

B. S. IN BIOLOGY: MICROBIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

I. ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS & DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Grade</i>
First Year Experience	FYE 100	4	_____	_____	_____
Effective Writing I	WRT 120	3	_____	_____	_____
Effective Writing II	WRT 2__ [^]	3	_____	_____	_____
Mathematics: Statistics	MAT 121 ⁺ or 125 ⁺	3	_____	_____	_____
Interdisciplinary (“I”)	_____	3	_____	_____	_____
Diverse Communities (“J”)	_____ [♥]	3	_____	_____	_____
Ethics (“ET”)	_____ [♥]	3	_____	_____	_____

Writing Emphasis (“W”) *Nine credits**, integrated across General Education & Major courses.

BIO 211

One at 300/400-level:

Speaking Emphasis (“SE”) *Nine credits**, integrated across General Education & Major courses.

One at 300/400-level:

BIO 490

II. GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS

- Courses must be selected from the approved General Education list (see the [catalog](#)).
- Interdisciplinary (“I”) courses cannot also be a General Education distributive course.
- Biology majors fulfill their science requirements with CHE 103 and PHY 130/170.
- Distributive requirements can be simultaneously satisfied with other degree requirements, see some examples[♦].

A. Humanities (6 credits): E.g., Literature (LIT/CLS), History (HIS), Philosophy (PHI)

Courses must be selected from two different subject areas.

_____	3	_____	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____	_____

B. Behavioral and Social Sciences (6 credits): E.g., Psychology (PSY), Sociology (SOC), Anthropology (ANT), Political Science (PSC), Geography (GEO), Economics (ECO)

Courses must be selected from two different subject areas.

Note: Students taking the MCAT should take PSY 100 and SOC 100.

_____	3	_____	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____	_____

C. Arts (3 credits): E.g., Art (ART), Art History (ARH), Dance (DAN), Film (FLM), Music (MHL, MTC), Theater (THA)

_____	3	_____	_____	_____
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III. DIRECTED ELECTIVES – 14 credits (as many as needed to reach 120 total credits)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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IV. SUPPORTING COURSES (28 credits)

Calculus **	MAT	3	_____	_____	_____
General Chemistry I	CHE 103	3	_____	_____	_____
General Chemistry I Lab	CRL 103	1	_____	_____	_____
General Chemistry II	CHE 104	3	_____	_____	_____
General Chemistry II Lab	CRL 104	1	_____	_____	_____
Organic Chemistry I	CHE 231	4	_____	_____	_____
Organic Chemistry I Lab	CRL 231	2	_____	_____	_____
Organic Chemistry II	CHE 232	3	_____	_____	_____
General Physics I **	PHY 130	4	_____	_____	_____
General Physics II	PHY 140	4	_____	_____	_____

V. BIOLOGY COURSES (45 credits) -- GPA must be 2.0 or higher to graduate.

A. Required Core Courses (19 credits)

General Biology I ***	BIO 110	4	_____	_____	_____
General Biology II ***	BIO 111	4	_____	_____	_____
Genetics ***	BIO 210	3	_____	_____	_____
Genetics Lab ***	BIO 210L	1	_____	_____	_____
Cell Biology ***	BIO 211	4	_____	_____	_____
Seminar or Internship or Independent Study*** [△]	BIO 490/491/492	3	_____	_____	_____

B. Other Required Courses (15 credits)

General Microbiology ***	BIO 214	4	_____	_____	_____
General Ecology ***	BIO 270	3	_____	_____	_____
Microbial Physiology***	BIO 464	4	_____	_____	_____
Immunology***	BIO 465	4	_____	_____	_____

C. Biology Electives (11 credits) to be chosen from the following:

Pathogenic Microbiology	BIO 314	4	_____	_____	_____
Molecular Biology Techniques	BIO 333	2	_____	_____	_____
Microbial Genetics ****	BIO 334	4	_____	_____	_____
Applied & Industrial Microbiology	BIO 414	3	_____	_____	_____
Molecular Genetics ****	BIO 431	3	_____	_____	_____
Parasitology	BIO 452	3	_____	_____	_____
Mycology	BIO 454	3	_____	_____	_____
Virology	BIO 456	3	_____	_____	_____
Microbial Ecology	BIO 474	4	_____	_____	_____
Epidemiology	BIO 484	3	_____	_____	_____
Light Microscopy	BIO 480	3	_____	_____	_____

Notes and Requirements

Total degree program: 120 credits.

♠ The second (200-level) WRT course is chosen from WRT 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220.

♥ The Diverse Communities (“J”) course and the Ethics (“ET”) courses can be satisfied through another requirement (e.g., Interdisciplinary or Distributive) as long as the course carries the appropriate attribute(s). *Note:* Credits are not duplicated such that if a course satisfies two requirements, those credits must be made up via directed electives (the minimum total credits for a B.S. degree is 120).

♣ All students must take at least 9 credits of Writing Emphasis courses and 9 credits of Speaking Emphasis courses. Students who enter WCU with 40-70 transfer credits only need 6 credits of each; students who enter with >70 transfer credits only need 3 credits of each. **All students must take at least 3 credits of Writing Emphasis and 3 credits of Speaking Emphasis at the 300-400 level.**

◆ Students should think about how requirements can be simultaneously satisfied. As examples: LNC 110 is a Humanities distributive that satisfies the Ethics requirement; PHI 180 is a Humanities distributive that satisfies the Diverse Communities & Ethics requirements; LIT 165 is a Humanities distributive that is also Writing Emphasis; PSC 101 is a Behavioral & Social Science distributive that satisfies the Diverse Communities requirement.

+ All student will need to complete the Math Placement Exam before they can enroll in MAT courses. For information, please visit the link below. Please direct any questions to mathexam@wcupa.edu.
<https://www.wcupa.edu/sciences-mathematics/mathematics/mathematicsPlacement.aspx>

* The Biology department recommends MAT 145 (Calculus for the Life Sciences; 3 credits) or MAT 161 (Calculus I; 4 credits). MAT 143 (Brief Calculus; 3 credits) is also acceptable. You must meet the necessary pre-requisites or obtain a minimum score on the Math Placement Exam to enroll in a calculus class. Visit the Math Department website to take the exam. If you receive a score of 3 or lower on the placement exam, you must take MAT 115 (Algebra, Functions, and Trigonometry) or MAT 131 (Precalculus) as preparation for Calculus (MAT 143 or MAT 145). If a student scores a 2 or lower, they will need to take MAT Q30 before they can enroll in MAT 115 or MAT 131. Students can repeat the mathematics assessment to improve their score. If you receive a score of 4 or above, you can enroll directly into MAT 143 or MAT 145. You must score a 5 to enroll into MAT 161 or take the pre-requisite of MAT 131.

** The recommended Physics sequence is PHY 130 & PHY 140. Students may substitute the PHY 170 & PHY 180 sequence, but PHY 130 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 180 and PHY 170 may not be used as a prerequisite for PHY 140.

*** Course must be passed with a "C-" or better.

**** Only one of BIO 334 (Microbial Genetics) or BIO 431 (Molecular Genetics) can be used as an elective.

△ Students may only do one capstone course (BIO 490/491/492). Students using BIO 491/492 must be aware that they are fulfilling a capstone requirement, the credits will not also count as Biology electives. A maximum of 3 combined credits from BIO 391 and BIO 392 may be applied to the total BIO credits.

Suggested Sequence for B.S. Biology Majors

Microbiology Concentration

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____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #1 (15 credits) FYE 100 (4) WRT 120 (3) BIO 110 (4) CHE 103 (3) & CRL 103 (1)	____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #2 (17 credits) WRT 2____ (3) BIO 111 (4) CHE 104 (3) & CRL 104 (1) Gen Ed Distributive: Behavioral & Social Science (3) MAT 125 or MAT 121 (3)
____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #3 (16 credits) BIO 210 (3) & BIO 210L (1) CHE 231 (4) & CRL 231 (2) Gen Ed Distributive: Humanities & Ethics Course (ET) (3) Gen Ed Distributive: Arts (3)	____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #4 (17-18 credits) BIO 211 (W) (4) BIO 214 (4) CHE 232 (3) MAT 145 (3) or MAT 143 (3) /161 (4) Gen Ed Distributive: Behavioral & Social Science (3)
____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #5 (16 credits) BIO 270 (3) PHY 130 (4) Diverse Communities Course (J) (3) Directed Elective (W) (3) Directed Elective (3)	____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #6 (13 credits) BIO Elective (3) PHY 140 (4) Interdisciplinary Course (I) (3) Speaking Emphasis Course (SE) (3)
____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #7 (13 credits) BIO 465 (4) BIO Elective (3) Upper-level Directed Elective (W) (3) Gen Ed Distributive: Humanities (3)	____ ____ ____ ____	Semester #8 (13-16 credits) BIO 464 (4) BIO Elective (3) Directed Elective (3) (if needed) Directed Elective (3) (if needed) BIO 490/491/492 (SE) (3)

All required 200 level Biology courses should be completed by the end of Semester #5.

Students should take Statistics (MAT 121 or 125) in the first year.

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