

# Advising Guide for Biology Majors

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Biology is available as a major or minor on the B.A. and B.S. degrees.

The BA is provided for the student who has a strong interest in the biological sciences but who desires a broader-based area of study or who is interested in pursuing multiple majors. The degree is appropriate for students interested in graduate or health-related professional schools but may require additional coursework to fulfill certain prerequisites. The BS degree offers an expanded study of the biological sciences and includes associated requirements that provide a broader knowledge of the physical sciences. Required courses within the BS degree will meet many prerequisites of graduate and health-related professional schools.

B.A. degree:	26 hours Biology + Minor + Foreign Language = 124 hours total
B.S. degree:	35 hours Biology + Chemistry (15) + Math (3) + Physics (8) = 124 hours total
Biology Minor:	21 hours (including a minimum of 3 upper division courses).

## Requirements for the B.A. degree with a major in Biology.

A minimum of 26 semester hours in Biology as follows:

- (1) **BIOL 10501,10503 and BIOL 10511,10513** (Intro. Biology I & II lectures, labs)
- (2) **BIOL 30403** (Ecology & the environment)
- (3) **BIOL 30603** (Cell, Molecular & Developmental Biology)
- (4) **Major Field Test** in Biology taken Sr. Year
- (5) **12 additional hours** in biology: including a minimum of two courses with laboratories (excluding BIOL 40033, 40803, 40900). A maximum of 3 hours, of the 12 additional hours, will be allowed for any combination of the following courses: BIOL 40033, 40300, 40320, 40330, 40803, 40900. A maximum of four hours and one laboratory for completion of both BIOL 20204 and 20214 is permitted within the additional 12 hrs.

**Minor:** Any minor is acceptable. **Foreign Language:** competency in a foreign language equivalent to the completion of 4<sup>th</sup> semester (Intermediate II) course. -Students without credit for a high school course in chemistry are encouraged to take two semesters of college chemistry. One year of high school or two semesters of college physics is also advised

## Requirements for the B.S. degree with a major in Biology.

A minimum of 35 semester hours in Biology as follows:

- (1) **BIOL 10501,10503 and BIOL 10511,10513** (Intro. Biology I & II lectures, labs)
  - (2) **BIOL 30403** (Ecology & the environment)
  - (3) **BIOL 30603** (Cell, Molecular & Developmental Biology)
  - (4) **Major Field Test** in Biology taken Sr. Year
  - (5) **21 additional hours in biology**, including a minimum of three courses with laboratories. A maximum of 6 hours in independent research courses (BIOL 40033, 40803 or 40900) is permitted within the 21 additional hours. A maximum of 6 hours in teaching of biology courses (BIOL 40320, 40330) is permitted within the additional 21 hours. A maximum of 8 hours for any combination of the following courses will be permitted within the 21 additional hours (BIOL 40033, 40320, 40330, 40803 or 40900). A maximum of 4 hours and one laboratory for completion of both BIOL 20204 and 20214 is permitted within the additional 21 hours.
- (4) **Associated Requirements:** CHEM 10113, 10125 or 10123/20123; CHEM 30123, 30121 and 30133; PHYS 10154, 10164; MATH 10043 or 10524; -Additional courses in mathematics, computer science or statistics are encouraged.

**Additional Guidelines-** See TCU Undergraduate Catalog for official listings of all degree requirements

**Pass/No Credit** – two courses (up to 8 hr.) may be taken P/NC. No course applied toward major/minor or associated requirements may be P/NC. **Transfer credits** – 12 hrs maximum after enrolling at TCU. After 54 hr, courses must be taken at 4 yr university. Academic action form must be filed with CS&E prior to taken summer courses.

**GPA** – a cumulative 2.0 GPA at TCU and a cumulative 2.0 GPA in biology courses is required for graduation.

**Upper Division** – At least 42 hrs of coursework at 30000 level or above must be taken at TCU.

**Residency** – At least 58 hrs must be from TCU and the last 30 hr must be completed at TCU.

Refer to TCU Undergraduate catalog for official degree requirements

# Summary Sheet - Biology Degree

Note: Biology courses at the 20000 level or BIOL 30613 (Natural History) do not count towards the major. The usual schedule for biology courses counting towards the major is given below.

## Every Fall

10501 - Introductory Biology Lab I  
 10503- Introductory Biology I  
 30104 – Invertebrate Biology (L)  
 30304 – Microbiology (L)  
 30324 - Intro. Marine Sciences  
 30403 - Ecology and the Environment  
 30463 – Introductory Neuroscience  
 30843 – Biomedical Imaging  
 40001 - Honors Seminar  
 40033 - Senior Honors Research (L) (WEM)  
 40254 – Immunology (L)  
 40320 - Teaching Intro. Biology  
 40330 - Teaching Advanced Biology  
 40403 - Mammalian Physiology  
 40513 – Fundamentals of Biochemistry  
 40603 – Virology (WEM)  
 40273 – Genomics (L)(WEM)  
 40803 - Biological Res and Writing (WEM)  
 40900 – Independent Research in Biol.  
 50123 – Biostatistics (L)  
 50133 – Biochemistry  
 50153 - Medicinal Chemistry  
 50303 – Evolution  
 50401 – Neurobiology of Aging  
 50910 - Biology Seminar

## Fall Odd # Years

30233 – Economic Botany  
 40453 – Principles of Toxicology (WEM)

## Fall Even # Years

30504 – Plant Biology (L)  
 50703 - Ecology of Lakes and Streams (L)

## Every Spring

10501 - Introductory Biology Lab II  
 10503- Introductory Biology II  
 30304 – Microbiology (L)  
 30603 - Cellular, Mol Dev Biology  
 30803 – Human Parasitology  
 40011 - Honors Seminar  
 40033 - Senior Honors Research (L) (WEM)  
 40123 - Genetics  
 40133 - Molecular Basis of Human Disease  
 40203 - Histology (L)  
 40224 - Developmental Biology (L)  
 40254 – Immunology (L)  
 40320 - Teaching Intro. Biology  
 40330 - Teaching Advanced Biology  
 40353 – Wildlife Ecology & Mgmt  
 40800 - Immunobiology of Disease  
 40803 - Biological Res. & Writing (WEM)  
 40900 – Independent Res. in Biol.  
 50103 – Terrestrial Ecosystems  
 50123 – Biostatistics (L)  
 50143 - Biochemistry  
 50401 – Neurobiology of Aging  
 50502 - Biochemistry Lab  
 50910 - Biology Seminar

## Spring Odd # Years

30404 - Comp Vertebrate Anatomy (L)  
 40153 – Conservation Genetics (L) (WEM)  
 40313 – Biogeography  
 40473 - Vertebrate Endocrinology (L)(WEM)  
 40523 – Structural Biology Drug Design (L)(WEM)  
 50903 – Tropical Biology (L) (WEM)

(L) – Laboratory course, (WEM) – Writing Emphasis

Tentative Biology/Honors Seminar schedule ([Biol 40001/40011](#))

Cancer Biology (Fall)  
 Stem Cell Biology (Fall)  
 Behavioral Ecology (Spring)  
 Evolutionary Medicine (Fall)  
 Intro. R and Excel (Fall)  
 Human Health & Global Change (Spring)

## Spring Even # Years

30703 – Plant Systematics (L)  
 40800 – Human Anatomy (L)  
 40163 – Avian Biology (L)  
 40513 – Fundamentals of Biochemistry  
 50803 – Marine Biology of Tropics (L)(WEM)

## Typical Academic Path

Freshman Year: (28-30 credit hours) B.S. degree		Sophomore Year:	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
BIOL 10503/10501 -Bio I	BIOL 10513/10511	BIOL 30403	BIOL 30603
CHEM 10113	CHEM 10122/10123	CHEM 30123	CHEM 30133
ENG 10803		CHEM 30121	**CHEM 30143
Core/Elective 3-6hr		Core/Elective 3-6hr	
Total = 13-16		Total = 13-15	Total = 15-17

ENGL 20803 should be taken some time in sophomore year. \*\*Required for some medical schools

## Junior Year

Upper level biology courses; **Physics:** 8 hours typically taken in the junior year or possibly in summer school.

**Degree Plan:** Request from CSE

## Senior Year

Upper level biology courses; **Major Field Test in Biology:** complete during senior year; **Intent to Graduate:** File with CSE

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