



BACHELOR OF SCIENCES IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

NAME	
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CATALOG	

2025-2026

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Grade of "C" or better is required.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Language II	3		
CMN 1310G Intro. to Speech Comm.	3		

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Humanities _____	3		
Fine Arts _____	3		
Humanities or Fine Arts _____	3		

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

Senior topic must be outside the major area. See Undergraduate Catalog for Senior Seminars outside of Biological Sciences.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
EIU _____	3		

*SCIENCE CORE: 56 HRS

BIOLOGY COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
BIO 1150 Biology Forum	1		
BIO 1500 General Biology I	4		
BIO 1550G General Biology II	4		
BIO 3120 Molecular & Cell Biology	4		
BIO 3200 Genetics	4		
BIO 3510 Plant Physiology OR BIO 3520 Animal Physiology OR BIO 2220* Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIO 3180 Ecology & Evolution	4		
BIO 3300 General Microbiology OR BIO 3330 Introduction to Botany OR BIO 3340 Zoology	4		

PHYSICS COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PHY 1151G Principles Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G Principles Physics I Lab	1		
PHY 1161 Principles Physics II	3		
PHY 1162 Principles Physics II Lab	1		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines. One course must meet Cultural & Diversity requirement

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
	3		
	3		
	3		

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
WL _____ G	4		
WL _____ G	4		

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

Complete in major.

MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

Complete in major.

MATH COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MAT 2110G Brief Calculus	3		
BIO 4750 Statistic Anly of Sci Data OR MAT 2250 Elementry Statistics	4		

CHEMISTRY COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410 General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415 General Chemistry II Lab	1		
CHM 2430/2440 Organic Chemistry	3		
CHM 2435/2445 Organic Chemistry Lab	1		

#**CHM 2440/CHM 2445** (Organic Chemistry I with Lab) and **CHM 2840/CHM 2845** (Organic Chemistry II) sequence is recommended for Pre-Health or Graduate Programs.

*Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog

†**BIO 2210** (Anatomy and Physiology I) prerequisite. **BIO 2210** counts as BIO elective credit.

MAJOR ELECTIVES: 21HRS

21 semester hours of elective course work in Biological Sciences (with the exception 21 hours of course work in Biological Sciences (with the exception of **BIO 3400**, workshops, and courses designed for General Education) or Mathematics or Physical Sciences courses above 2000 (with the exception of general education and **CHM 2310**). A minimum of 15 hrs must be taken in Biological Sciences.

- BIO 2210** (4) Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIO 3035** (3) Economic Botany
- BIO 3210** (4) Immunology
- BIO 3312** (3) Horticulture
- BIO 3322** (3) Dendrology
- BIO 3330** (4) Introduction to Botany
- BIO 3340** (4) Zoology
- BIO 3450** (1-3) Independent Study
- BIO 3451** (1-3) Undergraduate Research
- BIO 3460** (4) Clinical Rotation
- BIO 3610** (3) Survey of Algae & Fungi
- BIO 3612** (3) Plant Evolution & Diversity
- BIO 3620** (4) Funct. Comp. Anatomy
- BIO 3622** (4) Embryology
- BIO 3624** (3) Histology
- BIO 3628** (4) Evolutionary Medicine
- BIO 3710** (3) Plant-Animal Interactions
- BIO 3720** (4) Entomology
- BIO 3740** (3) Clinical Mycology

- BIO 3810** (3) Freshwater Ecology
- BIO 3850** (3) Environmental Biology
- BIO 3888G** (3) Tropical/Marine Ecology
- BIO 3950** (3) Vertebrate Natural History
- BIO 3952** (3) Invertebrate Natural History
- BIO 3960** (1-4) Special Topics
- BIO 4400** (1) Teaching in the Lab
- BIO 4751** (3) Adv. Molec. & Cell Biol.
- BIO 4800** (2) Research Techniques
- BIO 4810** (4) Plant Ecology
- BIO 4812** (3) Fisheries Ecology & Mgmt
- BIO 4814** (3) Conservation Biology
- BIO 4816** (3) Biotic Communities
- BIO 4818** (4) Environmental Microbiology
- BIO 4820** (4) Spatial Analysis for Environmental Sciences
- BIO 4830** (3) Comp. Vertebrate Physiology
- BIO 4832** (4) Animal Behavior

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

- BIO 4833** (4) Neurobiology of Diseases
- BIO 4834** (4) Neurobiology
- BIO 4835** (4) Advanced Neurobiology
- BIO 4836** (4) Pathogenic Microbiology
- BIO 4892** (4) Intro. Paleobotany
- BIO 4914** (3) Plant Anatomy
- BIO 4920** (3) Medicinal Plants
- BIO 4940** (3) Phycology
- BIO 4942** (3) Mycology
- BIO 4944** (3) Lichens
- BIO 4946** (3) Bryology
- BIO 4948** (3) Plant Taxonomy
- BIO 4950** (3) Ichthyology

- BIO 4952** (3) Herpetology
- BIO 4954** (3) Ornithology
- BIO 4956** (3) Mammalogy
- BIO 4958** (4) Parasitology
- BIO 4960** (3) Wetland & Aqua. Vasc. Plants
- BIO 4984** (3) Evolutionary Biology

Courses numbered 5000-5499 inclusive, may be taken by a senior whose graduation requirements average 2.75 or higher, with the permission of the instructor and the Dean of the Graduate School.

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GENERAL ELECTIVES

Select other elective courses in ANY FIELD to complete graduation requirement of 120 semester hours.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER

NOTES, QUESTIONS, MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

SUGGESTED 4-YEAR SEQUENCE

YEAR 1 MUST EARN 30+ SH FOR SOPHOMORE STATUS

FALL		SPRING		
ENG 1001G	3	ENG 1002G	3	
BIO 1500	4	BIO 1550G	4	
CHM 1310G/1315G	4	CHM 1410G/1415G	4	
BIO 1150	1	¹ Gen Ed Elective	3	
¹ Gen Ed Elective	3	² MAT Prereq	2-3	
Total		15	Total 16-17	

YEAR 2 MUST EARN 60+ SH FOR JUNIOR STATUS

FALL		SPRING		
CMN 1310G	3	BIO Elective	3-4	
CHM 2440/2445	4	BIO Elective (BIO 2210 if taking A& P Sequence)	3-4	
MAT 2110G	3	PHY 1161/1162	4	
PHY 1151G/1152G	4	¹ Gen Ed Elective	3	
Total		14	Total 13-15	

YEAR 3 MUST EARN 90+ SH FOR SENIOR STATUS

FALL		SPRING		
BIO 3120	4	BIO 3200	4	
BIO 3180	4	BIO Elective >3000	3-4	
BIO 3510/ BIO 3520/ OR	4	BIO Elective >3000	3-4	
BIO 2220		¹ Gen Ed Elective	3	
BIO 4750 OR	4			
MAT 2250G				
Total		16	Total 13-15	

YEAR 4 MUST EARN 120 SH TO GRADUATE

FALL		SPRING		
EIU 4XXXG	3	BIO Elective >3000	3-4	
BIO 3300/3330/OR 3340	4	BIO Elective >3000	3-4	
BIO Elective >3000	3-4	¹ Gen Ed Elective	3-4	
BIO Elective >3000	3-4	Free Elective	3	
¹ Gen Ed Elective	3	Exit Interview		
Total		16-18	Total 12-15	

¹ General Education Elective

² See Math Placement

³ Take course that was not previously taken

The suggested schedule sequence assumes that the foreign language requirement has been completed.

Many courses have prerequisites. See Undergraduate Catalog.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	120 Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
<input type="checkbox"/>	30 SH in residence at EIU
<input type="checkbox"/>	30 SH junior-senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 SH senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.00 Cumulative GPA

<input type="checkbox"/>	2.00 Major GPA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Writing Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ for requirements