

B.S. Biology - Organismal Biology

If needed, you can complete MATH 101 or 104 the summer before starting this schedule or complete CHEM 135 the summer after (see footnote #1).

First Year Fall	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
CHEM 130 ¹ Chemistry I	General Science & KU Core	5
BIOL 150/151 ² Molecular & Cell. Biol.	Core Major Req & KU Core	4
KU Core (ENGL 101)	KU Core	3
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The AAAC offers affordable tutoring for many intro courses; attend PLUS sections for BIOL & CHEM.		
Hours this semester		15
JR/SR hours this sem.		0

First Year Spring	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
CHEM 135 ³ Chemistry II	General Science	5
BIOL 152/153 Organismal Biology	Major Requirement	4
MATH 115 ¹ Calculus I	General Sci & KU Core	3
KU Core (ENGL 102/105)	KU Core	3
Interested in Study Abroad? This would be a good time to visit the Office of Study Abroad.		
Hours this semester		15
JR/SR hours this sem.		0

To be eligible to declare the Biology Major, you need to complete BIOL 150, 152, 350, and CHEM 135 with a GPA of at least 2.20.

Second Year Fall	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
CHEM 310 or 330 ^{4,5} Organic I	General Science	3
CHEM 331 Organic I Lab	General Science	2
BIOL 350/360 *Principles of Genetics	Major Requirement	3-4
MATH 116 ¹ Calculus II	General Science	3
KU Core	KU Core	3
Elective	Total Hours	3
Apply for admission to the biology major! Watch for an Academic Notice in your myKU Advising Portal.		
Hours this semester		17-18
JR/SR hours this sem.		8-9

* BIOL 350/360 increases to 4 cred hrs beginning Fall 2014.

Second Year Spring	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
BIOL 412 ³ *Evolutionary Biology	Major Requirement	3-4
PHSX 114 or 211+216 Physics I	General Science	4-5
KU Core	KU Core	3
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Elective	Total Hours	3
Interested in helping with research? See kuub.ku.edu/undergraduate-research .		
Hours this semester		16-18
JR/SR hours this sem.		3-4

* BIOL 412 increases to 4 cred hrs beginning Spring 2015.

Third Year Fall	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
BIOL 413 ⁵ Hist. & Diversity Organisms	Major Requirement	3
BIOL 600 ⁵ *Intro. Biochemistry	Major Requirement	3-4
PHSX 115 or 212+236 Physics II	General Science	4
KU Core	KU Core	3
Elective	Total Hours	3
Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to make arrangements.		
Hours this semester		16-17
JR/SR hours this sem.		6-7

* BIOL 600 decreases to 3 cred h beginning Fall 2015.

Third Year Spring	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
BIOL 408 ³ Physiology of Organisms	Major Requirement	3
BIOL 409 ³ Physiology of Organisms Lab	Major Requirement	2
BIOL Elective ⁶ 400+	Major Requirement	3
Development/Function/Diversity ⁷	Major Requirement	3
KU Core	KU Core	3
Have you considered departmental honors? See kuub.ku.edu/biology-honors-program .		
Hours this semester		14
JR/SR hours this sem.		11

Considering going on to a graduate academic or professional program? This would be a good time to start the application process.

Fourth Year Fall	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
BIOL Elective ⁸ 400+	Major Requirement	3
BIOL Elective ⁸ Lab 400+	Major Requirement	2
Development/Function/Diversity ⁷	Major Requirement	3
BIOL Selective ⁸ (or take in spring)	Major Requirement	3
KU Core	KU Core	3
Apply for Spring graduation this semester & meet with your Faculty Mentor.		
Hours this semester		14
JR/SR hours this sem.		11

Fourth Year Spring	Requirement Fulfilled	# Hours
BIOL 599 Senior Seminar	Major Requirement	1
Development/Function/Diversity ⁷	Major Requirement	3
BIOL Elective ⁸ 400+	Major Requirement	1
BIOL Elective ⁸ Seminar/Topics 400+	Major Requirement	1
(BIOL Selective ⁸ if not taken in fall sem.)	(Major Requirement)	(3)
KU Core	KU Core	3
Elective	Total Hours	3-4
Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation with your fellow Jayhawks!!		
Hours this semester		12-13
JR/SR hours this sem.		6

Be sure to check course timetables when they are published to check for time conflicts.

Note: Students entering KU in Fall 2013 or opting into KU Core should ask a biology advisor about BS General Education requirements.

- Requires a Math ACT score of 26+, a comparable SAT or KU Math Placement Exam score, or credit for a MATH 101 or 104 equivalent course. MATH 121 or MATH 125 can be taken instead of MATH 115 + 116 to fulfill the BS Biology math requirement.
- Concurrent or prior enrollment in CHEM 130 is required.
- BIOL 408, 409, and 412 and CHEM 135 are offered only in the spring.
- Most medical schools require the full CHEM 330, 331, 335, and 336 sequence.
- BIOL 414 and 600 and CHEM 310 are offered only in the fall.
- 10 credit hours of BIOL courses at 400+ level, including at least 2 h of lab credit and 1 h of seminar/topics course credit (BIOL 419, 420, 499, 701). No more than 3 h of BIOL 423 and/or BIOL 424 can be applied towards elective requirement, with no more than 2 h of BIOL 424 applied towards lab requirement.
- At least one course from each of the following 3 groups:
Development & Morphology Group - Choose one course from BIOL 417, 440, 510, 528/708, and 545.
Function Group - Choose one course from BIOL 435, 503, 506, 526/716, 606, 644, 646, 652, 655, 667, and 673.
Diversity Group - Choose one course from ANTH 440, BIOL 400/401, 494, 500, 505, 509, 512, 521/711, 529/709, 533, 540, 583/783, 592/792, 593, 603, 610, 613, 622, and 640.
- Biology major selective: choose one course (3 h) from BIOL 414, 416/536, and 428. BIOL 414 and 416 offered only in fall; BIOL 428 only in spring.

A minimum of 120 hours is required for degree completion.

A minimum of 45 Jr./Sr. hours (300+ level) is required for degree completion.

This sample 4-yr plan is current as of 3/2014.

Please keep in mind that this sample plan provides just one example of how courses could be taken, and it is not meant to substitute for meeting with an academic advisor. It should be used with an up-to-date Degree Progress Report (DPR) and the appropriate degree requirement checklist (kuub.ku.edu/degrees/).