# Program Progression Guides

**Disclaimer:** The 2024-25 Purdue West Lafayette catalog is considered the source for academic and programmatic requirements for students entering programs during the Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025 semesters. The Program Progression Guide assists students in the development of an individualized 8-semester plan. Students are encouraged to use this guide and MyPurduePlan* (online degree auditing tool) 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-level and above) at a Purdue University campus |

## University Core Curriculum**

https://www.purdue.edu/provost/students/s-initiatives/curriculum/courses.html

- Human Cultures: Behavioral/Social Science
- Human Cultures: Humanities
- Information Literacy
- Oral Communication
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Science
- Science, Technology & Society Selective
- Written Communication

## Civic Literacy Proficiency

https://www.purdue.edu/provost/about/provostInitiatives/civics/

## Required Major Program Courses (see following pages)

Departmental specific requirements, including 2.0 average GPA in classes required to fulfill biology requirements.

- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Must have a 500-level BIOL course (2-3 credit approved BIOL lecture)

## College of Science Core Curriculum

https://www.purdue.edu/science/Current_Students/curriculum_and_degree_requirements/college-of-science-core-requirements.html?

- Written Communication – 3 credits
- Technical Writing and Presentation - 3 credits
- Teaming & Collaboration (NC)
- General Education - 9 credits
- Foreign Language & Culture – 9 credits
- Great Issues - 3 credits
- Laboratory Science - 8 credits
- STS (Science, Tech & Society) - 3 credits
- 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. The College of Science has identified courses that are below the disciplinary level of each program and major area of study. While similar, Not Recommended course lists vary between departments.

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* 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.
# 2024-25 Neurobiology & Physiology
## Degree Progression Guide

The Department of Biological Sciences has suggested the following degree progression guide for the Neurobiology & Physiology Degree. Students will work with their academic advisors to determine their best path to degree completion. Course pre-requisites listed are notes specific to this degree plan (not all pre-requisites are listed for every course).

### Credit Fall 1st Year | Prerequisite | Credit Spring 1st Year | Prerequisite
--- | --- | --- | ---
2 | BIOL 12100 | 3 | BIOL 13100
5 | CHM 12901 | 4 | CHM 25500-25501
2 | BIOL 13500 or 145xx | (BIOL 121 or 131) & CHM 12901 co-req | 3-5 | Calculus II selective
3-5 | Calculus I selective | ALEKS 75 or 85 | 3-4 | Science Core Option
3 | Science Core Option | ALEKS 85 or Calc Placement | 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 | 3 | BIOL 24100
2 | BIOL 23200 | BIOL 23100 co-req | 2 | BIOL 24200
4 | CHM 25600-25601 | C- or better in CHM 25500 | 3 | CHM 33900
3 | Science Core Option | 1 | CHM 33901
3 | Science Core Option | 2 | BIOL 28600
1 | Elective (BIOL 29300 pref) | 1 | Science Core Option
15 | 15

### Credit Fall 3rd Year | Prerequisite | Credit Spring 3rd Year | Prerequisite
--- | --- | --- | ---
3 | Neurobiology & Physiology Selective | varies | 4 | BIOL 32800
4 | PHYS I Selective | BIOL, CHM, Calc 2 (varies) | 4 | PHYS II Selective
3 | Science Core Option | 3 | Science Core Option
3 | Elective | 3 | Science Core Option
3 | Elective | 1 | Elective (BIOL 39300 pref)
16 | 15

### Credit Fall 4th Year | Prerequisite | Credit Spring 4th Year | Prerequisite
--- | --- | --- | ---
3 | Biology Selective | varies | 3 | Neurobiology & Physiology Selective 500 Level Select | varies
2-4 | Base Lab Requirement | varies | 3 | Science Core Option—STAT 50300 rec. | C- or better in Calcul II
4 | Science Core Option—CS 17700 rec | | 3 | Science Core Option | 3 | Elective
3 | Elective | 3 | Elective
15-17 | 15

### Science Core Curriculum Options
(One course needed for each requirement unless otherwise noted)

**Options recommended for first- and second-year students**
- Written Communication\textsuperscript{UC}
- General Education\textsuperscript{UC} (9 credits needed)
- Foreign Language and Culture\textsuperscript{UC} (9 credits needed with JEDI)
- Science Tech and Society\textsuperscript{UC} (BIOL 12100)

**Options recommended for third- and fourth-year students**
- Technical Writing and Presentation\textsuperscript{UC} (COM 217 recommended)
- Statistics (STAT 50300)
- Computing (CS 17700 or CS 18000 also meet Teambuilding)
- Great Issues

\textsuperscript{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.
NEUROBIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY (NRPH)
Fall 2024

Graduation Requirements:
- A minimum 2.0 average in all biology courses required for this major
- At least one approved 2-3 credit 500-level Biology course is required (excludes lab only courses such as BIOL 54200 & 5xxxx lab modules)
- A minimum of 32 credits at or above the 300-level completed at a Purdue campus
- 120 Total Credits

BIOLOGY CORE (19 credits):
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 14503 First Yr Bio Lab Dis Ecol-Hnrs (2 cr.; alternate fall) or BIOL 14504 First Yr Lab Diet Disease Immun Sys-Hnrs (2 cr.; spring) or BIOL 14505 First Yr Lab Phages Folds-Hnrs (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)

UPPER-LEVEL BIOLOGY COURSEWORK (13-18 credits):

9. Intermediate Biology Selective: Complete ONE of these: (Neurobiology and Physiology majors must choose BIOL 32800 Principles of Physiology)
   A. BIOL 32800 Principles of Physiology (4 cr.; spring)
   B. BIOL 36700 Principles of Development (2 cr.; fall)
   C. BIOL 38700 Macromolecules (2 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. Neurobiology & Physiology Selective: Complete TWO of these (may NOT overlap with #11 Biology Selective):
    A. BIOL 43600 Neurobiology (3 cr.; fall)
    B. BIOL 53800 Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Neurobiology (3 cr.; spring)
    C. BIOL 56200 Neural Systems (3 cr.; spring)
    D. BIOL 51099 Neural Mechanisms in Health & Disease (3 cr.; alt spring)
    E. BIOL 595000 Neurobiology of Learning & Memory (3 cr.; alt fall)

11. Biology Selective: complete ONE course (2-4 credits); may NOT overlap with #10 Neurobiology & Physiology Selectives:
    BIOL 20400 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 32101 Experimental Design & Quant Analysis (3 cr.; summer)
    BIOL 36700 Principles of Development (2 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 38700 Macromolecules (2 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 41500 Intro. to Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 41600 Viruses and Viral Diseases (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 42000 Eukaryotic Cell Biology (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 43600 Intro. to Neurobiology (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 43800 General Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 44400 Human Medical Genetics (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 47800 Intro to Bioinformatics (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 48100 Eukaryotic Genetics (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 48300 Environmental & Conservation Biol (3 cr.; alt spring)
    BIOL 49500BMR Biodiversity & Museum Research (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 49500DSB Data Science for Biologists (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 49500RNA RNA World, CRISPR and Coronavirus (2 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 49500TEC Topics in Endocrinology & Cancer (2 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 51099 Neural Mechanisms in Health & Dis (3 cr.; alt spring)
    BIOL 51101 Intro to X-Ray Crystallography (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 51202 Methods & Measures in Biophysical Chem (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 51600 Molecular Biology of Cancer (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 51606 Pathways in Human Health & Disease (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 51700 Molecular Biology: Proteins (2 cr.; alt spring)
    BIOL 52905 Disease Ecology (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 53000 Medical Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 53601 Biol & Structural Aspects of Drug Design & Action (3 cr; spring)
    BIOL 53700 Immunobiology (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 53800 Molecular, Cellular & Develop. Neuro. (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 55101 Theory of Molecular Methods (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 56200 Neural Systems (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 56310 Protein Bioinformatics (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 58000 Evolution (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 58210 Ecological Statistics (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 58601 Evolution (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 58705 Animal Communication (3 cr.; alt fall)
    BIOL 59200 Evolution of Behavior (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 59500BTL Building the Tree of Life (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 59500CMCRISPR Mechanisms & Applications (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 59500CRYO CryoEM 3D Reconstruction (3 cr.; fall)
    BIOL 59500ICI Immun of Cancer & Infectious Dis (3 cr.; spring)
    BIOL 59500NL Neurobiology of Learning & Memory (3 cr.; alt fall)
    BIOL 59500UB Pract BC Nod Data Science BI (3 cr.; spring)
    BCHM 43400 Medical Topics in Biochemistry (3 cr.; spring)
    BCHM 52100 Comparative Genomics (3cr. spring)

12. Base Lab Requirement: see “Base Lab Requirement (BLR) for all Biology Majors” as described on the next page.

Footnotes are on the last page
**Base Laboratory Requirement (BLR) 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 Obj A and/or Obj B.
5. If research is used, it must include at least four credits of BIOL 49400 or 49900. (BIOL 29400, non-BIOL research, and research for pay will not count toward the BLR).
6. Students who successfully complete a Biology Honors Research Thesis automatically meet Objective s A and B with the approved thesis but must still complete a “Required Course.” and B but must still complete a “Required Course.”
7. The “Microbiology” and the “Health & Disease” majors must use BIOL 43900 Micro Lab for the BLR; the “Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology” majors must use BIOL 59500 Laboratory in Ecology for the BLR.

**Base Laboratory Requirement Chart:**

*(NOTE: BIOL 32800 meets the “Required Course” for NRPH majors; Obj A and B still need to be fulfilled).*

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CHEMISTRY (17 credits) -- complete all of the following:

1. General Chemistry (5 credits):
   CHM 12901  General Chemistry with a Biological Focus (5 cr.; fall)

2. Organic Chemistry (8 credits):
   CHM 25500  Organic Chemistry I (3 cr.; both) and
   CHM 25501  Organic Chemistry Lab I (1 cr.; both) and
   CHM 25600  Organic Chemistry II (3 cr.; both) and
   CHM 25601  Organic Chemistry Lab II (1 cr.; both)

3. Biochemistry (4 credits):
   CHM 33900  Biochemistry: A Molecular Approach (3 cr.; spring) and
   CHM 33901  Biochemistry Laboratory (1 cr.; spring)

PHYSICS (8 credits) – complete one of these options (PHYS 23300+23400 are recommended):

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)

STATISTICS (3 credits) -- STAT 50300 is required (3 cr.; fall, spring, summer); prerequisite is a C- or better in calculus 2

OTHER: all University Core, College of Science Core, and Civics Literacy Requirements must also be completed.

FREE ELECTIVES  Approximately 14-26 credits

1. This course may count as the Intermediate Biology Selective and as the College of Science Teambuilding and Collaboration requirement.
2. A 500-level BIOL course taken as part of requirement #10 meets the 500-level BIOL requirement.
3. A course chosen for requirement #10 may NOT be used for requirement #11.
4. This course may count toward the Base Lab Requirement (and may count for either requirement #10 or #11 but not both)
5. This course may count for the Biology Selective (#11) and toward the Base Lab Requirement
6. This course may count for the Biology Selective (#11) and as the College of Science Great Issues requirement and toward the Base Lab Requirement.