

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences - BS

120 Credits Total

Page 1 of 4 (40 credits of General Education)

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ABOUT THE BIOMEDICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE BS DEGREE:

The four-year program offers students a solid foundation in the basic sciences and expertise within the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. It is designed to provide educational and training experiences that prepare students for careers in the pharmaceutical, consumer product, and biomedical industries.

Graduates of the BPS program will be qualified to seek a diverse range of career options that include: research and development, manufacturing, product marketing, sales, quality, and administrative positions within the pharmaceutical industry; research and regulatory oversight careers within government agencies; and research and teaching positions in academia. As a prelude to many of these career opportunities, the program prepares students for graduate studies in the expanding fields of pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome but cannot be double counted towards the 40-credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet the requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

General Education Credit Count					
List courses that meet general education:					
At least 40 cr. (16 or 19 in the major)					
Course in major	Cr, grade		Choice Course	Cr, grade	
BIO103	1				
BIO110 or 101	3				
CHM101	3				
COM100	3				
MTH103 (or choice gen ed)	3,0				
MTH131 or 141	3				
WRT106 or 104	3				
Met by major required courses: 16 (or 19) cr			Out of major	24 (or 21) cr	
	Total Gen Ed credits			≥ 40	

General Education Outcome Audit	
List course as each outcome is met:	
	Course
KNOWLEDGE	
A1. STEM BIO110, 103, (MTH 103), MTH131	CHM101
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
COMPETENCIES	
B1. Write effectively	WRT106/4
B2. Communicate effectively	COM100
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or computational strategies	MTH103, 131
B4. Information literacy	WRT106/4
RESPONSIBILITIES	
C1. Civic knowledge & responsibilities	COM100
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and inclusion	
INTEGRATE & APPLY	
D1. Ability to synthesize	
GRAND CHALLENGE	
G. Check that at least one course of your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	

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Basic Non-Science Requirements (*also fulfill 6 cr of general education requirements)	Course	Grade	Cr	Semester Plan
Careers in Pharmaceutical Science	BPS 250		1	
Communication *B2, C1	COM 100		3*	
Research Writing (or WRT104) *B1, B4	WRT 106		3*	
Introduction to URI	URI 101		1	

Basic Science /Math Requirements (*also fulfills 10 or 13 cr general education reqs)	Course	Grade	Cr	Semester Plan	QPA
General Biology (or BIO101) *A1	BIO 110		3*		
General Biology Lab *A1	BIO 103		1*		
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 220		3		
Human Anatomy and Physiology I lab	BIO 221		1		
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO 222		3		
Human Anatomy and Physiology II lab	BIO 223		1		
General Chemistry I *A1	CHM 101		3*		
General Chemistry I Lab	CHM 102		1		
General Chemistry II	CHM 112		3		
General Chemistry II Lab	CHM 114		1		
Organic Chemistry Lab (Sp Yr 2 or Fall Yr 3)	CHM 226		2		
Organic Chemistry I	CHM 227		3		
Organic Chemistry II	CHM 228		3		
Medical Microbiology (or 211)	CMB 201		3		
Medical Microbiology lab	CMB 202		1		
Biochemistry	CMB 311		3		
Precalculus (MTH103, placement) *A1	MTH 103		3* or 0		
Calculus (or MTH141) *A1, B3	MTH 131		3*		
Statistics (or STA 307, 3 cr; or STA 409, 4 cr)	STA 308		4		
Pre-professional QPA of 2.3 or higher					

BPS Progression, Retention, and Graduation requirements

BPS students request transfer from University College for Academic Success (UCAS) to the College of Pharmacy (PHARM) during the semester in which they are enrolled to complete all science and mathematics pre-requisite courses (BIO 103, 110, 220, 221, 222, 223; CHM 101, 102, 112, 114, 227, 228; CMB 201, 202, 311; MTH 131 or 141; and STA 308 or 307 or 409). Transfer requests from UCAS to PHARM will be reviewed and acted upon after grades are posted for the enrolled courses. For students who are off-sequence, consideration for transfer to PHARM may be considered prior to completion of CHM228, CMB311, or STA308.

Only those students having an equal or greater than 2.30 quality point average in the required pre-requisite courses (BIO 103, 110, 220, 221, 222, 223; CHM 101, 102, 112, 114, 227, 228; CMB 201, 202, 311; MTH 131 or 141; and STA 308 or 307 or 409), and an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or above will be admitted to the College of Pharmacy for the B.S. Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences degree. Applicants not meeting the criteria will not be considered for admission to the college.

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Major Requirements (Courses specifically listed are required, 33 credit)				
3 rd and 4 th Year	Course	Grade	Cr	Semester Plan
Pharmaceutics I: Biopharmaceutics	BPS 301		2	Fall
Essential Pharmacokinetic Concepts	BPS 306		2	Spring
Principles of Medicinal Chemistry	BPS 313		2	Fall
Pharmaceutics II	BPS 315		4	Fall
Human Drug Metabolism	BPS 325		2	Spring
Intro to Pharmaceutical Research	BPS 345		3	Spring Yr 2 or Fall Yr 3
Pharmaceutical Pharmacology I	BPS 401		3	Fall
Pharmaceutical Pharmacology II	BPS 402		3	Spring
GMPs in Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals	BPS 425		3	Spring
Formulation and Manufacturing Lab	BPS 443		2	Spring
Biotechnology, Biologics, and Biosimilars	BPS 446		3	Spring
Techniques in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Biology lab	BPS 451		4	Fall
Experiential Education, ≥ 260 hours, 3.33 hr/week for 13 weeks per 1 credit enrolled Fall or Spring semester, proportional for summer or J-term	BPS 460, 497, or 498		0**	Fall, Spring, Summer (See Experiential Ed coordinator)
**List enrolled credits under Prof Electives				

BPS Professional Electives (18 credits required)				
*** Students have the option to tailor their academic program to prepare them for the specific career paths that they choose by taking 18 credits of pre-approved BPS professional electives. <i>Must be at 300-level or above. May also count toward minor, 2nd major, general education, honors project, experiential education.</i> At least 9 of the 18 cr of Professional Electives must be under BPS, PHP, or PHC course codes.				
Course Name	Course Code (300+)	Grade	Cr	Semester Plan
	BPS/PHC/PHP			
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0-12 credits to make ≥ 120 total				
(Exact number will vary by student according to transfer credits, general education choices, non-degree credits, initial math placement, credits taken for experiential education, etc.)				
Course Name	Course Code	Grade	Cr	Semester Plan

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Requirements by Semester Sequence (for students without prior credits)

For course titles and pre-requisite information, please visit: uri.edu/catalog

Fall	Spring	Milestones
Year One		
BIO 110* and 103*, 3+1 cr	BIO 220 and 221, 3+1 cr	- Complete BIO, CHM, MTH pre-reqs - Pre-Professional GPA ≥ 2.30 - Complete ≥ 29 cr.
CHM 101* and 102, 3+1 cr	CHM 112 and 114, 3+1 cr	
MTH 103*, 3 cr; or choice Gen Ed*	MTH 131*, 3 cr	
COM 100*, 3 cr	WRT 106*, 3 cr	
URI 101, 1 cr		
(15 cr. Total, 13 gen ed)	(14 cr. Total, 6 gen ed)	

Year Two		
BIO 222 and 223, 3+1 cr	CHM 226, 2 cr; or BPS 345 3 cr	- Complete BIO, CHM, CMB, STA pre-reqs - Pre-Professional GPA ≥ 2.30 - Complete ≥ 60 cr. - Meet progression standards for move from UCAS to College of Pharmacy
CHM 227, 3 cr	CHM 228, 3 cr	
CMB 201 and 202, 3+1 cr	CMB 311, 3 cr	
BPS 250, 1 cr	STA 308 (or 307 or 409), 4 cr	
*General Education choice, 3 cr	*General Education choice, 3 cr	
(15 cr. Total, 3 gen ed)	(15-16 cr. Total, 3 gen ed)	

Year Three and Four (15-16 cr each semester)		
BPS 301, 2 cr	BPS 306, 2 cr	- Advanced knowledge of pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, pharmacokinetics, and pharmaceuticals. - Knowledge of laboratory methods, biologic medications, and choice specialty areas - Maintain Professional GPA ≥ 2.3 and Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.0 - Complete ≥ 120 cr for graduation
BPS 313, 2 cr	BPS 325, 2 cr	
BPS 315, 4 cr	BPS 402, 3 cr	
BPS 345, 3 cr (CHM226 if not taken yet)	BPS 425, 3 cr	
BPS 401, 3 cr	BPS 443, 2 cr	
BPS 451*, 4 cr	BPS 446, 3 cr	
*General Education choice, 3 cr		
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Professional Elective, 3 cr	Prof Elective/*Gen Ed choice, 3 cr	
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Note: This plan is not intended to be prescriptive. Credits in transfer, summer or winter-term coursework, or overlap between general education and professional electives may result in deviations from the above recommendations.