

MICROBIOLOGY, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

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Microbiology, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PSU 16	1 MICRB 201 ¹	3
CHEM 110 ^{**†}	3 MICRB 203 or 202 (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	2
CHEM 111 ^{**†}	1 CHEM 112 ^{**†}	3
MATH 140 or 140B ^{*††}	4 CHEM 113 [†]	1
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 MATH 141 or 141B ^{††}	4
General Education Course	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3
	15	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MICRB 251 ¹	3 MICRB 252 ¹	3
CHEM 210	3 CHEM 212	3
PHYS 250 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4 CHEM 213	2
Department List C (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	3 PHYS 251 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4
General Education Course	3 BIOL 322	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BMB 400 ²	2 BMB 402 ²	3
BMB 401 ²	3 BMB 442	3
MICRB 401 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3 MICRB 412 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3
MICRB 421W	3 MICRB 422 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options)	2

General Education Course	3 General Education Course	6
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	15.5	17

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MICRB 450 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	2 MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options) ²	3
MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options) ²	5 MICRB 410 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3
BMB 428 ²	3 MICRB 447 (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	1
Department List C (consult with an academic adviser for options)	4 ENGL 202C, 202A, 202B, or 202D [‡]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Department List C (consult with an academic adviser for options)	2
	General Education Course	3
	15.5	15

Total Credits 125

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
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- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
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¹ To graduate, a grade of C or better is required in two of the following courses: Introductory Microbiology (MICRB 201), Molecular and Cell Biology I (BMB 251)/Molecular and Cell Biology I (MICRB 251), and/or Molecular and Cell Biology II (BMB 252)/Molecular and Cell Biology II (MICRB 252).

² To graduate, a grade of C or better is required in 9 credits of any BMB or MICRB 400-level course except those listed in the requirements for the major (consult with an academic adviser for clarification)

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

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Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30H and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

Microbiology, B.S. at University Park Campus (MATH 22 Start)

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Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
BIOL 110 [†]	4 CHEM 110 ^{*#†}	3 CHEM 112 ^{*#†}	3
MATH 22 ¹	3 CHEM 111 ^{*#†}	1 CHEM 113 [†]	1
MATH 26 ¹	3 MATH 140 ^{*#†1}	4	
ENGL 15, ESL 15, or ENGL 30H [†]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
16		14	4

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
MICRB 201 ²	3 BIOL 230W ⁺²	4 PHYS 251 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4
MICRB 202	2 CHEM 212	3	
CHEM 210	3 CHEM 213	2	
MATH 141 ⁺¹	4 PHYS 250 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4	
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3	
15		16	4

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL 222 ⁴	3 BMB 402 ³	3
BMB 252 ²	3 BMB 442	3
BMB 401 ³	3 MICRB 412 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ³	3

MICRB 421W	3 MICRB 422 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options)	2
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
15		14

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BMB 428 ³	3 BMB 400 ³	2
MICRB 401 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ³	3 MICRB 410 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ³	3
MICRB 450 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ³	3 MICRB 447 (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	1
MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options) ³	3 MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options) ³	3
ENGL 202C, 202A, 202B, or 202D [†]	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
15		12

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- 1 6 credits of MATH 22, MATH 26, MATH 140, or MATH 141 require a grade of C or better for General Education.
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Microbiology, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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CHEM 110 ^{*#†}	3 BIOL 230W ^{†1}	4
CHEM 111 ^{*#†}	1 CHEM 112 ^{*#†}	3
MATH 140 ^{*†##†}	4 CHEM 113 [†]	1
BIOL 110 [†]	4 MATH 141 ^{††}	4
ENGL 15, ESL 15, or ENGL 30H [†]	3 CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [†]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16.5	16.5

Second Year

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MICRB 201 ¹	3 BIOL 322 or 222 ³	3
MICRB 202	2 CHEM 212	3
CHEM 210	3 CHEM 213	2
PHYS 250 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4 PHYS 251 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) [†]	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	15

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BMB 252 ¹	3 BMB 402 ²	3
BMB 401 ²	3 BMB 442	3
MICRB 421W	3 MICRB 412 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3
MICRB 401 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3 MICRB 422 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options)	2
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
Department List C (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	1 Department List C (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	1
	16	15

Fourth Year

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BMB 428 ²	3 BMB 400 ²	2
MICRB 410 or 450 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3 MICRB 412 or 415 (Consult with an academic adviser for alternative options) ²	3
MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options) ²	3 MICRB 447 (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	1

ENGL 202C, 202A, 202B, or 202D [†]	3 MICRB 400-Level Selections (Consult with an academic adviser for options)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
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