



Biology- Bachelor of Arts

	Fall Term	J-term	Spring Term	Comments
First Year	MATH 140	GEN-ED	BIO 225	32 credits per year are necessary to graduate in 4 years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
	FYEP 101 GEN-ED FTWL 100 (1hr) PLUS 100 (1hr)		FYEP 102 GEN-ED GEN-ED	
Credits:	14	4	16	Credits for year: 34
Sophomore Year	BIOL 226 CHEM 115	Graduation Hr Req. (4hr)***	BIOL 330	
	GEN-ED GEN-ED GEN-ED		GEN-ED GEN-ED FTWL Activity (1hr)	
Credits:	16	4	13	Credits for year: 33
Junior Year	UD BIOL Elective**		UD BIOL Elective UD BIOL Elective	** See below
	Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req.		Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req.	
Credits:	16		16	Credit for year: 32
Senior Year	UD BIOL Elective		BIOL 499 UD BIOL Elective	
	Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req.		Graduation hour req. Graduation hour req.	
Credits:	16		16	Credit for year: 32
Total Credits Required by Degree: 42				Total Credits: 131
UD BIOL Electives (20 hrs)				
Students must take 20 semester hours (5 courses) of upper-division (UD) biology coursework (300-400 level), with at least 4 semester hours (1 course) selected from each of the following groups:				
Cellular & Molecular Biology 4 semester hours (1 course)		Organism Structure & Function 4 semester hours (1 course)		Ecology & Evolution 4 semester hours (1 course)
BIOL 341, 342, 442, 443, 444, 445, 448, or 449		BIOL 352, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, or 453		BIOL 362, 363, 367, 368, 369, 461, or 462
Additional Required Supporting Courses (12-22 hrs)				
CHEM 115; MATH 140. Recommended: PHYS 125/126 & PHYS 126/136				

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General education course requirements are listed assuming that major classes will not count toward the general education course requirements. If a course counts towards a major and a general education requirement (e.g. PSYC 101 if the student is a psychology major), students will still need to take enough courses (shown here as Graduation Hr Req) to reach the 128 credits needed to graduate.

***This degree requires 11 additional courses to fulfill the graduation hour requirement of 128. Students should consider using these 11 courses to add a minor or another major. Minors range from 4-7 courses and some majors require as few as 9 courses to complete. Speak with a Center for Student Success advisor to map out what would fit best in your degree.

Departmental Requirements

- 34 semester hours in biology, plus 8 semester hours in required supporting courses
- Courses taken for the biology major, including the required supporting courses, must be completed with a grade of C- or higher and the cumulative GPA must be at least 2.0.

General Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- In addition to the requirements of this major, students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog.
- At least 32 semester hours must be completed in residence at PLU.
- At least 8 semester hours for the major must be taken in residence at PLU.
- All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.
- Students should earn 32 semester hours per year to stay on track to graduate in 4-years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
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