

Program Pathway - *B.S. Biology: Pre-Health Studies Concentration*

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This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores/ HS GPA
BIOL 1107K	Principles of Biology I	4	ENGL 0999
Free Elective*	Free Elective (or MATH 1111 if required based on placement)	3	
Social Science Elective	PSYC 1101 recommended	3	
PRSP 1050	Perspectives in STEM	1	
Semester Total		14	

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102*	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Math 1111
BIOL 1108K	Principles of Biology II	4	BIOL 1107K
CHEM 1211K	Principles of Chemistry I	4	MATH 1111
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
Semester Total		17	

First Year Milestones
• Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102 • Complete MATH 1111, MATH 1113 BIOL 1107K, BIOL 1108K • Meet with your advisor to discuss academic and career goals • Begin exploring meaningful volunteer or job shadowing experiences related to your career goals • Consider joining the Pre-Health Club

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 3100*	Careers & Prof Dev. in BIOL	1	BIOL 1108k
BIOL 2270	Ethical Issues in Science	2	BIOL 1108K
CHEM 1212K*	Chemistry II	4	CHEM 1211K
BIOL 3500K*	Ecology	4	BIOL 1108K and CHEM 1211K
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	3	
Semester Total		14	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Social Science Elective	PSYC 2103 or SOCI 1101 recommended	3	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
BIOL 3200K*	Cellular Biology	4	Prerequisites: BIOL 1108K, CHEM 1212K. Corequisites: CHEM 3211K.
CHEM 3211K*	Organic Chemistry I	4	CHEM 1212K
POLS 1101	American Government	3	
BIOL Upper-level courses*	BIOL 2251K recommended	4	BIOL 1107k
Semester Total		18	

Second Year Milestones	
- Review academic progress with your advisor - If your GPA is below a 3.2 entering your junior year, when you meet with your advisor, discuss strategies for strengthening your application and parallel planning options - Develop or update your resume or CV - If you are planning to apply to medical school, begin developing an MCAT preparation timeline - Continue building meaningful volunteer, research, job shadowing, or leadership experiences	

Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 3400K*	Genetics	4	BIOL 3200K, CHEM 1212K, Coreq: CHEM 3211K
PHYS 1111K	Introductory Physics I	4	ENGL 0999, MATH 1111
CHEM 3212K*	Organic Chemistry II	4	
BIOL Upper-level elective*	BIOL 2252K recommended	4	
Semester Total		16	

Notes: * denotes grade of 'C' or higher required
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Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
PHYS 1112K	Introductory Physics II	4	PHYS 1111K
BIOL 3000*	Research Methods in Biology	3	BIOL 1108K, COMM 1110, MATH 1401
BIOL Upper-level courses*	CHEM 3500 - Biochemistry	3	
BIOL Upper-level electives*	Recommendation from advisor	1-2	
BIOL Upper-level courses*	Recommendation from advisor	3	
Semester Total		14-15	

Third Year Milestones
• Meet with your advisor to plan your remaining coursework and discuss post-graduation goals • BIOL 2251K & BIOL 2252K are HIGHLY recommended Upper-level courses • GA MD applications due to MCAS • Complete 500 more hours of volunteer time before graduation

Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 4250* or BIOL 4251*	Evolution or Human Evolution	3	BIOL 3400K, CHEM 1212K
MATH 3050* or MATH 2253*	Biological Statistics (spring only) or Calculus I	3-4	MATH 1401/MATH 1113
Free Elective*	Recommendation from advisor	3	
ENGL 2XXX	Literature Requirement	3	ENGL 1102 w/C or higher
Semester Total		12-13	

Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 4000*	Senior Seminar	2	19 hours of 3/4000 level BIOL courses
BIOL Upper-level courses*	See table below for options within the concentration	3	
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HIST 2111/2112	U.S. History	3	ENGL 0999
HUMN Elective	ARTS 1100, HUMN 1201, HUMN 1202, MUSC 1100, MUSC 1110, MUSC 1120, or THEA 1100	3	ENGL 0999
	Semester Total	14	
Fourth Year Milestones			
• Submit Graduation Application Services • Meet with your advisor			

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BIOL Upper-Level Electives – Pre-Health Concentration

BIOL upper-level electives at least 22 hours		
Choose at least 14 credit hours from the courses below.		
Course #	Description	Hours
BIOL 2251K	A&P I	4
BIOL 2252K	A&P II	4
BIOL 3340K	General Microbiology	4
BIOL 3850	Neuroscience	3
BIOL 4100	Immunology	3
BIOL 4200	Pathology	3
BIOL 4251	Human Evolution	3
BIOL 4300	Epidemiology	3
BIOL 4360K	Comparative A & P	4
BIOL 4410K	Molecular Biology	4
BIOL 4500K	Biotechnology	4
BIOL 4700	Microscopy	3
BIOL 4850K	Human Dissection	4
If fewer than 22 hours are selected from courses above, select the remaining hours from the courses below.		
Course #	Description	Hours
BIOL 3150	Science and Society	3
BIOL 3900	Readings in Biology	2
BIOL 4800	Service Learning in Biology	1-2
BIOL 4860	Internship in Biology	1-4
BIOL 4900	Special Topics in Biology	3
BIOL 4960	Research in Biology	1-3
CHEM 3500	Biochemistry	3
CHEM 4120	Drug action and Design	3
MATH 2253	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 3050	Biological Statistics	3
Free electives (6 hours)		
Choose any classes that give transfer credit to fill these hours		