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Degree Title – Biology

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Required

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Choose one:
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- MATH 1343 Introduction to Biostatistics (or MATH 1388 Honors)

Life and Physical Sciences – 6 hours
- CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
- CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II

Language, Philosophy and Culture – 3 hours
- PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy (or PHIL 1387 Honors)
- PHIL 1366 Philosophy and History of Science and Technology

Integrative and Experiential Learning – 2 hours
- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab
- CHEM 1112 General Chemistry II Lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 58 HOURS (24 advanced minimum)

1 – Biology Core – 42 hours (18 advanced)
- BIOL 1406 General Biology I (or BIOL 1487 Honors)
- BIOL 1407 General Biology II (or BIOL 1488 Honors)
- BIOL 3301 Biological Evolution
- BIOL 3409 Ecology
BIOL 3413 Genetics
BIOL 4400 Biological Communication (Capstone)
CHEM 2323 Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 2123 Organic Chemistry I Lab
CHEM 2325 Organic Chemistry II
CHEM 2125 Organic Chemistry II Lab
CHEM 3303 Biochemistry
PHYS 1401 General Physics I
PHYS 1402 General Physics II

2 – Biology Electives – 16 hours (6 advanced minimum)

a – Cell/Molecular Course
Choose at least one:
- BIOL 3401 General Microbiology
- BIOL 3403 Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- BIOL 3412 Cell Biology
- BIOL 3415 Molecular Biology
- BIOL 4313 Endocrinology
- BIOL 4330 Molecular Evolution
- BIOL 4361 Neuroscience I: Cellular and Molecular
- BIOL 4413 General Virology
- BIOL 4417 Bacterial Genetics
- BIOL 4418 Electron Microscopy
- BIOL 4421 Biotechnology

b – Developmental/Morphology
Choose at least one:
- BIOL 2428 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- BIOL 3405 Histology
- BIOL 3406 Developmental Mechanisms
- BIOL 3407 Comparative Embryology
- BIOL 3408 Plant Morphology
- BIOL 4420 Plant Anatomy

c – Organismal/Environmental
Choose at least one:
- BIOL 3404 Conservation Biology
- BIOL 3409 Ecology
- BIOL 3414 Invertebrate Zoology
- BIOL 4316 Environmental Toxicology
- BIOL 4318 Ethnobotany
- BIOL 4319 Medical Entomology
- BIOL 4388 Global Change Ecology
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- BIOL 4403 Introduction to Remote Sensing Technology
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BIOL 4416 Mammalogy
BIOL 4419 Aquatic Entomology
BIOL 4424 Microbial Ecology
BIOL 4426 Marine Ecology
BIOL 4427 Marine Animal Field Studies
BIOL 4432 Animal Behavior

D – Physiology
Choose at least one:
- BIOL 1322 Human Nutrition
- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- BIOL 3310 Neurobiology
- BIOL 3345 Animal Nutrition
- BIOL 3411 Mammalian Physiology
- BIOL 4317 Disease Epidemiology
- BIOL 4362 Neuroscience II: System, Developmental, and Disorders
- BIOL 4405 Plant Physiology
- BIOL 4411 Ecological Physiology of Animals
- BIOL 4422 Neurobiology Methods

C – SUPPORT COURSES – 6 HOURS
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 14 HOURS (8 advanced minimum)
Pre-medical/Pre-dental/Pre-optometry/Pre-veterinary students are strongly encouraged to take CHEM 2325/CHEM 2125 Organic Chemistry II, CHEM 3303 Biochemistry, and PHYS 1402 General Physics II.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission requirements
Admission requirements to this program: BIOL 1406 (or BIOL 1487 Honors), BIOL 1407 (or BIOL 1488 Honors), and CHEM 1311/CHEM 1111 with a ‘C’ or better grade in all of these courses and Department approval.
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Degree Title – Biology

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Integrative and Experiential Learning – 2 hours
- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab
- CHEM 1112 General Chemistry II Lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 44 HOURS (36 advanced)

1 – Biology Foundation – 23 hours (15 advanced)
- BIOL 1406 General Biology I (or BIOL 1487 Honors)
- BIOL 1407 General Biology II (or BIOL 1488 Honors)
- BIOL 3301 Biological Evolution
- BIOL 3409 Ecology
- BIOL 3413 Genetics
- BIOL 4400 Biological Communication (Capstone)
2 – Advanced Biology Electives – 21 hours (9 advanced minimum)

Students must take at least one course from each group representing one of three organizational levels of Biology. Group criteria do not need to be met with advanced hours.

a – Cellular/Molecular
Choose at least one:
- BIOL 3401 General Microbiology
- BIOL 3403 Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- BIOL 3405 Histology
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- BIOL 3412 Cell Biology
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- BIOL 4421 Biotechnology
- BIOL 4428 Medical Genomics
- CHEM 3303 Biochemistry

b – Organismal
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- BIOL 3310 Neurobiology
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BIOL 4432 Animal Behavior

C – SUPPORT COURSES – 4 HOURS
   CHEM 2123 Organic Chemistry I Lab
   CHEM 2323 Organic Chemistry I

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 12 HOURS
   Advanced hours will vary to meet 42 advanced hour requirement.

E – MINOR – 18 HOURS (6 advanced)

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TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS

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Graduation requirements
   Minimum 44 credit hours in Biology and 2.50 Biology GPA; At least 36 upper division hours in Biology.
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CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
PSYC 2301 General Psychology

Integrative and Experiential Learning – 3 hours
CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab
B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 61 HOURS (37 advanced minimum)

1 – Life Sciences Foundation – 49 hours (28 advanced)
   - BIOL 1406 General Biology I (or BIOL 1487 Honors) three-hour lecture
   - BIOL 1407 General Biology II (or BIOL 1488 Honors)
   - BIOL 3301 Biological Evolution
   - BIOL 3330 Functions and Modeling
   - BIOL 3409 Ecology
   - BIOL 3412 Cell Biology
   - BIOL 3413 Genetics
   - BIOL 4392 Research Methods in the Science and Mathematics Classroom (UTeach)
   - BIOL 4400 Biological Communication (Capstone)
   - CHEM 2123 Organic Chemistry Lab
   - CHEM 2323 Organic Chemistry
   - MATH 2413 Calculus I (or MATH 2487 Honors) one-hour lecture
   - PHIL 3301 Perspectives on Mathematics and Science
   - PHYS 1401 General Physics I
   - PHYS 1402 General Physics II

2 – Diversity of Life – 12 hours (9 advanced minimum)
   Complete 12 advanced hours from the following sections:

   a – Plants – 3 hours minimum (3 advanced minimum)
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      - BIOL 3408 Plant Morphology
      - BIOL 4318 Ethnobotany
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*Area of Certification: Life Science (7-12)*

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- UTCH 3301 Knowing and Learning in Mathematics and Science
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- UTCH 4101 Apprentice Teaching Seminar
- UTCH 4601 Apprentice Teaching
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**Progression requirements**

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PSCI 1421 Physical Science I
PSCI 1422 Physical Science II
Integrative and Experiential Learning – 3 hours
Choose labs corresponding to Life and Physical Science section, and complete:
CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 60 HOURS (33 advanced)

1 – Life Sciences Foundation – 54 hours (27 advanced)
- ASTR 1401 Introduction to Astronomy I
- BIOL 1406 General Biology I (or BIOL 1487 Honors)
- BIOL 1407 General Biology II (or BIOL 1488 Honors)
- BIOL 2406 Environmental Biology
- BIOL 3301 Biological Evolution
- BIOL 3330 Functions and Modeling
- BIOL 4392 Research Methods in Science and Mathematics Classroom
- BIOL 4400 Biological Communication (Capstone)
- CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
- GEOG 2313 Principles of Geography Physics Elementary
- GEOL 1403 Physical Geology
- GEOL 3401 Geomorphology
- GEOL 3405 Oceanography
- MATE 3305 Fundamentals of Statistics and Probability
- MATH 2413 Calculus I (or MATH 2487 Honors) one-hour lecture
- PHIL 3317 Perspectives on Science and Mathematics

2 – Life Science Electives – 6 hours (6 advanced)
Choose from:
- BIOL 3404 Conservation Biology
- BIOL 3409 Ecology
- BIOL 3413 Genetics
- GEOL 4403 Sedimentology and Stratigraphy
- GEOL 4302 Environmental Geology
- PSCI 3310 Planter Earth and Its Place

C – UTEACH CERTIFICATION – 21 HOURS (19 advanced)
Area of Certification: Life Science (4-8)
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