

Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences

(BIOL:BA)

PLEASE READ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS in the UNDERGRADUATE COURSE CATALOG (catalog.fiu.edu). Most elective courses have prerequisites that must be taken BEFORE you take the elective course. To see your own progress, you can view your Panther Degree Audit from your My FIU. If you need assistance or have any questions, you are encouraged to see an advisor prior to each registration period by making an appointment via the Panther Success Network. All Science and Math courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to satisfy the requirements. **The Biological Sciences BA has enrollment and completion success markers that will be used to monitor your progress in the major. In cases where students are not making good progress, a change of major may be required.**

LOWER DIVISION PROGRAM (27 cr)

Course		Credits Hours
BSC 2010 & 2010L	General Biology I and Lab	3 + 1
BSC 2011 & 2011L	General Biology II and Lab	3 + 1
CHM 1045 & 1045L	General Chemistry I and Lab	3 + 1
CHM 1046 & 1046L	General Chemistry II and Lab	3 + 1
General Physics I	Choose 1 course: PHY2053 – Physics without Calculus I (<i>Uses Algebra and Trigonometry</i>) PHY2048 – Physics with Calculus II (<i>Uses Calculus I and II</i>) **	4
Mathematics	Choose 1 option: MAC 1147 – Pre-Calculus Algebra and Trigonometry (4 cr) MAC 2311 – Calculus I (4 cr) <i>Students should take MAC 1147. Only students who have started the MAC1114/MAC1140 sequence at their previous institution may request permission from the Math Department to get into the next course in the sequence.</i>	4
Statistics	Choose 1 course: STA 2023 - Statistical Methods *Consult with academic advisor to discuss the possibility of substituting this course with other approved Statistics course.	3

Upper Division Program (45 cr)

Course		Prerequisites (Grades of C or higher in)	Credits Hours
Required Courses (13 credits):			
BSC 3848	Science and Career Literacy	N/A <i>Course designed for biology majors in their junior year, this course prepares students for research, advanced coursework, and post-graduation pathways.</i> For students who took and successfully passed BSC 4931, this course will be used to substitute BSC 3848. Discuss with your Academic Advisor.	1
PCB 3043	Ecology	BSC2010 and BSC2011	3
PCB 3063	Genetics	BSC2010	3
PCB 4674	Evolution	PCB3043 and PCB3063	3
BCH 3034	Cellular Chemistry	BSC2010, CHM1045 and CHM1045L	3
Upper Division Biology Elective – Consult with advisor for course options (12 credits)			
Upper Division Lectures	Biology Electives Students must complete 4 lecture courses from the acceptable Upper Division Biology Electives maintained by the Biology Department. The 4 lecture courses may be chosen at the student's discretion from courses		12

	in any of the distribution areas. The following courses are not allowed as Biology BA Electives: Forensic Veterinary courses (BSC4480, BSC4481, BSC4482); Student Research Labs (BSC3915 and BSC4914); Cooperative Education credits; Biology of Women; Research Methods in Biological Sciences (BSC3910); and courses for non-science majors (BOT1010, MCB2000, BSC2023, EVR3013, OCB2000, and OCE3014). Biology students are unable to enroll in BSC 2085+L and BSC 2086+L.	
Laboratory Requirement (2 credits)		
Upper Division Labs	Choose two upper-division labs (<i>Note: 2-cr. labs count for one lab</i>)	2
Track Specific Courses		
Six courses in the specified track must be completed. Alternatively, students can complete a minor offered by a different department.		18

Health Policy, Environmental Policy and Pre-Law Track (HLTENVLAW)		
AMH 3630	Environmental History of the United States	3
CAP 2752	Fundamentals of Data Science	3
CJL 3512	The Courts	3
CJL 4064	Criminal Justice and the Constitution	3
COM 4462	Conflict Management	3
ECP 3302	Introduction to Environmental Economics	3
ENC 3311	Advanced Writing and Research	3
ENC 3354	Writing as Social Action	3
ENC 3371	Rhetorical Theory and Practice	3
ENC 4331	Writing, Rhetoric, and Community	3
ENC 4930	Special Topics in Composition	3
GEO 4354	Geography of the Global Food System - GL	3
INR 4350	International Environmental Politics	3
PAD 3034	Policy Development and Implementation	3
PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic	3
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking	3
PHI 4130	Symbolic Logic	3
POS 3283	The Judicial Process	3
POS 3603	Constitutional Law: Powers	3
POS 3604	Constitutional Law: Limitations	3
POS 4784	Analytic Writing in Political Science	3
REL 3492	Earth Ethics- GL	3
SPC 2237	Rhetorical Communication: A Theory of Civil Discourse	3
SPC 3540	Persuasion	3

Allied Health Profession Track		
ANT 3462	Medical Anthropology	3
ANT 4480	Anthropological Approaches to Global Health	3
APK 3110	Exercise Physiology	3
CAP 2752	Fundamentals of Data Science	3
CLP 4146	Psychopathology	3
DEP 2000	Human Growth and Development: Introductory Developmental Psychology	3
ECO 4504	Intro to Public Finance	3
HIS 4492	History of U.S. Health Policy	3
PAD 3034	Policy Development and Implementation	3
PCB 3703	Human Physiology I*	3
PCB 3703L	Human Physiology I Lab*	1
PCB 3702	Intermediate Human Physiology*	3
PCB3702L	Intermediate Human Physiology Lab*	1
POS 3424	The Legislative Process	3
HSC 3537	Medical Terminology	3
HSC 3549	Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals	3
HSC 4553	Fundamentals of Pathology	3
HUN 2201	Principles of Nutrition	3
PET 3310	Kinesiology	3
PSY 2012	Introductory Psychology	3
ZOO 3731	Human Anatomy*	3
ZOO 3731L	Human Anatomy Demonstration*	1

* Students that take PCB3702+L, PCB3703+L, or ZOO3731+L to satisfy upper division Biology electives, cannot use those same courses for Allied Health Professions Track.

Science Communication Track (SCICOM)		
CAP 2752	Fundamentals of Data Science	3
COM 3110	Business and Professional Communication	3
ENC 3213	Professional and Technical Writing	3
ENC 3311	Advanced Writing and Research	3
ENC 3363	Writing About the Environment	3
ENC 3416	Writing and New Media	3
ENC 4241	Scientific Writing	3
ENC 4260	Advanced Professional Writing	3
ENC 4357	How To Go Public	3
IDS 2301	How We Know What We Know – GL	3
MMC 3121	Writing Fundamentals for Communicators	3
MMC 3650	Media and Sustainability	3
MMC 4936	Special Topics	3
JOU 3314	Environmental Journalism: Communicating Environmental Issues in South Florida	3

Bioentrepreneur Track (BIOENTRP)		
Students in this track must declare the Business Minor		
ACG 3024	Accounting for Managers and Investors (AC) Prerequisite: Bioentrepreneur Track	3
FIN 3005	Introduction to Business Finance Prerequisite: Bioentrepreneur Track	3
ISM 3012	Introduction to Decision and Information Systems (IS) Prerequisite: Business Minors only.	3
MAN 3022	Introduction to Management Prerequisite: Business Minors	3
MAR 3024	Marketing Fundamentals (ME) Prerequisite: Business Minors or Bioentrepreneur Track Only	3
Choose one of the following:		
CAP 2752	Fundamentals of Data Science	3
COM 3110	Business and Professional Communication	3
HAS 3111	Introduction to Health Services Systems	3

Biology Education Track is also an option for the Biological Sciences BA program. Students interested in the Biology Education Track and teaching secondary biology should make an appointment with a Secondary Education Academic Advisor: 305-348-2978

BSC 3941 - Biological Sciences Research Internship: Supervised, practical experience in a professional, laboratory or field setting in which biologists may work. Instructor permission is required. This does NOT fulfill any lab or elective lecture requirement for Biology Majors or Minors.

The following are **Upper Division Biology labs** with no lecture component:

- BSC 3441L - Phage Genomics Lab (not available for students that previously took BSC 3994L- Phage Genomics Lab) (Prerequisites: BSC 2010 and BSC 2010L)
- BSC 3456L - Python for Biologists Lab (not available for students that previously took BSC 3993L - Python Lab) (Prerequisites: BSC 2010, BSC 2011)
- BSC 3466L - Make Your Mutant (Corequisite: PCB 3063 or BCH 3033)
- BSC 4450L - Computational Biology Lab of Emerging Infectious Disease (not available for students that previously took BSC 4996L - Computational Biology Lab of Emerging Infectious Disease) (Prerequisites: PCB 3063 or BCH 3033)
- BSC 4990L - SEA GENES (Prerequisites: Instructor Consent Required)

ELECTIVES COURSES - DISTRIBUTION AREAS

Courses listed may be subject to change. Please confirm course availability by searching for courses on your MyFIU.

BSC 4473C - Introduction to Scientific Diving Prerequisites: (OCB3043+lab or PCB3043+lab or CHS4600 or OCE3014), open water diving certification, permission of the instructor, FIU Diving Medical clearance, pass standardized swim test, at least 18 years old. Lab fee of \$1,158 applied.

A. Ecology Distribution	
Course	Prerequisites
BOT4601 – General Plant Ecology (3)	PCB3043
BOT4601L - General Plant Ecology Lab (1)	BOT4601
BSC4303 – Biogeography (3)	PCB3043, PCB4674

BSC4304 - Environments of the Past (3)	
BSC4363 - Biodiversity in the Caribbean Basin (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
MCB4603 - Microbial Ecology (3)	MCB 3020
MCB4603L - Microbial Ecology Lab (1)	MCB 3020+L, MCB4603
OCB3043 - Marine Biology & Oceanography (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
OCB3043L - Marine Biology & Oceanography Lab (1)	OCB3043
OCB3075C - Mariculture for Conservation and Restoration (4)	BSC2011
OCB3264 - Coral Reef Biology (3)	OCB3043
OCB4004 - Biological Oceanography at Sea I (3)	
OCB4005C - Biological Oceanography at Sea II (4)	OCB4004
OCB4070 - Coastal Marine Conservation (3)	OCB3043 or PCB3043
OCB4104C - Field Methods in Marine Ecology (4)	OCB3043 or PCB3043
OCB4633 - Marine Community Ecology (3)	PCB3043
OCB4711 - Fisheries Science (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
PCB3374 - Tropical Ecology (3)	PCB3043
PCB4301 - Freshwater Ecology (3)	PCB3043
PCB4401 - Global Change Ecology: How humans changed the face of Earth (3)	PCB3043
PCB4403C - Urban Vector Biology (4)	BSC 2010+L, BSC2011+L
PCB4414 - Behavioral Ecology (3)	PCB3043
PCB4452 - Introduction to Wetland Ecology and Management (3)	PCB3043
PCB4462C - Introduction to Landscape Ecology with GIS (4)	BSC2010, BSC2011, PCB3043
PCB4467C - Marine Protected Areas (4)	BSC2010 and BSC2011
PCB4553 - General Population Genetics (3)	PCB3063
PCB4673 - Evolutionary Ecology (3)	PCB3043, PCB3063
PCB4932 - Topics in Ecology (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
ZOO4513 - Animal Behavior (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
ZOO4513L - Animal Behavior Laboratory (2)	ZOO4513

B. Organismal Diversity Distribution	
Select at least one of the following lecture options:	Prerequisites
BOT3154 - Local Flora (3)	BOT1010 or BSC2011, BOT3154L
BOT3154L - Local Flora Lab (1)	BOT1010 or BSC2011, BOT3154
BOT3663 - Tropical Botany (3)	BSC2011
BOT3810 - Economic Botany (3)	BSC2011 or BOT1010
BOT4402 - Marine Botany (3)	BSC2011
BOT4404C - Phycology (4)	BSC2010, BSC2011
BOT4404L - Phycology Lab (1)	BSC2010, BSC2011, BOT4404
BOT4684 - Taxonomy of Tropical Plants (3)	BOT3154 or BOT3663
BOT4684L - Taxonomy of Tropical Plants Lab (1)	BOT4684
BSC3400 - Wildlife Conservation, Forensic and Crime Science (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
BSC4205 - Topics in Organismal Diversity (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
BSC4434 - Bioinformatics for Biologists (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, PCB3063
ENY4060 - Entomology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
ENY4060L - Entomology Lab (1)	ENY4060
MCB3020 - General Microbiology (3)	CHM2210, BSC2010, BSC2011
MCB3020L - General Microbiology Lab (1)	MCB3020
MCB4022 - Diversity of Microbes (3)	MCB3020
OCB4303 - Biology of Marine Mammals (3)	PCB3043 or OCB3043
PCB4676 - Human Evolution (3)	BSC2011 and PCB3063
ZOO3205C - Invertebrate Zoology (4)	BSC1011
ZOO3303 - Vertebrate Zoology (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
ZOO3303L - Vertebrate Zoology Lab (1)	ZOO3303
ZOO4234 - General Parasitology (3)	BSC2010, ZOO4234L
ZOO4234L - General Parasitology Lab (1)	BSC2010, ZOO4234

ZOO 4407 - Biology, Ecology, and Conservation of Sharks and their relatives	BSC2010, BSC2010L and BSC2011, BSC2011L
ZOO4454 - Fish Biology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, PCB3043
ZOO4462C – Herpetology (4)	BSC2010, BSC2011, PCB3043
ZOO4484 - Primate Biology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
ZOO4484L - Primate Biology Lab (1)	ZOO4484

C. Physiology/Biochemistry Distribution	
Select at least one of the following lecture options:	Prerequisites
BCH3033 - General Biochemistry (3)	CHM2211, BSC2010
BCH3033L - Gen. Biochemistry Lab (1)	CHM2211, BSC2010, BCH3033
BOT4503 - Plant Physiology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, CHM1045, CHM1046
BOT4503L - Plant Physiology Lab (1)	BOT4503
BSC4443 - Functional Genomics and Proteomics (3)	PCB3063
MCB4503 – Virology (3)	CHM2210, PCB3063
PCB3702 - Intermediate Human Physiology (3)	BSC2010 or BSC2011
PCB3702L - Intermediate Human Physiology Lab (1)	BSC2010 or BSC2011, PCB3702
PCB3703 - Human Physiology I (3)	BSC2010
PCB3703L - Human Physiology Lab I (1)	PCB3703
PCB3704 - Human Physiology II (3)	BSC2010
PCB3704L - Human Physiology Lab II (1)	PCB3704
PCB4232 – The Biology of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, CHM1045, CHM1046
PCB4233 – Immunology (3)	PCB3063
PCB4234 - Biology of Cancer (3)	PCB3063, PCB3043
PCB4524 - Molecular Biology (3)	PCB3063, (BCH3033 or CHM4304)
PCB4524L - Molecular Biology Lab (1)	PCB4524
PCB4717 - Topics in Physiology/Biochemistry (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
PCB4723 - Animal Physiology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
PCB4724 - Comparative Physiology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, CHM2210
PCB4776 - Physiological and Behavioral Ecology of Marine Animals (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011, PCB3043
PCB4805 – Endocrinology (3)	BSC2011, one physiology course
PCB4810 - Biology of Stress (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
ZOO4744 – Neurobiology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
ZOO4781 - Sensory Systems in Neurobiology (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011

D. Structure/Development Distribution	
Select at least one of the following lecture options:	Prerequisites
BOT3353 - Morphology of Vascular Plants (3)	BSC2010
BOT3353L - Morphology of Vascular Plants Lab (1)	BOT3353
BSC4401 - Principles of Forensic Biology (3)	BSC2010
BSC4401L - Principles of Forensic Biology Lab (1)	PCB3063, BSC4401
BSC4422 - Biotechnology: Applications in Industry, Agriculture and Medicine (3)	
BSC 4422L - Biotechnology Laboratory (1)	BSC4422
PCB3660 - Sex, Gender, and Orientation: A Biological Perspective (3)	BSC2010, BSC2011
PCB4133 - Topics in Structure/Development (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
PCB4253 - Developmental Biology (3)	PCB3063 or BCH3033
PCB4561 – Epigenetics (3)	BSC1011, PCB3063
PCB4663 - General Human Genetics (3)	PCB3063
ZOO3603 – Embryology (3)	BSC2010+L, BSC2011+L
ZOO3603L - Embryology Lab (1)	ZOO3603
ZOO3713C - Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy (4)	BSC2010, BSC2011

ZOO3731 - Human Anatomy (3)	(BSC2010, BSC2023, MCB2000, or HSC3549), & ZOO3731L
ZOO3731L - Human Anatomy Demonstration (1)	ZOO3731
ZOO3753 – Histology (3)	BSC2010, BSC 2011
ZOO3753L - Histology Lab (1)	BSC2010, BSC 2011, ZOO3753
ZOO4733 - Survey of Regional Anatomy (3)	BSC2011+L, CHM1046+L, (PHY2048 or PHY 2053)
ZOO4743C – Neuroscience (4)	BSC2010, BSC2011, CHM2211

Other Graduation Requirements:

University Requirements

- ☐ UCC –University Core Curriculum (Note: Transfer students with an AA degree from a Florida College System or other Florida State University are exempt from the UCC).
- ☐ FLENT/FLEX Foreign Language requirement
- ☐ Summer Enrollment: Students entering the University with fewer than 60 hours must complete 9 hours of coursework during the

summer semester

- ☐ Civic Literacy Requirement
- ☐ 120 Total credit hours required

For more information on these requirements, please visit: <https://transfer.fiu.edu/transfer-101/guides-resources/graduation-requirements/index.html>

College of Arts, Sciences & Education Requirements

- ☐ 45 Upper Division hours required
- ☐ 9 Credit hours of courses outside the major required within the last 60 hours of enrollment

Success Markers: The Biological Sciences Department has identified important courses in the major that indicate you are on track for successful degree completion. ***In cases where students are not making good progress, a change of major may be required.***

- 30 credits- Complete MAC 1105 (or higher) with a C or better
- 30 credits- Complete CHM 1045/CHM 1045L with a C or better
- 45 credits- Enroll in MAC 1147 (or higher)
- 45 credits- Complete BSC 2010/2010L or BSC 2011/2011L with a C or better
- 45 credits- Complete CHM 1046/1046L with a C or better
- 60 credits- Enroll in PHY 2048 or PHY 2053
- 75 credits- Complete PHY 2048 or PHY 2053 with a C or better

Minor in Biology: The requirements to complete a Minor in Biology can be found here: <https://case.fiu.edu/advising/case-minor/biology-minor.pdf>