### Suggested Academic Plan

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|             | CHEM 210                                 | 3       | CHEM 213                               | 2       |
|             | General Education Course                 | 3       | General Education Course               | 3       |
|             | Elective                                 | 3       | General Education Course               | 3       |
|             | Elective                                 | 3       |                                        |         |
|             |                                           | 17      |                                        | 17-18   |

| Third Year  | BIOL 400-Level Group I Course             | 3       | BIOL 400-Level Group II Course         | 3       |
|             | PHYS 250 (GN)                             | 4       | PHYS 251 (GN)                          | 4       |
|             | CAS 100A or 100B (GWS)                    | 3       | General Education Health and Wellness  | 1.5     |
|             | General Education Course                 | 3       | ENGL 202C (GWS)                        | 3       |
|             | Elective                                 | 3       |                                        |         |
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| Fourth Year | BIOL 400-Level Group III Course           | 3       | BIOL 400-Level Group V                 | 3       |
|             | BIOL 400-Level Group IV Course            | 3       | BIOL 400-Level Group VI                | 3       |
|             | General Education Course                 | 3       | Elective                               | 3       |
|             | Elective                                 | 3       |                                        |         |
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Total Credits 126-127

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### Course Lists

**GROUP I - PLANTS AND FUNGI**
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis (3 cr.)
- BIOL 441 Plant Physiology (3 cr.)
- BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology (3 cr.)

**GROUP II - EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY**
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis (3 cr.)
- BIOL 427 Evolution (3 cr.)
- BIOL 429 Animal Behavior (3 cr.)
- BIOL 433 Evolution of Vertebrates (3 cr.)
- BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics (3 cr.)

**GROUP III - GENETICS**
- BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer (3 cr.)
- BIOL 422 Advanced Genetics (3 cr.)
- BIOL 430 Developmental Biology (3 cr.)
- BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics (3 cr.)
- BMB 400 Molecular Biology of the Gene (2-3 cr.)
- MICRB 410 Principles of Immunology (3 cr.)
- MICRB 415 General Virology: Bacterial and Animal Viruses (3 cr.)
GROUP IV - ECOLOGY
BIOL 406 Symbiosis (3 cr.)
BIOL 429 Animal Behavior (3 cr.)
BIOL 436 Population Ecology and Global Climate Change (3 cr.)
BIOL 482 Coastal Biology (3 cr.)

GROUP V - ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY
BIOL 406 Symbiosis (3 cr.)
BIOL 409 Biology of Aging (3 cr.)
BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer (3 cr.)
BIOL 430 Developmental Biology (3 cr.)
BIOL 437 Histology (4 cr.)
BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
BIOL 460 Human Genetics (3 cr.)
BIOL 469 Neurobiology (3 cr.)
BIOL 472 Mammalian Physiology (3 cr.)
BIOL 479 General Endocrinology (3 cr.)

GROUP VI - PRACTICUM
BIOL 402 (cr.)
BIOL 437 Histology (4 cr.)
BIOL 461 Contemporary Issues in Science and Medicine (3 cr.)
BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology (2 cr.)

Disallowed Courses
Students may select free elective courses from nearly the entire range of the University's offerings. However, the following courses may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements in the Biology major, regardless of option, not even as free electives.

ASTRO 001**, 010**, 011**, 120**, 140**
BIOL 011**, 012**
BISC 001, 002, 003**, 004**
BMB 001**
CHEM 001, 002, 006, 101
CMPSC 001, 100, 110
ENGL 004, 005
LL ED 005, 010
MATH 001, 002, 003, 004, 017, 018, 021, 022, 026, 030, 035, 036, 040, 041, 081, 082, 083, 110, 111, 200
MICRB 106, 107, 120, 121A, 121B, 150 151A, 151C, 151D, 151E, 151F, 151W
PHYS 001, 150, 151
CAS 004, 126
STAT 100

In addition, the following types of courses may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements in the Biology major:

- Courses which are remedial in nature or which focus on reading improvement or study skills. NOTE: Only 3 credits of CHEM 017 and only 4 credits of MATH 140A may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
- Courses which substantially duplicate the subject matter covered in other completed courses taught at a comparable level.
- No more than 6 credits of ROTC and 12 credits of Independent Study (296, 496) may be used to satisfy degree requirements. Unless special permission is granted, Independent Study credit may only be used in the “Free Electives” category.
- No more than 5 credits of KINES may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
- ** On rare occasions, with adequate justification, a student may be permitted to use one or more of these courses to satisfy degree requirements. A petition must be submitted to request such an exception and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Genetics and Developmental Biology Option: Biology, B.S. at Abington Campus

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**Academic Requirements**

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**Course Lists**

- **GROUP I - CHOOSING 6 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**
  - BMB 400 Molecular Biology of the Gene (2-3 cr.)
  - BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 427 Evolution (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 437 Histology (4 cr.)
  - BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 460 Human Genetics (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 469 Neurobiology (3 cr.)

- **GROUP II - CHOOSING 3 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**
  - BIOL 406 Symbiosis (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 427 Evolution (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 429 Animal Behavior (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms (3 cr.)
  - BIOL 460 Human Genetics (3 cr.)
  - MICRB 415 General Virology: Bacterial and Animal Viruses (3 cr.)

- **GROUP III - CHOOSING 3 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**
  - BIOL 402 (cr.)
  - BIOL 437 Histology (4 cr.)
  - BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology (2 cr.)
  - BIOL 496 Independent Studies
  - BMB 442 Laboratory in Proteins, Nucleic Acids, and Molecular Cloning (3 cr.)

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- BIOL 011**, 012**
- BISC 001, 002, 003**, 004**
- BMB 001**
CHEM 001, 002, 006, 101

CMPSC 001, 100, 110

ENGL 004, 005

LL ED 005, 010

MATH 001, 002, 003, 004, 017, 018, 021, 022, 026, 030, 035, 036, 040, 041, 081, 082, 083, 110, 111, 200

MICRB 106, 107, 120, 121A, 121B, 150 151A, 151C, 151D, 151E, 151F, 151W

PHYS 001, 150, 151

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Vertebrate Physiology Option: Biology, B.S. at Abington Campus

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