

ABOUT Cell & Molecular Biology - Bioinformatics Option:

This option provides an interdisciplinary curriculum that trains students in cell and molecular biology, computer sciences, and provides an integration of these two broader areas. Graduates from this program can pursue their next degree in a variety of biological, computational, and bioinformatics programs. There are currently over fifty graduate-level degree programs and certificate programs in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in the United States. Our students should be competitive applicants to enter many of these graduate programs.

Step 1: REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Cell & Molecular Biology (CMB) - BIOINFORMATICS				40 Credits Total	
Concentration Courses				(18 Credits)	
Course Name	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade	
Introductory Microbiology	CMB 211		4		
Introductory Biochemistry	CMB 311		3		
Intro. Computational Biology	CMB 320		3		
General Genetics	CMB (BIO) 352		4		
Molecular Sequence Analysis	CMB 450		3		
Seminar in Cell and Molecular Biology	CMB 495		1		
<i>Select 1 credit of additional CMB laboratory coursework at the 300 or 400 level</i>				(1 Credit)	
Course Name	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade	
Computer Sciences (CSC)				(12 Credits)	
Course Name	Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade	
Intro. Computer Programming	*CSC 201		4		
Object-Oriented Programming	CSC 211		4		
Data Structures and Abstractions	CSC 212		4		
<i>Professional Electives: Select 9 credits from the following list of approved electives</i>					
Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name		
BIO 341	Principles of Cell Biology	CMB 435	Genetics of Cancer		
BIO 445	Endocrinology I	CMB 437	Fundamentals of Molecular Biology		
BPS 535	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology	CMB 452	Advanced Topics in Genetics		
CMB 312	Introductory Biochemistry Lab	CMB 482	Proteins and Enzymes		
CMB 333	Immunology and Serology	CMB 483	Diagnostic Microbiology		
CMB 334	Virology	CMB 522	Bioinformatics I		
CMB 353	Genetics Lab	CSC 305	Software Engineering		
CMB 412	Advanced Biochemistry Lab I	CSC 392	Intermediate Topics in Computing		
CMB 413	Advanced Microbiology I	CSC 412	Operating Systems and Networks		
CMB 414	Advanced Microbiology II	CSC 415	Introduction to Parallel Computing		
CMB 415	Advanced Microbiology Lab I	CSC 436	Database Management Systems		
CMB 416	Advanced Microbiology Lab II	PHY 430	Modern Biological Physics		
CMB 421	Physical Biochemistry	CMB/CSC	Independent Research		
CMB 432	Pathogenic Bacteriology	491/492			
Course #	Semester	Credits	Grade		

Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required in major for graduation.

Major GPA = _____

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 credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*CHM 101		3	
CHM 102		1	
AND			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
CHM 112		3	
CHM 114		1	

AND			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
CHM 227		3	
CHM 228		3	
CHM 226		2	

FREE ELECTIVES			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

MATH Requirement: (6-8 credits)			
<i>(Recommended Precalculus: MTH 111 if needed)</i>			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*MTH 131		3	
OR			
*MTH 141 <i>preferred</i>		4	
AND 1 OF THE FOLLOWING: MTH 132, *142; STA 307, 308, or 409			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

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

*Course approved for general education.

Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required in major for graduation.

Minimum overall 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.

120 earned credits required for graduation.

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Sample 4 Year Plan - Effective Fall 2018

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 141	Applied Calculus I, or Introductory Calculus	3-4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Freshman Year *Spring* Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
MTH/STA	2nd Required MTH/STA course	3-4
*BIO 102/104	Principles of Biology II/Lab	4
*CHM 112/114	General Chemistry II/Lab	4
*CSC 201	Introduction to Computer Programming	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
CMB 211	Introductory Microbiology	4
CSC 211	Object-Oriented Programming	4
*PHY 111/185	General Physics I/Lab	4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Sophomore Year *Spring* Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
CHM 227	Organic Chemistry I	3
CSC 212	Data Structures and Abstractions	4
*PHY 112/186	General Physics II/Lab	4
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Year 2 Milestones: Complete **CMB** 201 or 211, **CSC** 201 and 211. Begin Organic Chemistry sequence. Begin computer science courses. Meet with a CMB Faculty advisor to discuss research 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
CMB 352	General Genetics	4
CMB 311	Intro Biochemistry Lecture	3
CHM 226	Organic Chemistry Lab	2
CHM 228	Organic Chemistry II	3
	*General Education	3-4
		15-17

Junior Year *Spring* Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr
<i>CMB 320</i>	<i>Intro Computational Biology</i>	3
CMB _____	CMB Required Lab Course	1
	Professional Elective	3-4
	Professional Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Year 3 Milestones: Complete **CMB** 311, 352, 320 (*320 is only taught in the Spring semester*) **CSC** 212. Complete Organic Chemistry sequence. Meet with a CMB and CSC Faculty advisors 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
<i>CMB 450</i>	<i>Practical Tools for Molecular Sequence and Analysis</i>	3
	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
	Free Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
	*General Education/Free Elective	3-4
		15-17

Year 4 Milestones: Complete **CMB** 450, 495 (*450 is only taught in the Fall semester*) Earn total 120 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Minimum 2.0 cumulative gpa in CMB concentration courses.