Biology, B.S. (Altoona)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Altoona

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, a minimum of 124 credits is required:

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15 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

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Requirements for the Option

Select an option 46-51

Ecology Option (46-51 credits)

Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Schuylkill, University Park

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Groups

Select a minimum of 15 credits of 400-level biology courses, with at least 6 credits from the Ecology group, 3 credits from the Evolution group, and 3 credits from the Practicum group. A maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496, and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill 15 credits minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**
Select 17-24 credits from department list 17-24

**General Biology Option (46-51 credits)**
*Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, Harrisburg, Schuylkill, Scranton, University Park, York*

### Additional Courses
Select one of the following: 6-8

**CHEM 202** Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry I
& **CHEM 203** Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry II

**CHEM 210** Organic Chemistry I
& **CHEM 212** and Organic Chemistry II
& **CHEM 213** and Laboratory in Organic Chemistry

### Groups
Select a minimum of 18 credits of 400-level biology courses, with at least 3 credits from each of the following groups (each course may be used to satisfy a requirement in only one group). Moreover, a maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496 and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill the 18 credit minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

**Plant and Fungi Group:**
- **BIOL 406** Symbiosis
- **BIOL 407** Plant Developmental Anatomy
- **BIOL 414** Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- **BIOL 420** Paleobotany
- **BIOL 424** Seeds of Change: The Uses of Plants
- **BIOL/PPEM 425** Biology of Fungi

**Evolution Group:**
- **BIOL 405** Molecular Evolution
- **BIOL 406** Symbiosis
- **BIOL 411** Medical Embryology
- **BIOL 414** Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- **BIOL 417** Invertebrate Zoology
- **BIOL 420** Paleobotany
- **BIOL 421** Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- **BIOL 422** Advanced Genetics
- **BIOL/PPEM 425** Biology of Fungi

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**
Select 17-24 credits from department list 17-24
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**General Biology Courses:**
- BIOL 463 General Ecology
- BIOL 464 Sociobiology
- BIOL 474 Astrobiology
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY

**Genetics and Developmental Biology Group:**
- BIOL 404 Cellular Mechanisms in Vertebrate Physiology
- BIOL 405 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 407 Plant Developmental Anatomy
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 413 Cell Signaling and Regulation
- BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer
- BIOL 422 Advanced Genetics
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- BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms
- BIOL 448 Ecology of Plant Reproduction
- BIOL 451 Biology of RNA
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics
- BIOL 467 Molecular Basis of Neurological Diseases
- BIOL 469 Neurobiology
- MICRB 410 Principles of Immunology

**Ecology Group:**
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 412 Ecology of Infectious Diseases
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- BIOL 499A Tropical Field Ecology

**Physiology Group:**
- BIOL 404 Cellular Mechanisms in Vertebrate Physiology
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 409 Biology of Aging
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 412 Ecology of Infectious Diseases
- BIOL 413 Cell Signaling and Regulation
- BIOL 415 Ecotoxicology
- BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer
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- BIOL 446 Physiological Ecology
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics
- BIOL 469 Neurobiology
- BIOL 470 Functional and Integrative Neuroscience
- BIOL 472 Human Physiology
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 479 General Endocrinology
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology

**Practicum Group:**
- BIOL 400 Teaching in Biology
- BIOL 402W Biological Experimental Design
- BIOL 407 Plant Developmental Anatomy
- BIOL 414 Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 417 Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 419 Ecological and Environmental Problem Solving
- BIOL 421 Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- BIOL 422 Advanced Genetics
- BIOL/PPEM 425 Biology of Fungi
- BIOL 433 Evolution of Vertebrates
- BIOL 437 Histology
- BIOL 439 Practical Bioinformatics
- BIOL 444 Field Ecology
- BIOL 450W Experimental Field Biology
- BIOL 461 Contemporary Issues in Science and Medicine
- BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology
- BIOL 475N
- BIOL 476 Advanced Human Anatomy - cadaver based
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology
- BIOL 494 Research Project
- BIOL 495 Internship in Biology
- BIOL 496 Independent Studies
- BIOL 499A Tropical Field Ecology
- BIOTC 459
- SC 295 Science Co-op Work Experience I
- SC 395 Science Co-op Work Experience II
- SC 495 Science Co-op Work Experience III

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**
Select 20-27 credits from department list
Genetics and Developmental Biology Option (46-51 credits)
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Berks, Harrisburg, Schuylkill, University Park, York

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### Additional Courses
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- MATH 220 Matrices
- MATH 231 Calculus of Several Variables
- MICRB 201 Introductory Microbiology
- MICRB 202 Introductory Microbiology Laboratory

### Groups
Select a minimum of 12 credits of 400-level courses, with at least 6 credits from the Genetics and Developmental Biology group, 3 credits from Evolution, and 3 credits from the Practicum group. A maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496 and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill the 12 credit minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

**Genetics and Developmental Biology Group:**
- BIOL 404 Cellular Mechanisms in Vertebrate Physiology
- BIOL 405 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 407 Plant Developmental Anatomy
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 413 Cell Signaling and Regulation
- BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer
- BIOL 422 Advanced Genetics
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- BIOL 451 Biology of RNA
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics
- BIOL 467 Molecular Basis of Neurological Diseases
- BIOL 469 Neurobiology
- BMB 400 Molecular Biology of the Gene
  or BMB 450 Microbial/Molecular Genetics
  or BMB 464 Molecular Medicine
  or BMB 484 Functional Genomics
  or HORT 407 Plant Breeding
  or MICRB 41 Principles of Immunology

**Evolution Group:**
- BIOL 405 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 427 Evolution
- BIOL 428 Population Genetics
- BIOL 429 Animal Behavior
- BIOL 432 Developmental Genetics
- BIOL 433 Evolution of Vertebrates
- BIOL 434 Pathobiology of Emerging Infectious Disease
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- BIOL 460 Human Genetics
- BIOL 463 General Ecology
- BIOL 464 Sociobiology
- BIOL 474 Astrobiology
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology
- BIOL 494 Research Project
- BIOL 495 Internship in Biology
- BIOL 496 Independent Studies
- BIOL 499A Tropical Field Ecology
- SC 295 Science Co-op Work Experience I
- SC 395 Science Co-op Work Experience II
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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**
Select 9-17 credits from department list

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**Neuroscience Option (46-51 credits)**
*Available at the following campuses: University Park*

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**Prescribed Courses**

**Additional Courses**
Select 3 credits from the following:

- BIOL 426 Developmental Neurobiology
- BIOL 470 Functional and Integrative Neuroscience
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY

**Groups**
Select a minimum of 12 credits of 400-level biology courses, with at least 6 credits from the Neuroscience group, 3 credits from the Evolution group, and 3 credits from the Practicum Group. A maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496 and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill the 12 credit minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

**Neuroscience Group:**

- BIOL 404 Cellular Mechanisms in Vertebrate Physiology
- BIOL 413 Cell Signaling and Regulation
- BIOL 424 Seeds of Change: The Uses of Plants
- BIOL 426 Developmental Neurobiology
- BIOL 430 Developmental Biology
- BIOL 437 Histology
- BIOL 467 Molecular Basis of Neurological Diseases
- BIOL 470 Functional and Integrative Neuroscience
- BIOL 472 Human Physiology
- BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 479 General Endocrinology
- BBH 432 Biobehavioral Aspects of Stress
  - or BBH 451 Pharmacological Influences on Health
  - or BBH 468 Neuroanatomical Bases for Disorders of Behavior and Health
  - or HDFS 468
  - or NUTR 445 Energy and Macronutrient Metabolism
  - or PSYCH 45 Learning and Memory
  - or PSYCH 46 Physiological Psychology
  - or PSYCH 47 Clinical Neuropsychology

**Evolution Group:**

- BIOL 405 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 414 Taxonomy of Seed Plants

**Practicum Group:**

- BIOL 400 Teaching in Biology
- BIOL 402W Biological Experimental Design
- BIOL 407 Plant Developmental Anatomy
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- BIOL 417 Invertebrate Zoology
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- BIOL 433 Evolution of Vertebrates
- BIOL 437 Histology
- BIOL 439 Practical Bioinformatics
- BIOL 444 Field Ecology
- BIOL 450W Experimental Field Biology
- BIOL 461 Contemporary Issues in Science and Medicine
- BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology
- BIOL 475N CBIO 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology
- BIOL 494 Research Project
- BIOL 495 Internship in Biology
- BIOL 496 Independent Studies
- BIOL 499A Tropical Field Ecology
- BIOTC 459
- SC 295 Science Co-op Work Experience I
- SC 395 Science Co-op Work Experience II
- SC 495 Science Co-op Work Experience III
### Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 14-19 credits from department list

### Plant Biology Option (46-51 credits)
Available at the following campuses: University Park

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### Additional Courses
**Groups**
Select a minimum of 12 credits of 400-level biology courses, with at least 6 credits from the Plant and Fungi group, 3 credits from the Evolution group, and 3 credits from the Practicum group. A maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496 and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill the 12 credit minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

#### Plant and Fungi Group:
- BIOL 406  Symbiosis
- BIOL 414  Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 420  Paleobotany
- BIOL 424  Seeds of Change: The Uses of Plants
- BIOL/PPEM 425  Biology of Fungi
- BIOL 431
- BIOL 444  Field Ecology
- BIOL 446  Physiological Ecology
- BIOL 448  Ecology of Plant Reproduction
- BIOL 451  Biology of RNA
- BIOL 482  Coastal Biology
- BIOL 499A  Tropical Field Ecology

#### Evolution Group:
- BIOL 405  Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 406  Symbiosis
- BIOL 411  Medical Embryology
- BIOL 414  Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 417  Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 420  Paleobotany
- BIOL 421  Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- BIOL 422  Advanced Genetics
- BIOL/PPEM 425  Biology of Fungi
- BIOL 427  Evolution
- BIOL 428  Population Genetics
- BIOL 429  Animal Behavior
- BIOL 432  Developmental Genetics
- BIOL 433  Evolution of Vertebrates
- BIOL 434  Pathobiology of Emerging Infectious Disease
- BIOL 436  Population Ecology and Global Climate Change
- BIOL 438  Theoretical Population Ecology
- BIOL 439  Practical Bioinformatics
- BIOL 443  Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms
- BIOL 446  Physiological Ecology
- BIOL 451  Biology of RNA
- BIOL 460  Human Genetics
- BIOL 463  General Ecology
- BIOL 464  Sociobiology
- BIOL 474  Astrobiology
- BIOL 478  COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY

#### Practicum Group:
- BIOL 400  Teaching in Biology
- BIOL 402W  Biological Experimental Design
- BIOL 407  Plant Developmental Anatomy
- BIOL 414  Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 417  Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 419  Ecological and Environmental Problem Solving
- BIOL 421  Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- BIOL 422  Advanced Genetics
- BIOL/PPEM 425  Biology of Fungi
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- BIOL 437  Histology
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- BIOL 444  Field Ecology
- BIOL 450W  Experimental Field Biology
- BIOL 461  Contemporary Issues in Science and Medicine
- BIOL 473  Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology
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- SC 495  Science Co-op Work Experience III

### Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 14-19 credits from department list

### Vertebrate Physiology Option (46-51 credits)
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Brandywine, Schuylkill, University Park

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**Additional Courses**

**Groups**

Select a minimum of 12 credits of 400-level courses, with at least 6 credits from the Physiology group, 3 credits from the Evolution group, and 3 credits from the Practicum group. A maximum of 3 credits of BIOL 400, 494, 495, 496 and SC 295, 395, 495 may be used to fulfill the 12 credit minimum in the 400-level biology course requirements.

**Physiology Group:**
- BIOL 404 Cellular Mechanisms in Vertebrate Physiology
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 409 Biology of Aging
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 412 Ecology of Infectious Diseases
- BIOL 413 Cell Signaling and Regulation
- BIOL 415 Ecotoxicology
- BIOL 416 Biology of Cancer
- BIOL 421 Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- BIOL 424 Seeds of Change: The Uses of Plants
- BIOL 426 Developmental Neurobiology
- BIOL 430 Developmental Biology
- BIOL 431
- BIOL 432 Developmental Genetics
- BIOL 437 Histology
- BIOL 443 Evo-devo: Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms
- BIOL 446 Physiological Ecology
- BIOL 460 Human Genetics
- BIOL 469 Neurobiology
- BIOL 470 Functional and Integrative Neuroscience
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY
- BIOL 479 General Endocrinology
- BIOL 482 Coastal Biology
- ANSC 431 Physiology of Animal Reproduction
  - or ANTH 466 The Skull
  - or BMB 484 Functional Genomics
  - or ENT 402 Animal Biology of Animal Parasites
  - or MICRB 40 Microbial Physiology and Structure
  - or MICRB 41 Principles of Immunology
  - or MICRB 41 Medical Microbiology
  - or MICRB 43 Viral Pathogenesis
  - or PSYCH 466 Physiological Psychology

**Evolution Group:**
- BIOL 405 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 406 Symbiosis
- BIOL 411 Medical Embryology
- BIOL 414 Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 417 Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 420 Paleobotany
- BIOL 421 Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
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- BIOL 463 General Ecology
- BIOL 464 Sociobiology
- BIOL 474 Astrobiology
- BIOL 478 COMPARATIVE NEUROANATOMY

**Practicum Group:**
- BIOL 400 Teaching in Biology
- BIOL 402W Biological Experimental Design
- BIOL 407 Plant Developmental Anatomy
- BIOL 414 Taxonomy of Seed Plants
- BIOL 417 Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 419 Ecological and Environmental Problem Solving
- BIOL 421 Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
- BIOL 422 Advanced Genetics
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- BIOL 448 Ecology of Plant Reproduction
- BIOL 450W Experimental Field Biology
- BIOL 461 Contemporary Issues in Science and Medicine
- BIOL 473 Laboratory in Mammalian Physiology
- BIOL 475N
- BIOL 476 Advanced Human Anatomy - cadaver based
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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

Select 15-20 credits from department list

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**Biology, B.S. (Altoona)**

**CHEM 212** 
Organic Chemistry II  
3

**CHEM 213** 
Laboratory in Organic Chemistry  
2

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[15-20 credits selected from department list]
**General Education**

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

**Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)**
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

**Knowledge Domains**
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

**Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)**
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

**University Degree Requirements**

**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

**Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

**Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

**Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

**Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

**Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.