



Biology A.S.

Career Community: Science and Mathematics

Curriculum Code: 0221

Effective: Fall 2022 – Summer 2027

Purpose of Major

This degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Biology with a variety of concentrations. Students completing this curriculum will also satisfy Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482). This degree includes a set of courses common to all Science and Mathematics majors and many transfer institutions. Students are encouraged to work with an academic advisor and program advisor to explore transfer opportunities.

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of BIOL 127 and 128, and CHEM 151 and CHEM 161 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

- A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.
- Note: the electives BIOL 260 and BIOL 275 are only offered in Fall semester

Contact Information

Contact the Science Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 3203, telephone number 517-483-1092, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA) - Recommended Courses

Select courses as indicated for specific transfer institutions and majors. These courses are preferred General Education courses listed on Transfer Articulation agreements. The recommended courses in each General Education category also meet Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements. If no course is indicated, choose from the list of options under [General Education](#). A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for each General Education course.

- English Composition
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131 meets this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communications
COMM 130, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132 meets this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts.
Program of Study Required Courses meets this requirement.
- Mathematics
Program of Study Required Courses meets this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Career Community and Program of Study Required Courses meets this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Career Community and Program of Study Required Courses meets this requirement.

Science and Math Career Community Courses – These courses are required for all Science and Math programs. They should be taken before other Program Required or Limited Choice Courses. Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First Year College Experience	1 / 1
ANTH 270 or	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ECON 120 or	Power, Authority, and Exchange	4 / 4
ECON 201 or	Principles of Economics: Micro	4 / 4
EDUC 204 or	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220 or	Introduction to Education	3 / 3
GEOG 120 or	Introduction to Geography	3 / 3
GEOG 200 or	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
POLS 120 or	American Political System	3 / 3
POLS 240 or	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
POLS 260 or	Comparative Political Systems	4 / 4
PSYC 200 or	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
BIOL 120 or	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 127 or	Cell Biology	4 / 6
GEOG 221 or	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOG 230 or	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
PHYS 251	Physics I with Calculus	5 / 7

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHEM 151	General Chemistry Lecture I	4 / 4
CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lab I	1 / 3
COMM 130 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Fundamentals Public Speaking Composition II Honors Composition II	3 / 3 4 / 4 4 / 4
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4
MATH 120 or MATH 126 or MATH 151	College Algebra Precalculus Calculus I	4 / 4 5 / 5 4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived based on the recommendation of a Program Advisor.

For future transfer (all majors) to:

- Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University choose BIOL 127, COMM 130, and MATH 126-
- Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan Flint, and Western Michigan University choose BIOL 127, ENGL 122 and MATH 126.

Students considering adding Secondary Education Certification in Math or Science in order to teach in Michigan Public Schools are strongly encouraged to select EDUC courses as listed to meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) Social Science requirement.

For future transfer (Secondary Education Certification) to:

- Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, or Michigan State University choose EDUC 204.
- Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan Flint, or Western Michigan University choose EDUC 220.

Program of Study Required Courses - Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BIOL 127	Cell Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 128	Organismal Biology	4 / 6
CHEM 152	General Chemistry Lecture II	4 / 4
CHEM 162	General Chemistry Lab II	1 / 3
CHEM 251	Organic Chemistry Lecture I	4 / 4
CHEM 252	Organic Chemistry Lecture II	4 / 4
CHEM 272	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 / 6
MATH 126	Precalculus	4 / 4

Program of Study Required Courses – Limited Choices – Humanities or Fine Arts

- Select two from two different disciplines.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 220	Science Fiction	4 / 4
HIST 211	U.S. History to 1877	4 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HUMS 120	Masterpieces of Art & Music	4 / 4
HUMS 160	Mythology	4 / 4
HUMS 213	World Civilizations to 1600	4 / 4
HUMS 214	World Civilizations from 1600	4 / 4
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic and Critical Thinking	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4

Program of Study Required Courses – Limited Choices – Social Sciences - Select one from a different discipline chosen for the Science and Math Career Community block of courses. Students considering adding Secondary Education Certification in order to teach in Michigan Public Schools are strongly encouraged to select PSYC 200.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
POLS 120	American Political System	4 / 4
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Note:

For future transfer (Secondary Education Certification) choose PSYC 200.

Elective Courses, Recommended Choices – Select courses to meet the 60-credit minimum required for this degree. For information on preferred courses for specific concentrations identified by transfer institutions, consult with a Program Advisor. (For the full list of options, see [AA and AS Degree Electives](#))

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BIOL 210	Natural Resources Conservation	3 / 6
BIOL 260	Botany	4 / 6
BIOL 265	Zoology	3 / 6
BIOL 270	Human Genetics	3 / 3
BIOL 275	Molecular Biology	4 / 6

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 72 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
CHEM 151 – Milestone course
CHEM 161 – Milestone course
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131
MATH 126

Semester II
CHEM 152
CHEM 162
COMM 130, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts

Semester III
ANTH 270, ECON 120, ECON 201, EDUC 204, EDUC 220, GEOG 120, GEOG 200, POLS 120, POLS 240, POLS 260, PSYC 200, or SOCL 120
BIOL 127 – Milestone course
CHEM 251
Limited Choices – Humanities and Fine Arts
Electives as needed to complete 60 minimum degree credits

Semester IV
BIOL 128 – Milestone course
CHEM 252
CHEM 272
Limited Choices - Social Sciences
Electives as needed to complete 60 minimum degree credits

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