIOL Selective 500 Level	
3-4	Intermediate Biology Selective		2-4	Base Lab Requirement	
3	Science Core Option		3	Science Core Option	
1-3	Science Core Option		3	Elective	
3	Elective		3	Elective	
3	Elective				
14-17			14-16		

Science Core Curriculum Options

(one course needed for each requirement unless otherwise noted)

Options recommended for first- and second-year students

Freshman Composition^{UC}
 General Education^{UC} (3 courses needed)
 Foreign Language and Culture^{UC} (3 courses needed)
 Multidisciplinary Experience^{UC} (BIOL 12100 satisfies)

Options recommended for third- and fourth-year students

Technical Writing and Presentation^{UC} (COM 217 recommended)
 Statistics (STAT 50300)
 Computing (CS 17700 or CS 15900)
 Great Issues

^{UC} Select courses may also satisfy a University Core Curriculum requirement; see the University Core Requirement [course list](#) for approved courses. Students must have 32 credits at the 30000 level or above taken at Purdue.

GENETICS

Fall 2020

Graduation Requirements:

- A minimum 2.0 average in all biology courses required for this major
- A minimum of 32 credits at or above the 300-level completed at a Purdue campus
- At least one 500-level Biology course other than BIOL 54200
- 120 Total Credits

BIOLOGY:

1. BIOL 12100 Biology I: Diversity, Ecology and Behavior (2 cr.; fall)
2. BIOL 13100 Biology II: Development, Structure, and Function of Organisms (3 cr.; spring)
3. BIOL 13500 1st Year Biology Lab (2 cr.; both) **or**
 BIOL 19500 Year I Bio Lab: Diet, Disease & the Immune System (2 cr.; spring) **or**
 BIOL 19500 Year I Bio Lab: Disease Ecology (2 cr.; alternate fall) **or**
 BIOL 19500 Year I Bio Lab: Phages to Folds (2 cr.; fall) **or**
 ABE 22600 Biotechnology Lab (2 cr.; fall)
4. BIOL 23100 Biology III: Cell Structure and Function (3 cr.; fall)
5. BIOL 23200 Laboratory in Biology III: Cell Structure and Function (2 cr.; fall)
6. BIOL 24100 Biology IV: Genetics and Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
7. BIOL 24200 Laboratory in Genetics and Molecular Biology (2 cr.; spring)
8. BIOL 28600 Intro. to Ecology & Evolution (2 cr.; spring)
9. Intermediate Requirement: Choose one of these eight options:
(Genetics majors may not use BIOL 43800, General Microbiology, to satisfy this requirement)
 A. BIOL 32800¹ Principles of Physiology (4 cr.; spring)
 B. BIOL 36700 Principles of Development (2 cr.; spring)
 C. BIOL 39500 Macromolecules (3 cr.; fall)
 D. BIOL 41500 Intro. to Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
 E. BIOL 41600 Viruses & Viral Diseases (3 cr.; spring)
 F. BIOL 42000 Eukaryotic Cell Biology (3 cr.; fall)
 G. BIOL 43600 Neurobiology (3 cr.; fall)
 H. BIOL 43800 General Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)
10. BIOL 44100 Senior Seminar in Genetics (1 cr.; fall)
11. BIOL 48100 Eukaryotic Genetics (3 cr.; spring)
12. CHM 33901⁴ Biochemistry Laboratory (1 cr; spring)
13. **Chemistry Selective:** One of these three courses:²
 a. BCHM 56100 General Biochemistry I (3 cr.; fall) **or**
 b. CHM 33900² Biochemistry: A Molecular Approach (3 cr.; Spring) **or**
 c. CHM 43300 Introductory Biochemistry (3 cr.; fall)
14. **Lab Requirement:** Must meet Base Lab requirement as described on the back of this page.
15. **Biology Selectives:** Six credits of the following. One of the two courses must be a 500 level Biology:
 BIOL 43800 General Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)
 BIOL 44400 Human Genetics (3 cr.; fall)
 BIOL 47800³ Intro to Bioinformatics (3 cr.; fall)
 BIOL 51600 Molecular Biology of Cancer (3 cr.; spring)
 BIOL 54100 Molecular Genetics of Bacteria (3 cr.; fall)
 BIOL 55001 Eukaryotic Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
 BIOL 58000 Evolution (3 cr.; spring)
 BIOL 59500 Genetics and –Omics of Host-Microbe Interactions (3 cr.; alt spring)
 BIOL 59500 Pathways in Human Health & Disease (3 cr.; spring)
 BIOL 59500 Theory of Molecular Methods (3 cr.; fall)
 AGRY 53000 Plant Genetics (3 cr.; fall)
 ANSC 51100 Population Genetics (3 cr.; fall)

Footnotes and other requirements are on the back of this page.

Base Laboratory Requirement for all Biology Majors

1. Students must complete one of the Required courses in the chart below. Undergraduate research cannot be used to meet this requirement.
2. Students must also complete Objectives A and B as listed in the chart below with courses or research or a combination of the two.
3. Descriptions of Objectives A and B (not all tasks must be met to satisfy an objective):
 - a. **Objective A** – Demonstrate the ability to plan and design hypothesis-driven experiments, simulations or discovery/observational experiments
 - i. Conduct an appropriate literature review for a specific scientific topic.
 - ii. Generate an applicable hypothesis (-es) for your research project
 - iii. Identify techniques to be used in your project, with justification of those techniques.
 - iv. Write a formal research proposal.
 - v. Write a detailed outline of experiments
 - b. **Objective B** - Develop the ability to appropriately analyze, critically evaluate, and depict data. Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate scientific information orally and in writing, including synthesizing and evaluating scientific literature and putting experimental results in their appropriate scientific context.
 - i. Analyze data
 - ii. Use appropriate ways to depict and communicate data (e.g., graphs, movies, images, etc.). Present the research at lab meetings, in a talk, or at a poster session.
 - iii. Write a summary (or summaries) of the data.
4. If research is used, the research director will be the one who decides if the research meets one or both objectives.
5. If research is used, it must include at least four credits of BIOL 49400 or 49900. BIOL 29400 research does not count toward this requirement.
6. Students who successfully complete a Biology Honors Research Thesis have successfully met Objectives A and B.
7. The Microbiology and Health & Disease majors require BIOL 43900 and the Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology major requires BIOL 59500, Laboratory in Ecology.

Base Laboratory Requirement Chart

Course	Title	Required	Obj. A	Obj. B
BIOL 32800	Principles of Physiology	X		
BIOL 39500	Exper Design & Quant Analysis		X	X
BIOL 39500	Macromolecules	X		
BIOL 43900	Microbiology Lab	X	X	X
BIOL 44205	LabView (5 week module)	X		X
BIOL 44207	Protein Structure (5 week module)	X		
BIOL 44212	Microscopy & Cell Bio (5 week module)	X		X
BIOL 48300	Environmental & Conservation Biology		X	X
BIOL 54200	Neurophysiology (5 week module)	X		X
BIOL 58210	Ecological Statistics		X	X
BIOL 59100	Field Ecology	X	X	X
BIOL 59500	CryoEM 3D Reconstruction	X		X
BIOL 59500	Data Analysis in Neurosci (5 week module)			X
BIOL 59500	Laboratory in Ecology	X	X	X
BIOL 59500	Neural Mechanisms in Health & Disease		X	X
BIOL 59500	Theory of Molecular Methods		X	X

CHEMISTRY

1. General Chemistry:

1. CHM 12901² General Chemistry with a Biological Focus (5 cr.; fall)

2. Organic Chemistry Selectives: One of these two options:

1. CHM 25500 Organic Chemistry (3 cr.; both) and CHM 25501 Organic Chemistry Lab (1 cr.; both) and CHM 25600 Organic Chemistry (3 cr.; both) and CHM 25601 Organic Chemistry Lab (1 cr.; both)
2. CHM 26505 Organic Chemistry (3 cr.; fall) and CHM 26300 Organic Chemistry Lab (1 cr.; fall) and CHM 26605 Organic Chemistry (3 cr.; spring) and CHM 26400 Organic Chemistry Lab (1 cr.; spring)

PHYSICS Selectives:

One of these two options:

1. PHYS 23300 Physics for Life Sciences I (4 cr.; both) and PHYS 23400 Physics for Life Sciences II (4 cr.; both)
2. PHYS 17200 Modern Mechanics (4 cr.; both) and one of the following two choices:
 - A. PHYS 27200 Electric and Magnetic Interactions (4 cr.; both) or
 - B. PHYS 24100 Electricity and Optics (3 cr.; both) and PHYS 25200 Electricity and Optics Laboratory (1 cr.; spring)

UNIVERSITY CORE and COLLEGE OF SCIENCE CORE REQUIREMENTS

Composition and Presentation; Teambuilding and Collaboration; Language and Culture; Great Issues; General Education; Multidisciplinary Experience; Mathematics; Statistics; Computing (see handout).

FREE ELECTIVES Approximately 13-23 credits

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- ¹ This course may count as the Intermediate Biology Selective and as the College of Science Teambuilding and Collaboration requirement.
 - ² Students who select 12901 for General Chemistry must take CHM 33900 and 33901. Students who end up with Special Case approval for some other Gen Chem courses may choose the other Chem Selective options. Credit is not allowed for both BIOL 44201 and CHM 33901.
 - ³ This course may count for a Biology Selective course and as the College of Science Multidisciplinary requirement.
 - ⁴ Students who do not take CHM 12901 for General Chemistry may use BIOL 44201 to satisfy this requirement.
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