



Biology Major - Bachelor of Science

	Fall Term	J-term	Spring Term	Comments
First Year	BIOL 225 FYEP 101 GEN ED FTWL 100 PLUS 100	Elective	BIOL 226 MATH 151 or 145 FYEP 102 GEN ED	32 credits per year are necessary to graduate in 4 years
Sophomore Year	BIOL 330 CHEM 115 GEN ED	Elective	BIOL UD Elective** CHEM 116 GEN ED GEN ED	**See below
Junior Year	CHEM 331/333 (5 cr) BIOL UD Elective** BIOL UD Elective**	GEN ED FTWL	BIOL UD Elective** BIOL UD Elective** GEN ED	**See below
Senior Year	BIOL UD Elective** PHYS 125/135 or 153/163 (5 cr) GEN ED Elective	Elective	BIOL 499 BIOL UD Elective** PHYS 126/136 or 154/164 (5 cr)	**See below All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.
BIOL UD Class Notes: Choose at least one course from each group				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cellular and Molecular Biology (one course): BIOL 341, 342, 442, 443, 444, 445, 448, or 449 Organism Structure and Function (one course): BIOL 352, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, or 453 Ecology and Evolution (one course): BIOL 362, 367, 368, 369, 461, or 462 				

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General education course requirements are listed assuming that major classes will not count toward the general education course requirements. If a course counts towards a major and a general education requirement (e.g. PSYC 101 if the student is a psychology major), students will still need to take enough courses (shown here as electives) to reach the 128 credits needed to graduate.

Biology BS requirements

- Each of the courses taken for the biology major including the required supporting courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher and the cumulative GPA must be at least 2.00.
- 42 semester hours in biology, plus 27 semester hours in required supporting courses

General Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- In addition to the requirements of this major, students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog.
- At least 8 semester hours for the major must be taken in residence at PLU.
- All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.
- Students should earn 32 semester hours per year to stay on track to graduate in 4-years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
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