

**BIOLOGY-BA OR BS-PRE-VETERINARY***The BA degree requires 3<sup>rd</sup> semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level).*THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

<b>Year One</b>			
<b>BIO 120</b> General Biology I Prerequisites: High school chemistry, CHM 109, or CHM 115 strongly recommended (CHM 109 or 115 may be taken concurrently)	4 (6)	<b>BIO 121</b> General Biology II Prerequisite: None <b>CHM 116</b> Principles of Chemistry II Prerequisites: CHM 115 and (MTH 122 or MTH 125 or MTH 201) <b>WRT 150</b> Strategies in Writing Gen Ed	4 (6) 5 (7) 4 3
<b>CHM 115</b> Principles of Chemistry I Prerequisites: High school chemistry and (MTH 110 or MTH 122 or MTH 125 or MTH 201)	4 (6)		
<sup>2</sup> <b>MTH 122</b> College Algebra Prerequisite: MTH 110 or assignment through Grand Valley math placement Gen Ed	3 3		
<i>Numbers noted within (parentheses) are contact hours</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Total</i> <b>16*</b>
<b>Year Two</b>			
<b>BIO 215</b> General Ecology Prerequisites: BIO 120 and 12 college credits; BIO 121 recommended <b>CHM 241</b> Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences I ( <i>Changing to 5 credits in fall 2015</i> ) Prerequisite: CHM 116 Gen Ed <sup>2</sup> <b>MTH 123</b> Trigonometry Prerequisite: MTH 122 or assignment through Grand Valley math placement (MTH 122 may be taken concurrently)	4 (6) 4 (6) 3 3	<b>BIO 380</b> Principles of Animal Nutrition <b>CHM 242</b> Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences II Prerequisite: CHM 241 Gen Ed Elective <sup>1</sup> MTH Cognate Course	3 4 (6) 3 1-2 3-4
	<i>Total</i>	<i>14-15</i>	<i>Total</i> <b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>			
<b>CHM 461</b> Biochemistry I Prerequisites: CHM 242, CHM 247 or CHM 248 <b>PHY 220</b> General Physics I Prerequisites: MTH 122 and MTH 123 Animal or Plant BIO Elective Course (see reverse) Gen Ed	4 5 3-4 3	<b>BIO 375</b> Genetics and <b>BIO 376</b> Genetics Laboratory Prerequisites: BIO 120. Concurrent enrollment in BIO 376 is required <b>PHY 221</b> General Physics II Prerequisites: PHY 220 Issue Gen Ed	4 (6) 5 (7) 3 3
	<i>Total</i>	<i>15-16*</i>	<i>Total</i> <b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>			
<b>BIO 405</b> Cell and Molecular Biology Prerequisites: (BIO 375 or 355), BIO 376, and (CHM 232 or CHM 242 or CHM 247) may be taken concurrently <sup>3</sup> <b>BIO 406</b> SWS Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory Prerequisites: BIO 405 (may be taken concurrently) <b>BIO 357</b> Environmental Microbiology Prerequisite: BIO 120 or instructor permission <b>OR BMS 212</b> Introductory Microbiology and <b>BMS 213</b> Microbiology and Lab Prerequisites: BIO 120, and CHM 230 or CHM 232 or CHM 241 Issue <sup>3</sup> Elective	4 2 4 4 (7) 3 3	<b>BIO 495</b> Evolutionary Biology (Capstone) Prerequisites: Senior Standing, BIO 120, BIO 121, BIO 215, (BIO 375 or 355), BIO 376, (CHM 231 or 241 or 245) Plant or Animal BIO Elective Course (see reverse) <sup>4</sup> Elective <sup>4</sup> Elective Gen Ed	3 3-4 3 3 3
	<i>Total</i>	<i>16*</i>	<i>Total</i> <b>15-16*</b>

\*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.

<sup>1</sup> Choose one of the following to complete the math cognate for the major: MTH 125: Survey of Calculus, MTH 201: Calculus, or STA 215: Introductory Applied Statistics.<sup>2</sup> Students must generally demonstrate competency in college algebra and trigonometry as a prerequisite to veterinary school admission. This requirement can be satisfied in various ways depending on the student and the requirements of specific schools. You should consult with

your advisor regarding the best way to meet this requirement while also satisfying the statistics and mathematics cognate requirements for the Biology major.

<sup>3</sup> Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute.

<sup>4</sup>Elective refers to any course that can apply towards the 120 credit needed to graduate.

### **Declaring the Biology-Pre-Veterinary Medicine Major:**

1. In myBanner, select "Student" > "Student Records" > "Change Major" > "Change Major 1/Program"
2. Choose "Biology-BA or Biology-BS Preveterinary Medicine" from the drop-down box.
3. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

#### **General Education Overlap**

<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by the Biology major:</b>
Life Science and Physical Science: BIO 120 and CHM 115 (both fulfill lab requirement)
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215, MTH 122, MTH 123, MTH 201

<b>Biology Elective Courses</b>		
<b>Plant Biology</b> <i>At least one of the following is required:</i> BIO 243 Plant Identification and Natural History (3) BIO 303 Plant Morphology (4) BIO 323 Aquatic and Wetlands Plants (3) BIO 333 Systematic Botany (4) BIO 403 Plant Structure and Function (4) BIO 413 Freshwater Algae (3) BIO 423 Plant Biotechnology (3) BIO 433 Plant Ecology (4) BIO 473 Ecology and Evolution of Plant-Animal Interactions (3) BIO 573 Plants of the Great Lakes Area (3)-with permission	<b>Animal Biology</b> <i>At least one of the following is required:</i> BIO 222 Natural History of Vertebrates (3) BIO 232 Natural History of Invertebrates (3) BIO 302 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy (4) BIO 352 Animal Behavior (3) BIO 422 Embryology (3) BIO 432 Comparative Animal Physiology (4)	<i>The following courses are excluded from the biology major:</i> BIO 104 Biology for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century BIO 105 Environmental Science BIO 107 Great Lakes and Other Water Resources BIO 109 Plants in the World BIO 205 Genetics for K-8 Pre-Service Teachers Any other biology course whose description prevents it from being used in the major <i>Only ONE of the following courses may be counted in the biology major:</i> BIO 309 Plants and Human Health (3) BIO 311 Biological Basis of Society (3) BIO 329 Evolution of Social Behavior (3) BIO 349 The Darwinian Revolution (3)
<b>Additional Biology Electives</b>		
BIO 280 Special Topics in Biology (1-4) BIO 308 Wildlife Ecology (4) BIO 319 Global Agricultural Sustainability (3) BIO 325 Human Sexuality (3) BIO 328 Biomedical Ethics (3)* BIO 338 Environmental Ethics (3) * <i>only one of BIO 328 or 338 may be used as elective credit in the major</i> BIO 357 Environmental Microbiology (4) BIO 380 Special Topics in Biology (1-4)	BIO 390 Seminar (1) BIO 399 Selected Experiences in Biology (1-4) BIO 408 Wildlife Management (4) BIO 411 Genetics of Development and Cancer (3) BIO 414 Molecular Biology of the Gene (3) BIO 416 Advanced Genetics Laboratory (2) BIO 417 International Field Biology (1-4) BIO 418 Regional Field Biology (1-4) BIO 426 Nucleic Acids Laboratory (3) BIO 440 Limnology (4)	BIO 442 Fish Ecology (3) BIO 450 Stream Ecology (4) BIO 452 Human Evolution (3) BIO 460 Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology (4) BIO 470 Conservation Biology (3) BIO 480 Special Topics in Biology (1-4) BIO 490 Internship (1-6) BIO 499 Research in Biology (1-4) BMS 212 Microbiology (3) AND BMS 213 Microbiology Laboratory (1)

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

**The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585**

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