

Cell & Molecular Biology
 General Option
 EL_CMBI_BS
 120 Earned Credits Total

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Student: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Advisor: _____

ABOUT Cell & Molecular Biology - General Option:

The General Cell and Molecular Biology Option is designed to offer students flexibility in pursuing their interests. Students choosing this option need to meet with an advisor early in their academic career to design a personal plan.

Step 1: REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Cell & Molecular Biology (CMB) General					40 Credits		
Concentration Courses					(18 Credits)		
Course Name	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade			
Integrative Microbiology	*CMB 211		4				
Introductory Biochemistry	CMB 311		3				
Immunology and Serology	CMB 333		3				
General Genetics	CMB 352		4				
Seminar in Cell and Molecular Biology	CMB 495		1				
Principles of Cell Biology	CMB 341		3				
CMB Laboratory Courses: Select 4 credits from the following list of approved laboratory courses					(4 Credits)		
Course Name	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade			
Introductory Molecular Biology Lab	CMB 312	Fall _____	2				
Medical & Public Health Microbiology Lab	CMB 332	Spring _____	2				
Genetics Laboratory	CMB 353	Fall _____	1				
Advanced Biochemistry Lab I	CMB 412	Spring _____	3				
Advanced Microbiology Lab I	CMB 415	Fall _____	2				
Advanced Microbiology Lab II	CMB 416	Spring _____	2				
Professional Electives:					(18 Credits)		
Select 18 credits from the following: Any 300 level or higher CMB course, BPS 535, and PHY 430							
Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade

Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required in major and overall for graduation.

Major GPA = _____

Overall GPA = _____

*Course fulfills general education and a major requirement

Step 1: REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED:

Introduction Requirement (1 credit)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
URI 101		1	

BIOLOGY (8 credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*BIO 101		3	
*BIO 103		1	
*BIO 102		3	
*BIO 104		1	

CHEMISTRY Requirement: (16-18 credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*CHM 101		3	
CHM 102		1	
OR			
CHM 191		5	
AND			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
CHM 112		3	
CHM 114		1	
OR			
CHM 192		5	
AND			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
CHM 227		3	
CHM 228		3	
CHM 226		2	

MATH Requirement: (6-8 credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*MTH 131		3	
OR			
*MTH 141 <i>Preferred</i>		4	

AND 1 OF THE FOLLOWING: MTH *111, 132, *142; *CSC 201; STA 307, 308, or 409

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

PHYSICS Requirement: (8 credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*PHY 111		3	
*PHY 185		1	
OR			
*PHY 203		3	
*PHY 273		1	
AND			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*PHY 112		3	
*PHY 186		1	
OR			
*PHY 204		3	
*PHY 274		1	

FREE ELECTIVES							
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade	Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

**B.S. Cell & Molecular Biology -General Option
Sample 4 Year Plan - Effective Fall 2026
College of the Environment & Life Sciences**

Freshman Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
URI 101	Planning for Academic Success	1
*BIO 101/103	Principles of Biology I/Lab	4
*CHM 101/102	General Chemistry I/Lab	4
*MTH ____	Precalculus, Applied Calculus I, or Introductory Calculus	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Freshman Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
*BIO 102/104	Principles of Biology II/Lab	4
*CHM 112/114	General Chemistry II/Lab	4
	2nd required CSC, MTH, or STA course	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Year 1 Milestones: Complete BIO 101, 103, 102, 104, CHM 101, 102, 112, 114, MTH 131 or 141. Earn 30 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Sophomore Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CHM 227	Organic Chemistry Lecture I	3
*CMB 211	Integrative Microbiology	4
*PHY ____	General Physics I Lecture/Lab	4
	*General Education	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Sophomore Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CHM 228	Organic Chemistry Lecture II	3
CMB 311	Introductory Biochemistry Lecture	3
*PHY ____	General Physics II Lecture/Lab	4
	*General Education	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Year 2 Milestones: Complete CMB 211. Begin Organic Chemistry sequence. Begin Physics sequence. Meet with a CMB Faculty advisor to discuss research/internship opportunities and plan year 3 and 4 courses. Earn 60 total credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Junior Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CHM 226	Organic Chemistry Lab	2
CMB 333	Immunology and Serology	3
CMB 341	Cell Biology	3
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Junior Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CMB 352	General Genetics	4
CMB	CMB Laboratory course	2-3
	Professional Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Year 3 Milestones: Complete CMB 341, 333, & 352. Complete Organic Chemistry sequence. Meet with a CMB Faculty advisor to plan year 3 and 4 courses. Earn 90 total credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Prepare intent to graduate with faculty advisor for Fall submission.

Senior Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CMB 495	Seminar in Cell & Molecular Biology	1
CMB	CMB Laboratory Course	2-3
	Professional Elective	3-4
	Professional Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Senior Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
	Professional Elective	3-4
	Professional Elective	3-4
	Professional Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Year 4 Milestones: Complete CMB 495, and at least 1 CMB Lab course. Earn total 120 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in CMB concentration courses.