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Biology (Pre-Optometry), Bachelor of Science

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This academic degree map is a term-by-term course schedule designed for you to graduate in four years. The sample schedule below serves as a general guideline to building a full-time schedule for each term. Earning a degree requires that you complete (1) the required General Education courses, (2) the course requirements of your major and (3) any requirements PSU has designated for a Bachelor degree. Courses and special notes are specified to keep you on track to graduate in four years. Where open elective is listed, it means that you may take a course of your choosing, perhaps a course in an area outside of your major, but be sure to discuss this with your advisor.

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement – contact your advisor if you have any questions throughout the term and as you begin planning for the next. The University Catalog is also available as a resource with a complete list of requirements for all degrees offered at PSU.

Code	Semester 1 - FRESHMAN YEAR	Credit	NOTES
BIOL 211	Principles of Biology I (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰ Suggested	4	
BIOL 105	Pre-Health Orientation I	1	
CHEM 215	General Chemistry I	3	
CHEM 216	General Chemistry I Lab	2	
ENGL 101	English Composition (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	C or better
UGS 150	Gorilla Gateway (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	2	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	

Recommended 4-years to graduation plan

Code	Semester 2 - FRESHMAN YEAR	Credit	NOTES
BIOL 212	Principles of Biology II	4	
CHEM 225	General Chemistry II	3	
CHEM 226	General Chemistry II Lab	2	
PSYCH 155	General Psychology (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰ Suggested	3	
MATH 113	College Algebra (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	
		45	

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 15

	Semester 3 - SOPHOMORE YEAR	Credit		
BIOL 371	General Microbiology	3	В	IC
BIOL 372	General Microbiology Lab	2	B	IC
CHEM 325	Organic Chemistry I	3	М	a
CHEM 326	Organic Chemistry I Lab	2	C	0
MATH 143	Elementary Statistics	3	В	uc
Bucket 050	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16		

	Semester 4 - SOPHOMORE YEAR	Credit	
BIOL 322	Genetics	3	
BIOL 323	Genetics Lab	2	Γ
Math 150	Calculus I	5	Γ
COMM 207	Speech Communication (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3	Γ
Bucket 060	Arts & Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	Γ
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		16	

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 16

	Semester 5 - JUNIOR YEAR	Credit	
BIOL 311	Cell Biology	3	
PHYS 100	College Physics I (or PHYS 104)	4	
PHYS 130	College Physics I Lab	1	
CHEM 575	Biochemistry I (or CHEM 475)	3	
ENGL 299	Intro to Research Writing (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	C or better
Bucket 070	Institutionally Designated (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	1	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	

	Semester 6 - JUNIOR YEAR	Credit	
BIOL 305	Pre-Health Orientation III	1	
PHYS 101	College Physics II (or PHYS 105)	4	
PHYS 131	College Physics II Lab	1	
BIOL 656	Human Physiology	3	
BIOL 657	Human Physiology Lab	2	
Bucket 060	Arts & Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	

	Semester 7 - SENIOR YEAR	Credit	
300+	Biology Elective	3	
300+	Open Elective	7	
BIOL 660	Human Anatomy & Dissection (or BIOL 257 & 258)	5	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	

	Semester 8 - SENIOR YEAR	Credit	
BIOL 699	Senior Seminar	1	
100+	Open Elective	7	
Bucket 070	Institutionally Designated (SGE)070	3	
BIOL 330	Principles of Ecology	3	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	

Systemwide General Education (SGE) Key

010 English 020 Communications 030 Math & Statistics 040 Natural & Physical Sciences 050 Social & Behavioral Sciences 060 Arts & Humanities 070 Institutionally Designated