

**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                                  |       |                  |
| Select 1 credit CMB laboratory coursework at the 300 or 400 level  |                                  |                    |                                    |       | (1 Credit)       |
| Course Name  | Course #                         | Semester           | Credits                            | Grade |                  |
|  |                                  |                    |                                    |       |                  |
| Computer Sciences (CSC)  |                                  |                    |                                    |       | (12 Credits)     |
| Course Name  | Course #                         | Semester           | Credits                            | Grade |                  |
| Introduction to Computer Programming   | *CSC 201                         |                    | 4                                  |       |                  |
| Object-Oriented Programming  | CSC 211                          |                    | 4                                  |       |                  |
| Data Structures and Abstractions   | CSC 212                          |                    | 4                                  |       |                  |
| Professional Electives: Select 9 credits from any 300 level or higher CMB course; or from the following list of approved electives |                                  |                    |                                    |       | (9 Credits)      |
| Course #   | Course Name                      | Course #           | Course Name                        |       |                  |
| BIO 341  | Principles of Cell Biology       | CSC 412            | Operating Systems and Networks     |       |                  |
| BPS 535  | Pharmaceutical Biotechnology     | CSC 415            | Introduction to Parallel Computing |       |                  |
| CSC 305  | Software Engineering             | CSC 436            | Database Management Systems        |       |                  |
| CSC 392  | Intermediate Topics in Computing | PHY 430            | Modern Biological Physics          |       |                  |
|  |                                  | CMB/CSC<br>491/492 | Independent Research               |       |                  |
| Course #   | Semester                         | Credits            | Grade                              |       |                  |
|  |                                  |                    |                                    |       |                  |
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\*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.

Major GPA = \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1: REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED:**

| <b>Introduction Requirement (1 credit)</b> |          |         |       |
|--|----------|---------|-------|
| Course                                     | Semester | Credits | Grade |
| URI 101                                    |          | 1       |       |

| <b>BIOLOGY (8 credits)</b> |          |         |       |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Course                     | Semester | Credits | Grade |
| *BIO 101                   |          | 3       |       |
| *BIO 103                   |          | 1       |       |
| *BIO 102                   |          | 3       |       |
| *BIO 104                   |          | 1       |       |

| <b>CHEMISTRY Requirement: (16-18 credits)</b> |          |         |       |
|---|----------|---------|-------|
| Course  | Semester | Credits | Grade |
| *CHM 101                                      |          | 3       |       |
| CHM 102                                       |          | 1       |       |
| <b>OR</b>                                     |          |         |       |
| CHM 191                                       |          | 5       |       |

**AND**

| Course    | Semester | Credits | Grade |
|-----------|----------|---------|-------|
| CHM 112   |          | 3       |       |
| CHM 114   |          | 1       |       |
| <b>OR</b> |          |         |       |
| CHM 192   |          | 5       |       |

**AND**

| Course  | Semester | Credits | Grade |
|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| CHM 227 |          | 3       |       |
| CHM 228 |          | 3       |       |
| CHM 226 |          | 2       |       |

| <b>FREE ELECTIVES</b> |          |         |       |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Course                | Semester | Credits | Grade |
|                       |          |         |       |
|                       |          |         |       |

| <b>MATH Requirement: (6-8 credits)</b> |          |         |       |
|--|----------|---------|-------|
| 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 |
|--------|----------|---------|-------|
|        |          |         |       |

| <b>PHYSICS Requirement: (8 credits)</b> |          |         |       |
|---|----------|---------|-------|
| Course                                  | Semester | Credits | Grade |

|          |  |   |  |
|----------|--|---|--|
| *PHY 111 |  | 3 |  |
| *PHY 185 |  | 1 |  |

**OR**

|                           |  |   |  |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| *PHY 203 <i>Preferred</i> |  | 3 |  |
| *PHY 273 <i>Preferred</i> |  | 1 |  |

**AND**

| Course                    | Semester | Credits | Grade |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| *PHY 112                  |          | 3       |       |
| *PHY 186                  |          | 1       |       |
| <b>OR</b>                 |          |         |       |
| *PHY 204 <i>Preferred</i> |          | 3       |       |
| *PHY 274 <i>Preferred</i> |          | 1       |       |

\*Course fulfills general education and a major requirement



**B.S. Cell & Molecular Biology - Bioinformatics Option**

**Sample 4 Year Plan - Effective Fall 2019**

**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          |
|              |  | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|              |                                      | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|              |                             | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|              |                                  | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|             |                            | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|                |                                    | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|                |  | <b>15-17</b> |

**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          |
|             |                                  | <b>15-17</b> |

**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.