

4-YEAR CURRICULAR MAP: Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Option B: Topical Focus option

This is a suggested curriculum map for the typical student completing the degree in 4 years. The map may be different for some students. Please discuss your course plan with your academic advisor to check whether this map will work for you. Check in with your academic advisor each semester to revisit the map and make changes for your specific situation as needed.

UK Core Abbreviations

HUM = Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
 SSC = Intellectual Inquiry in Social Sciences
 ACR = Intellectual Inquiry in Arts & Creativity
 GCCR = Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement

CC1 = Composition and Communication I
 CC2 = Composition and Communication II
 CCC = Community, Culture, and Citizenship in U.S.A.
 GDY = Global Dynamics

College of A&S Abbreviations

SS: Social Sciences
 HUM: Humanities
 R&E: Race and Ethnicity

YEAR 1			
Fall	credit hr	Spring	credit hr
♣UK Core CC1 (WRD 110)	3	♣UK Core CC2 (WRD 111)	3
MA 137: Calculus with Life Science Applications	4	CHE 107: General College Chemistry II	3
CHE 105: General College Chemistry I	4	CHE 113: General Chemistry II Laboratory	2
CHE 111: General Chemistry I Lab	1	BIO 152: Principles of Biology II	3
BIO 148: Introductory Biology I	3	◇A&S HUM 1	**3
BIO 155: Lab for Introductory Biology I	1	◇★UK Core GDY + A&S R&E	**3
OR BIO 198: Scholars Biology Research	2		
Total Credits: 16-17		Total Credits: 17	
YEAR 2			
Fall	credit hr	Spring	credit hr
+Foreign language 101	4	+Foreign language 102	4
◇UK CORE SSC	**3	◇UK Core HUM	**3
◇UK Core ACR	**3	◇A&S SS 1	**3
●Tier I Core course 1	4	^Free Elective	**3
CHE 230: Organic Chemistry I	3	●Tier I Core course 2	4
CHE 231: Organic Chemistry Lab	1		
Total Credits: 18		Total Credits: 17	
YEAR 3			
Fall	credit hr	Spring	credit hr
+Foreign language 201	3	+Foreign language 202	3
PHY 211: General Physics I	5	◆Tier II Core course 2	4
◆Tier II Core course 1	4	STA 296	3
BIO 425: Biology Seminar	1	‡ Topical Focus 2	**3
‡Topical Focus course 1	**3	‡ Topical Focus 3	**3
Total Credits: 16		Total Credits: 16	
YEAR 4			
Fall	credit hr	Spring	credit hr
◇A&S SS 2	**3	◇A&S HUM 2	**3
◇★UK Core CCC + A&S R&E	**3	^Free Elective	**3
‡ Topical Focus 4	**3	*Biology Elective 3	**3
*Biology Elective 1	**3	*Biology Elective 4	**3
*Biology Elective 2	**3	*Biology Elective 5	**1-3
Total Credits: 15		Total Credits: 13-15	

**The number of credits listed for these courses is the typical number of credits for courses in this category. However, different courses may have different number of credits.

Notes:

◇ The sequence in which UK-Core and A&S courses are taken does not matter. The sequence given in this plan is arbitrary.

★ Several A&S R&E courses also satisfy the UK-Core CCC or UK-Core GDY requirements. Students are strongly encouraged to take such a course for the R&E so that the total number of credits required may be reduced by 3.

♣ Incoming Students are Strongly Encouraged to take WRD 112 to fulfill the CC1 and CC2 requirements if they have any of the following: an ACT English score of 32 or Higher, an SAT Verbal score of 720 or Higher, or an AP English Composition score of 4 or 5. If the student has been accepted into the University Honors Program, the student is required to take WRD 112, instead of CC1 and CC2.

• Tier I Core courses include BIO 303 Introduction to Evolution and BIO 304 Principles of Genetics. Either one can be taken in the Fall of Year 2 and the other taken in the Spring of Year 2; the order of these two courses does not matter.

◆ Tier II Core courses include:

- BIO 315
- BIO 325
- BIO 350 or BIO 430G

The order in which these are taken does not matter.

‡ The Topical Focus is a sequence of courses within a specific topic, consisting of courses not included for the Biology major. These should total 12 credits.

* Upper-level Biology electives: To be discussed with your academic advisor. The total number of credits from the Topical Focus and upper-level electives should be 25. Students pursuing a BA option B need 13 credits of upper-level electives, of which 12 credits should be from within the declared track. See the Biology Department website for which courses are accepted as upper-level electives. Of the 13 credits of electives, 9 credits need to have a BIO prefix.

- The GCCR is satisfied by Biology majors through BIO 425 + a GCCR written course. The GCCR written course may be BIO 430G or an elective that satisfies this requirement. Ensuring that one of the upper-level biology electives is a GCCR written course will reduce the number of credits that a student needs.

+ Students who have taken 2 years of a language in high school can get credit for the 101 and 102 level of the language. Then they only need to take the 201 or 202 level of the same language to complete the A&S Foreign Language Requirement, or they may complete the requirement with 3 college semesters of a different language. Students who have taken 4 years of a high school language may take the 203 level of the same language to complete the A&S Foreign Language requirement.

^ 6 hours of 'free' electives - that do not count toward any other requirement - must be taken. Additional electives may be required to reach the required minimum of 120 hours.

See the Biology Department website for detailed information on degree requirements, acceptable electives, tracks, and other requirements.

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