

**Biology - B.A.****THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND****EL\_BIO\_BA**

120 Earned Credits Total

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT THE B.A. BIOLOGY:**

The B.A. in Biology is a broad program of study with a high degree of flexibility. Students earn a liberal arts degree, which provides a basic foundation in biology together with the option to choose courses in other disciplines. Students may want to use this opportunity to obtain further in-depth training in a particular sub-discipline of biology, to participate in independent study or research with faculty members in Biological Sciences and other departments in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS), or to take courses in other degree programs to explore other fields and increase their choice of future careers.

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**BIO BA Major Requirements: 30 Credits Total**

**BIO and CMB Course Requirements: (12 credits)** Must earn a C or better in BIO 101, 102, 103, 104

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*BIO101 or 101H		3	
*BIO103		1	
*BIO102		3	
*BIO104		1	
CMB201 or *211		4	

**BIO and CMB Elective Requirements (18 credits)**

At least 3 credits must be selected from each **Plant, Animal, & Integrative** course list. Choose **remaining** credits from Plant, Animal, Integrative or other course categories.

**PLANT COURSES:** BIO 308, 310, 311, 321, 323, 332, 346, 365, 416

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**ANIMAL COURSES:** BIO 201, 220, 221, 222, 223, 286, 300, 301, 302, 350, 354, 355, 366, 385, 388, 404, 412, 417, 419, 422, \*425G, 444, 467

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**INTEGRATIVE COURSES:** BIO228, \*230G, \*256G, 262, 263, 272, \*282G, 320, 331, 341, 345, 352, 353, 360, 388, \*396, 437, 439, \*440G, 452, 455, 457, 472, 480, \*482G, 485

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**REMAINING BIO and CMB COURSES** selected from below course lists (to reach 18 credits of BIO and CMB elective requirements):

**OTHER COURSES:** CMB 242, 245, 320, 333, 334, 413, 414, 415, 416, 432, 435, \*483. **NOTE:** Up to 3 credits of independent study/research (491, 492, 493, 494, or 495) in one of the following programs may be used: AFS, AVS, BIO, CMB, NRS, or PLS. Other programs by petition to the department. BIO 181G and 498 are excluded.

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

Advising Notes: \_\_\_\_\_


\*Course approved for general education

**Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required in all BIO and CMB courses for graduation.**

**Minimum overall 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.**

**Introduction and Supporting Sciences****Introduction Requirement (1 credit)**

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
URI 101		1	

**Math Requirement (3-4 credits)**

One semester of MTH or STA, 103 or above

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**Chemistry Requirement (8 credits)**

Two semesters of Chemistry with lab

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**EL BIO BA**

### General Education Guidelines:

## Student:

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement to transfer out of University College for Academic Success:** Must have completed at least 30 credits with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA, and a grade of C or higher in BIO 101, 103, 102, and 104

**LIST COURSES THAT MEET GENERAL EDUCATION:**

<b>General Education Credit Count</b>					
At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code.					
<b>Course</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Grade</b>
*BIO101	3				
*BIO103	1				
*BIO102	3				
*BIO104	1				
*CHM__	3				
			Total Gen Ed Credits		

**NOTE: BECAUSE MOST COURSES MEET MORE THAN ONE OUTCOME, YOUR OUTCOME AUDIT MIGHT BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU REACH YOUR 40 CREDITS. HOWEVER, YOU MUST STILL COMPLETE 40 CREDITS OF GENERAL EDUCATION.**

**Keep Track of you total credits towards graduation each semester and update below while in PDF**

TOTAL:	/120
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**Free Electives:** Courses taken beyond the requirements of the major and gen. eds. to reach the **120 total earned credits** required for graduation. Be sure to take enough 300/400 level free electives needed to reach the 42-credit minimum requirement of the BA. Students are encouraged to use these credits toward a minor or double major.

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade		Course	Semester	Credits	Grade	

**300-400 Level Requirement:** The BA degree requires 42 credits (of the 120 total earned credits) to be at the 300 level or above. Major, general education, and free elective courses can be included in the 42 credit requirement. List all completed 300+ level courses below.

Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits

**B.A. BIOLOGY**  
**Sample 4 Year Plan - Effective Fall 2023**  
**College of the Environment & Life Sciences**

**Freshman Year *Fall* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
BIO 101,103	Principles of Biology, Lab	4
	General Education Course or Math Course	3-4
	General Education Course	3-4
	General Education Course or Elective	3-4
URI 101	Planning for Academic Success	1
		<b>15-17</b>

**Freshman Year *Spring* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
BIO 102, 104	Principles of Biology 2, Lab	4
	General Education Course or Math Course	3-4
	General Education Course	3-4
	Elective	3-4
	Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Year 1 Milestones:** Complete BIO 101, 103, 102, and 104, Math 103 or higher

**Sophomore Year *Fall* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
	Biology Course from list	3-4
CHM 103,105 or CHM 101, 102	Introductory Chemistry w/lab or General Chemistry I w/lab	4
	General Education Course	3-4
	General Education Course or Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Sophomore Year *Spring* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
	Biology course from list	3-4
CHM 124,126 or CHM 112,114	Introduction to Organic Chemistry, Lab or Gen. Chem II, lab	4
	General Education Course	3-4
Gen Ed or Elective	General Education Course or Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Year 2 Milestones:** Begin chemistry sequence. Meet with faculty advisor to plan Year 3 courses.

**Junior Year *Fall* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
	BIO course from list	3-4
CMB 201 or 211	Introductory Medical Microbiology or Introductory Microbiology	4
	General Education Course	3-4
Elective	Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Junior Year *Spring* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
BIO/CMB Elective	Biology or Microbiology Elective	3-4
	General Education Course	3-4
Gen Ed or Elective	General Education Course or Elective	3-4
Elective	Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Year 3 Milestones:** Complete chemistry sequence. Meet with faculty advisor to plan year 4 courses, and discuss internship and/or research opportunities.

**Senior Year *Fall* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
BIO/CMB Elective	Biology or Microbiology Elective	3-4
	Elective	3-4
	General Education Course	3-4
	Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Senior Year *Spring* Semester**

Course Code	Description	Cr
BIO/CMB Elective	Biology or Microbiology Elective	3-4
	General Education Course	3-4
	Elective	3-4
	Elective	3-4
		<b>15-17</b>

**Year 4 Milestones:** Finish Biology electives and general education.

Minimum of 120 credits to graduate.

Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required in the 30 credits in BIO & CMB courses for graduation.

Minimum overall 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.