

Program Progression Guides

Disclaimer: The [2024-25 Purdue West Lafayette catalog](#) is considered the source for academic and programmatic requirements for students entering programs during the Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025 semesters. The Program Progression Guide assists students in the development of an individualized 8-semester plan. Students are encouraged to use this guide and MyPurduePlan* (an online degree auditing tool) as they work with their academic advisor towards the completion of their degree requirements.

Notification: Each student is ultimately responsible for knowing, monitoring and completing all degree requirements.

An undergraduate degree in the College of Science requires completion of the following degree requirements.

University Degree Requirements		
Minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA	Minimum 120 Credits that fulfill degree requirements	32 Residency Credits (30000-level and above) at a Purdue University campus
University Core Curriculum** https://www.purdue.edu/provost/students/s-initiatives/curriculum/courses.html		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Cultures: Behavioral/Social Science Human Cultures: Humanities Information Literacy Oral Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Reasoning Science Science, Technology & Society Selective Written Communication 	
Civic Literacy Proficiency https://www.purdue.edu/provost/about/provostInitiatives/civics/		
Required Major Program Courses (see following pages)		
Departmental specific requirements, including 2.0 average GPA in classes required to fulfill biology requirements. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA Must have a 500-level BIOL course (2-3 credit approved BIOL lecture)		
College of Science Core Curriculum https://www.purdue.edu/science/Current_Students/curriculum_and_degree_requirements/college-of-science-core-requirements.html?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Communication – 3 credits Technical Writing and Presentation - 3 credits Teaming & Collaboration (NC) General Education - 9 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Language & Culture – 9 credits Great Issues - 3 credits Laboratory Science - 8 credits STS (Science, Tech & Society) - 3 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics - 6-10 credits Statistics - 3 credits Computing - 3 credits
Degree Electives		
Any Purdue or transfer course approved to meet degree requirements in accordance with individual departmental policies. The College of Science has identified courses that are below the disciplinary level of each program and major area of study. While similar, Not Recommended course lists vary between departments.		

* This audit is not your academic transcript and it is not official notification of completion of degree or certificate requirements.

** University Core Curriculum Outcomes may be met through completion of the College of Science Core curriculum. Students should consult with their academic advisors and MyPurdue Plan for course selections.

2024-25 Health & Disease Degree Progression Guide

The Department of Biological Sciences has suggested the following degree progression guide for the Health & Disease Degree. Students will work with their academic advisors to determine their best path to degree completion. Course prerequisite notes are specific to this degree plan (not all pre-requisites are listed for every course).

Credit	Fall 1st Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 1st Year	Prerequisite
2	BIOL 12100		3	BIOL 13100	
5	CHM 12901	ALEKS 85 or Calc Placement	4	CHM 25500-25501	D or better in CHM 12901
2	BIOL 13500 or 19500	(BIOL 121 or 131) & CHM 12901 co-req	3-5	Calculus II selective	C- or better in Calculus I
3-5	Calculus I selective	ALEKS 75 or 85	3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Science Core Option		3	Science Core Option	
1	Elective (BIOL 11500 pref.)	BIOL 12100 co-req			
16-18			16-19		

Credit	Fall 2nd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 2nd Year	Prerequisite
3	BIOL 23100	BIOL 13100 and CHM 12901 co-req	3	BIOL 24100	BIOL 23100
2	BIOL 23200	BIOL 23100 co-req	2	BIOL 24200	BIOL 24100 co-req
4	CHM 25600-25601	C- or better in CHM 25500	3	CHM 33900	C- or better in CHM 25600
3	Science Core Option		1	CHM 33901	CHM 33900 co-req
3	Science Core Option		2	BIOL 28600	BIOL 12100
			1	Free Elective (BIOL 29300 pref)	
			3	Science Core Option	
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Credit	Fall 3rd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 3rd Year	Prerequisite
4	BIOL 20300		4	BIO 20400	BIOL 20300
2-3	Biology Selective	varies	4	PHYS II Selective	PHYS I
4	PHYS I Selective	BIOL, CHM, Calc 2 (varies)	3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Science Core Option		3	Science Core Option	
3	Elective		1	Elective (BIOL 39300 pref)	
16-17			15-16		

Credit	Fall 4th Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 4th Year	Prerequisite
3	BIOL 43800	BIOL 23100 & 24100	2-3	Biology Selective 500 Level	varies
2	BIOL 43900	BIOL 43800 co-req	3	Health & Disease Selective	varies
3	Science Core Option— STAT 50300 rec.	C- or better in calc II	4	Science Core Option – CS 17700 rec.	
1-3	Science Core Option		3	Pre-professional Selective	
3	Elective		3	Elective	
3	Elective				
15			15-16		

Science Core Curriculum Options (one course needed for each requirement unless otherwise noted)	
Options recommended for first- and second-year students	Options recommended for third- and fourth-year students
Written Communication ^{UC} General Education ^{UC} (9 credits needed) Foreign Language and Culture ^{UC} (9 credits needed with JEDI) Science Tech and Society ^{UC} (BIOL 12100)	Technical Writing and Presentation ^{UC} (COM 217 recommended) Statistics (STAT 50300) Computing (CS 17700 or CS 18000 also meet Teambuilding) Great Issues

^{UC} Select courses may also satisfy a University Core Curriculum requirement; see the University Core Requirement [course list](#) for approved courses. Students must have 32 credits at the 30000 level or above taken at Purdue.

HEALTH & DISEASE (HLDS)

Fall 2024

Graduation Requirements:

- A minimum 2.0 average in all biology courses required for this major
- At least one approved 2-3 credit **500-level Biology** course is required (excludes lab only courses such as BIOL 54200 & 5xxxx lab modules)
- A minimum of 32 credits at or above the 300-level completed at a Purdue campus
- 120 Total Credits Minimum

BIOLOGY CORE (19 credits):

1. BIOL 12100 Biology I: Diversity, Ecology and Behavior (2 cr.; fall)
2. BIOL 13100 Biology II: Development, Structure, and Function of Organisms (3 cr.; spring)
3. BIOL 13500 1st Year Biology Lab (2 cr.; both) **or**
BIOL 14503 First Yr Bio Lab Dis Ecol-Hnrs (2 cr.; alternate fall) **or**
BIOL 14504 First Yr Lab Diet Disease Immun Sys-Hnrs (2 cr.; spring) **or**
BIOL 14505 First Yr Lab Phages Folds-Hnrs (2 cr.; fall)
4. BIOL 23100 Biology III: Cell Structure and Function (3 cr.; fall)
5. BIOL 23200 Laboratory in Biology III: Cell Structure and Function (2 cr.; fall)
6. BIOL 24100 Biology IV: Genetics and Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
7. BIOL 24200 Laboratory in Genetics and Molecular Biology (2 cr.; spring)
8. BIOL 28600 Intro. to Ecology & Evolution (2 cr.; spring)

UPPER-LEVEL BIOLOGY COURSEWORK (21-22 credits):

9. **Intermediate Biology Selective:** complete ONE of these:
(Health & Disease majors must complete option H, BIOL 43800)
 - A. BIOL 32800³ Principles of Physiology (4 cr.; spring)
 - B. BIOL 36700 Principles of Development (2 cr.; fall)
 - C. BIOL 38700 Macromolecules (2 cr.; fall)
 - D. BIOL 41500 Intro. to Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)
 - E. BIOL 41600 Viruses & Viral Diseases (3 cr.; spring)
 - F. BIOL 42000 Eukaryotic Cell Biology (3 cr.; fall)
 - G. BIOL 43600 Neurobiology (3 cr.; fall)
 - H. **BIOL 43800 General Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)**
10. BIOL 20300 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 cr.; fall)
11. BIOL 20400 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 cr.; spring)
12. **Base Lab Requirement:** BIOL 43900 Lab in Microbiology (2 cr.; fall) is required for all HLDS majors
13. **Health & Disease Selective:** complete ONE of these (may NOT overlap with Biology Selectives)¹:
 - A. BIOL 41600² Viruses & Viral Diseases (3 cr.; spring) **or**
 - B. BIOL 53700² Immunology (3 cr.; fall)
14. **Biology Selectives:** complete TWO from the following¹ (may NOT overlap with Health & Disease Selective) (5-6cr):

BIOL 32101	Experimental Design & Quant Analysis (3 cr.; summer)	BIOL 53601	Biol & Struct Aspects of Drug Design & Action (3 cr; spr)
BIOL 32800 ³	Principles of Physiology (4 cr.; spring)	BIOL 53700 ²	Immunology (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 36700	Principles of Development (2 cr.; fall)	BIOL 53800	Molecular, Cellular & Dvlpmnt Neurobiol (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 38700	Macromolecules (2 cr.; fall)	BIOL 54100	Molecular Genetics of Bacteria (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 41500	Intro. to Molecular Biology (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 54900	Microbial Ecology (2 cr.; alt spring)
BIOL 41600 ²	Viruses & Viral Diseases (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 55101	Theory of Molecular Methods (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 42000	Eukaryotic Cell Biology (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 56200	Neural Systems (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 43600	Neurobiology (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 56310	Protein Bioinformatics (3 cr.; alt spring)
BIOL 44400	Human Medical Genetics (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 58000	Evolution (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 44600	Molecular Bacterial Pathogenesis (3 cr.; alt spring)	BIOL 58210	Ecological Statistics (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 47800	Intro to Bioinformatics (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 58601	Ecology (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 48100	Eukaryotic Genetics (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 58705	Animal Communication (3 cr.; alt fall)
BIOL 48300 ⁴	Environmental & Conservation Biology (3 cr.; alt spring)	BIOL 59100	Field Ecology (4 cr.; alt fall)
BIOL 49500BMR	Biodiversity & Museum Research (3 cr; fall)	BIOL 59200	Evolution of Behavior (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 49500DSB	Data Science for Biologists (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 59500BCDP	Bacteria in Cancer Dis & Prevention (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 49500RNA	RNA World, CRISPR & Coronavirus (2 cr; spring)	BIOL 59500BTL	Building the Tree of Life (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 49500TEC	Topics in Endocrinology & Cancer (2 cr.; spring)	BIOL 59500U	Cell Biology of Plants (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 51099	Neural Mechanisms in Health & Dis (3 cr.; alt spring)	BIOL 59500CMA	CRISPR Mechanisms & Applications (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 51101	Intro to X-Ray Crystallography (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 59500CRYO	CryoEM 3D Reconstruction (3 cr.; fall)
BIOL 51202	Methods & Msmts in Physical Biochem (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 59500ICI	Immunology of Cancer & Infectious Dis (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 51600	Molecular Biology of Cancer (3 cr.; spring)	BIOL 59500V	Molecular Virology (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 51606	Pathways in Human Health & Disease (3 cr.; fall)	BIOL 59500D	Neurobiology of Learning & Memory (3 cr.; alt. fall)
BIOL 51700	Molecular Biology: Proteins (2 cr.; alt spring)	BIOL 59500M	Practical BioComputing (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 52900	Bacterial Physiology (3 cr.; spring)	BCHM 43400	Medical Topics in Biochemistry (3 cr.; spring)
BIOL 52905	Disease Ecology (3 cr.; spring)	BCHM 52100	Comparative Genomics (3 cr; spring)
BIOL 53300	Medical Microbiology (3 cr.; fall)	HORT 30100	Plant Physiology (4 cr.; spring)

Additional Selectives (optional): Research **or** Lab Modules (not both) can count towards the required Biology Selectives if 2-3 credits used:

2-3 cr. of Undergraduate Research – must be BIOL 49400 and/or 49900 only **or**

2-3 cr. of Laboratory Modules – (BIOL 44212 Microscopy; 54200 Neurophys Lab; 59500 Data Analys Neuro; 59500 Structural Biol Lab)

Footnotes and other requirements are on the last page.

Base Laboratory Requirement (BLR) for all Biology Majors

(Health & Disease majors are required to take **BIOL 43900** to satisfy the Base Lab Requirement)

- Each student must complete one course from the “Required Course” list in the chart below. Undergraduate research cannot be used to meet this requirement.
- Students must also satisfy Objectives A and B as listed in the chart below, which can be met by courses, research, or a combination of the two.
- Descriptions of Objectives A and B (not all tasks must be met to satisfy an objective):
 - Objective A** – Demonstrate the ability to plan and design hypothesis-driven experiments, simulations or discovery/observational experiments.
 - Conduct an appropriate literature review for a specific scientific topic.
 - Generate an applicable hypothesis (-es) for your research project.
 - Identify techniques to be used in your project, with justification of those techniques.
 - Write a formal research proposal.
 - Write a detailed outline of experiments.
 - Objective B** - Develop the ability to appropriately analyze, critically evaluate, and depict data. Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate scientific information orally and in writing, including synthesizing and evaluating scientific literature and putting experimental results in their appropriate scientific context.
 - Analyze data.
 - Use appropriate ways to depict and communicate data (e.g., graphs, movies, images, etc.). Present the research at lab meetings, in a talk, or at a poster session.
 - Write a summary (or summaries) of the data.
- If research is used, the research director will be the one who decides if the research meets Obj A and/or Obj B.
- If research is used, it must include at least four credits of BIOL 49400 and/or 49900. (BIOL 29400, non-BIOL research, and research for pay will not count toward the BLR.)
- Students who successfully complete a Biology Honors Research Thesis automatically meet Objectives A and B with the approved thesis but must still complete a “Required Course.”
- The “*Microbiology*” and the “*Health & Disease*” majors must use BIOL 43900 Micro Lab for the BLR; the “*Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology*” majors must use BIOL 59500 Laboratory in Ecology for the BLR.

Base Laboratory Requirement Chart

Course	Title	Required Course	Obj. A	Obj. B	Usually Offered	Format	Pre-Req (PR) or Co-Req (CR) beyond core courses
BIOL 32101	Experim Design & Analysis-Hrs (3cr)		X	X	Summer	online	
BIOL 32800	Principles of Physiology (4cr)	X			Spring		
BIOL 43900	Microbiology Lab (2cr)	X	X	X	Fall		PR/CR=43800
BIOL 44212	Microscopy & Cell Bio (1cr)	X		X	Spring	5-wk module	
BIOL 48300	Environmental & Conservation Biology (3cr)		X	X	alt Spring '24		
BIOL 49500BMR	Biodiversity & Museum Research (3cr)		X	X	Fall		PR=28600
BIOL 49500DSB	Data Science for Biologists (3cr)	X	X	X	Fall		PR=28600
BIOL 49500TEC	Topics in Endocrinology & Cancer (2cr)		X	X	Spring		
BIOL 51099	Neural Mechanisms in Health & Disease (3cr)		X	X	alt Spring '23		PR=32800 or 43600; CR=56200
BIOL 55101	Theory of Molecular Methods (3cr)		X	X	alt Spring		PR=41500
BIOL 54200	Neurophysiology (1cr)	X		X	Fall	5-wk module	PR=32800 or CR=43600
BIOL 58210	Ecological Statistics (3cr)		X	X	Fall		PR=STAT 50300
BIOL 58602	Laboratory in Ecology (1cr)	X	X	X	Fall		PR/CR=58601
BIOL 59500BTL	Building the Tree of Life: Phylogenetics (3cr)	X	X	X	Spring		research experience recommended
BIOL 59500CRYO	CryoEM 3D Reconstruction (3cr)		X	X	Fall		PR=PHYS 23300 or 17200
BIOL 59500BN	Data Analysis in Neuroscience (1cr)			X	Spring	5-wk module	
BIOL 59500SBL	Structural Biology Lab (1cr)	X		X	Spring	5-wk module	

CHEMISTRY (17 credits) -- complete all of the following:

1. **General Chemistry (5 credits):**
CHM 12901 General Chemistry with a Biological Focus (5 cr.; fall)
2. **Organic Chemistry (8 credits):**
CHM 25500 Organic Chemistry I (3 cr.; both) and
CHM 25501 Organic Chemistry Lab I (1 cr.; both) and
CHM 25600 Organic Chemistry II (3 cr.; both) and
CHM 25601 Organic Chemistry Lab II (1 cr.; both)
3. **Biochemistry (4 credits):**
CHM 33900 Biochemistry: A Molecular Approach (3 cr.; spring) and
CHM 33901 Biochemistry Laboratory (1 cr.; spring)

PHYSICS (8 credits) -- One of these two options (PHYS 23300+23400 are recommended):

1. PHYS 23300 Physics for Life Sciences I (4 cr.; both) **and**
PHYS 23400 Physics for Life Sciences II (4 cr.; both)
2. PHYS 17200 Modern Mechanics (4 cr.; both) **and** one of the following two choices:
 - A. PHYS 27200 Electric and Magnetic Interactions (4 cr.; both) **or**
 - B. PHYS 24100 Electricity and Optics (3 cr.; both) **and** PHYS 25200 Electricity and Optics Laboratory (1 cr.; spring)

STATISTICS (3 credits) -- STAT 50300 is required (3 cr.; fall, spring, summer); prerequisite is a C- or better in calculus 2

PRE-PROFESSIONAL SELECTIVE complete ONE of these (may NOT overlap with Gen Ed or Culture/Diversity requirements):

1. ANTH 21200⁵ Culture, Food & Health (3 cr.; fall, spring, summer)
2. ANTH 34000⁵ Cultural Perspectives on Health (3 cr.; fall, spring, summer)
3. HIST 36305⁵ History of Medicine and Public Health (3 cr.; spring)
4. HIST 47005⁵ Women and Health in America (3 cr.; fall)
5. PHIL 27000⁵ Biomedical Ethics (3 cr.; spring, summer)
6. PHIL 28000⁵ Ethics & Animals (3 cr.; fall)
7. PUBH 40000⁵ Human Diseases and Disorders (3 cr.; both)
8. PUBH 40500⁵ Principles of Epidemiology (3 cr.; both)
9. SOC 27500⁵ Sociology of Aging and the Life Course (3 cr.; fall)
10. SOC 35200⁵ Drugs, Culture, and Society (3 cr.; fall, spring, summer)
11. SOC 37400⁵ Medical Sociology (3 cr.; fall)
12. SOC 46100⁵ Health and Social Behavior (3 cr.; spring)

OTHER: all University Core, College of Science Core, and Civics Literacy Requirements must also be completed.

FREE ELECTIVES: Approximately 7-18 credits

¹ A 2-3 credit 500-level BIOL lecture course must be taken as part of either requirement #13 or #14 (excluding BIOL 54200 and 5x lab modules).

² A course used to satisfy requirement #13 may not also count for requirement #14.

³ This course may count as a Biology Selective **and** as the College of Science Teambuilding and Collaboration requirement.

⁴ This course may count as a Biology Selective **and** as the College of Science Great Issues requirement **and** towards the Base Lab Requirement

⁵ The Pre-Professional Selective course may **not** be used to also satisfy the College of Science General Education or Culture/Diversity requirements.
