

Biology (2010-2011)

Plant Emphasis

This is a **general curriculum** guide and is not applicable to every student and is not a replacement for meeting with your advisor.

-Student is starting in MTH 110-

Fall Semester – Year One	credits	Winter Semester- Year One	credits
BIO 120: General Biology I (<i>Gen Ed</i>)	4	BIO 121: General Biology II	4
MTH 110: Algebra	4	CHM 115: Principles of Chemistry I (<i>Gen Ed</i>)	5
WRT 150: Strategies in Writing	4	MTH 122: College Algebra (<i>Gen Ed</i>)	3
Gen Ed.	3	Gen Ed.	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall Semester – Year Two	credits	Winter Semester – Year Two	credits
BIO 215: General Ecology	4	BIO 375/376: Genetics/Genetics Lab	4
CHM 116: Principles of Chemistry II	5	CHM 231: Introductory Organic Chemistry	4
MTH 123: Trigonometry	3	Or²	
Gen Ed.	3	CHM 241: Organic Chemistry for Life Science I	4
		MTH Cognate ¹	3
		Gen Ed.	3
Total	15	Total	14
Fall Semester – Year Three	credits	Winter Semester – Year Three	credits
CHM 232: Biological Chemistry	4	BIO 303: Plants and Fungi	4
Or²		BIO 333: Systematic Botany	3
CHM 242: Organic Chemistry for Life Science II	4	PHY 221: General Physics II ³	5
PHY 220: General Physics I	5	WRT 305: Writing in the Disciplines ⁴	3
Gen Ed.	3		
Gen Ed. or Theme	3		
Total	15	Total	15
Fall Semester – Year Four	credits	Winter Semester – Year Four	credits
BIO 405/406: Cell and Molecular Biology w/lab	6	BIO 495: Evolutionary Biology	3
BIO Elective ⁵	3	BIO 403: Plant Structure and Function	4
Gen Ed. or Theme	3	Gen Ed. or Theme	3
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Total	15	Total	16

Notes:

¹ One course must be selected from MTH 125: Survey of Calculus, MTH 201: Calculus and Analytical Geometry, or STA 215: Introductory Applied Statistics.

² If you plan to attend graduate or professional school, you will want to complete the CHM 241/242 sequence.

³ PHY 221 is not required, but students planning to attend graduate school, professional school, or secondary teacher certification should complete the physics 220/221 sequence.

⁴ Students who pass out of WRT 305 have room to take a GenEd, Theme, or elective course in this semester.

⁵ One animal biology course must be selected as an elective.

Special Notes:

- This is a **general** curriculum guide and will not work for everyone, especially those students who have AP or CLEP credit
- Courses that have (*Gen Ed*) written after them are classes that are required in the major and also fulfill a section of the general education program.
- Remember to fulfill your 2 SWS requirements; 1 can be taken in the gen ed program and 1 in your major.
- Some classes are in multiple sections within the gen ed. If you take a course that can be counted in two categories, you can open up 1-2 more spots for biology electives.
- The following courses may be of interest when selecting the Plant Biology Emphasis: BIO 323 Aquatic Plants, BIO 413 Freshwater Algae, BIO 423 Plant Biotechnology, BIO 573 Plants of the Great Lakes Region (with permission).
- You must have **120 credits** to graduate from Grand Valley State University.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center early in your career. The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

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