

BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION IN ECOLOGY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Requirements

General Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|------------|
| Core Curriculum | | 42 |
| Required Support Courses | | 22 |
| Major (Required) Courses | | 37-39 |
| Concentration Required Courses | | 18-19 |
| Electives (As needed to complete 120 credit hours required) | | |
| Total Credits | | 120 |

- 36 upper-division credit hours required for degree
- 25% of courses must be taken at A&M-SA for degree
- CIP Code: 26.0101

All students must complete the University's Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/core-curriculum/>) and the specific requirements of the major. In some cases, a course that is required for a major may also be counted towards the Core Curriculum.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| Core Curriculum | | |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II ⁵ | 3 |
| or ENGL 2311 | Technical Writing | |
| MATH 2313 | Calculus I | 3 |
| BIOL 1306 | Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys ¹ | 3 |
| BIOL 1307 | Gen Biology II-Biol Organisms ¹ | 3 |
| Lang/Phil/Culture | | 3 |
| Creative Arts | | 3 |
| American History | | 3 |
| American History | | 3 |
| Government/Political Science | | 3 |
| Government/Political Science | | 3 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences | | 3 |
| CHEM 1311 | General Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 1312 | General Chemistry II | 3 |
| Subtotals: | | 42 |
| Required Support Courses | | |
| UNIV 1301 | First Year Seminar | 3 |
| MATH 2113 | Calculus I Lab | 1 |
| CHEM 1111 | General Chemistry Lab I | 1 |
| CHEM 1112 | General Chemistry Lab II | 1 |
| CHEM 2323 & CHEM 2123 | Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab | 4 |
| CHEM 2325 & CHEM 2125 | Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab | 4 |

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| PHYS 1301 & PHYS 1101 | General Physics I and General Physics Lab I | 4 |
| PHYS 1302 & PHYS 1102 | General Physics II and General Physics Lab II | 4 |
| Subtotals: | | 22 |

Major (Required) Courses ²

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| BIOL 1106 | General Biology I Lab ¹ | 1 |
| BIOL 1107 | General Biology II - Lab ¹ | 1 |
| BIOL 2415 | Statistics in Biology & Medicn | 4 |
| BIOL 2411 | Genetics ¹ | 4 |
| BIOL 3402 | Evolution | 4 |
| BIOL 2421 | Introduction to Microbiology | 4 |
| BIOL 3407 | Ecology | 4 |
| BIOL 3408 | Animal Physiology | 4 |
| or BIOL 4411 | Appl Plant Physiology,Grwth/Dv | |
| Select one of the following: ³ | | 1 |
| BIOL 4101 | Seminar-Integrative Biology | |
| BIOL 4102 | Seminar-Cell/Molecular Biology | |
| BIOL 4103 | Seminar-Zoology | |
| BIOL 4104 | Seminar-Ecology | |
| BIOL Advanced elective with lab ⁴ | | 4 |
| BIOL advanced electives ⁴ | | 6-8 |
| Subtotals: | | 37-39 |

Concentration Required Courses

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| BIOL 2406 | Intro to Plant Biology | 4 |
| or BIOL 4411 | Appl Plant Physiology,Grwth/Dv | |
| BIOL 4307 | Conserv/Restoration Ecology | 3 |
| BIOL 4424 | Field Biology | 4 |
| Select two of the following electives: | | 7-8 |
| BIOL 3375 | Applied Entomology | |
| BIOL 3403 | Plant Taxonomy | |
| BIOL 3406 | Animal Behavior | |
| BIOL 4409 | Biology of Disease Vectors | |
| BIOL 4423 | Wildlife Management | |
| BIOL 4425 | Ornithology | |
| BIOL 4427 | Herpetology | |
| BIOL 4429 | Mammalogy | |
| BIOL 4430 | Parasitology | |
| BIOL 4431 | Ichthyology | |
| BIOL 4432 | Primatology | |
| Subtotals: | | 18-19 |

Electives

As needed to complete 120 credit hours

Total Credits **120**

¹ An earned letter grade of C is required for this degree

² 2.0 overall GPA for major

³ Interdisciplinary, Cell & Molec, Zoology, or Ecology topics respectively

⁴ Can be fulfilled by any advanced electives

⁵ A&M-SA students are required to take ENGL 1302 Composition II. Credit for ENGL 2311 Technical Writing will be accepted for transfer students.

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary. This suggested order of courses assumes the following: 1) students come in TSI compliant for all categories 2) students come in as a freshmen with no previous credits earned 3) students pass all courses the first time. 4) all courses are offered during the semester suggested NOTE: If any of the above assumptions are not met, we encourage students to meet with their advisors. The most important component of this suggested schedule of courses is the order of the BIOL, CHEM, and MATH courses.

First Year

| First Semester | | Credits |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 1306 | Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys | 3 |
| BIOL 1106 | General Biology I Lab | 1 |
| CHEM 1111 | General Chemistry Lab I | 1 |
| CHEM 1311 | General Chemistry I | 3 |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 |
| Language/Philosophy/Cultural Studies | | 3 |
| UNIV 1301 | First Year Seminar | 3 |
| Credits | | 17 |

Second Semester

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|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 1307 | Gen Biology II-Biol Organisms | 3 |
| BIOL 1107 | General Biology II - Lab | 1 |
| CHEM 1312 | General Chemistry II | 3 |
| CHEM 1112 | General Chemistry Lab II | 1 |
| MATH 2313 | Calculus I | 3 |
| MATH 2113 | Calculus I Lab | 1 |
| ENGL 2311 | Technical Writing | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Second Year

First Semester

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|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 2411 | Genetics | 4 |
| BIOL 2406 | Intro to Plant Biology | 4 |
| CHEM 2323 | Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 2123 | Organic Chemistry I Lab | 1 |
| HIST 1301 | US History to 1865 | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Second Semester

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|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 2421 | Introduction to Microbiology | 4 |
| BIOL 2415 | Statistics in Biology & Medicin | 4 |
| CHEM 2325 | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| CHEM 2125 | Organic Chemistry II Lab | 1 |
| HIST 1302 | US History from 1865 | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Third Year

First Semester

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| BIOL 3407 | Ecology | 4 |
| BIOL 3408 | Animal Physiology | 4 |
| or BIOL 4411 | or Appl Plant Physiology,Grwth/Dv | |

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| PHYS 1301 | General Physics I | 3 |
| PHYS 1101 | General Physics Lab I | 1 |
| GOVT 2305 | Federal Government | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Second Semester

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 3402 | Evolution | 4 |
| BIOL 4307 | Conserv/Restoration Ecology | 3 |
| PHYS 1302 | General Physics II | 3 |
| PHYS 1102 | General Physics Lab II | 1 |
| GOVT 2306 | Texas Government | 3 |
| Credits | | 14 |

Third Semester

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| BIOL 4424 | Field Biology (Summer course only. Must have taken BIOL 3407.) | 4 |
| Credits | | 4 |

Fourth Year

First Semester

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| BIOL Advanced Elective w/Lab (Can be fulfilled by any BIOL course) | | 4 |
| BIOL 4101 | Seminar-Integrative Biology | 1 |
| or BIOL 4102 | or Seminar-Cell/Molecular Biology | |
| or BIOL 4103 | or Seminar-Zoology | |
| or BIOL 4104 | or Seminar-Ecology | |
| BIOL Advanced Elective (Must be from concentration required list) | | 4 |
| Social/Behavioral Science | | 3 |
| Credits | | 12 |

Second Semester

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| BIOL Advanced Elective (Must be from concentration required list) | | 4 |
| BIOL Advanced Elective (Can be fulfilled by any BIOL course) | | 3 |
| BIOL Advanced Elective (Can be fulfilled by any BIOL course) | | 3 |
| Creative Arts | | 3 |
| Credits | | 13 |

Total Credits

120