



**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY
OPTION IN ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY
FOUR YEAR DEGREE WORKSHEET
2019-2020 Catalog**

This degree worksheet is intended to help you develop a balanced course schedule while completing your degree within 4 years. The same sequence of courses (with fewer courses each semester) is also recommended for students completing their degree in 5 or 6 years. This worksheet is not intended to replace academic advising with your assigned advisor. Students should consult with their assigned advisor to determine the appropriate sequence of required courses and electives based on their academic goals. Please note that your Major Specific Requirements (MSRs) are **bolded** in the document and are also listed as an “MSR” in the notes column. These courses must be completed in order to declare your major. **All students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the STEM MSR suite.**

Pre-Biology first-time freshmen must complete CHEM 111A and MATH 119A or higher within **one year of matriculation**. Some students may need to take courses during Summer Session to meet these requirements. Students who have not met the requirements by the required semester must either declare another major or meet with an Academic Advisor to determine if the student's performance in the courses merits an additional semester to complete.

CSULB Enrollment Services prepares the Academic Requirements Report, which is the official graduation verification.

Year 1

Semester	Course #	Course Title (Units)	Prerequisites	Notes
1	CHEM 111A	General Chemistry (5)	Appropriate Placement, <i>Pre/Corequisite:</i> MATH 112A or 112B or higher, CHEM 95 if needed	MSR
	MATH 119A; <i>OR</i> MATH 122 (area B4)	Survey of Calculus I (3); <i>OR</i> Calculus I (3)	Appropriate placement, MATH 112B or 113 <i>OR</i> MATH 111 and either 112B or 113	MSR
	GE (area A2)	Written Communication (3)		MSR
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)		
	NSCI-190A	Experience Success Program 1 (1)		Fall only

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2	CHEM 111B	General Chemistry (5)	CHEM 111A or 112A; MATH 112B or higher	MSR
	BIOL 211	Intro. to Evolution and Diversity (4)	<i>Pre/Corequisite:</i> CHEM 111A or 112A	MSR
	GE (area A1)	Oral Communication (3)		MSR
	GE (area A3)	Critical Thinking (2)		MSR

Year 2

Semester	Course #	Course Title (Units)	Prerequisites	Notes
3	CHEM 227; OR CHEM 220A	Fundamentals of Organic (3); OR Organic Chemistry I (3)	CHEM 111A or 112A, Recommended 111B or 112B; OR CHEM 111B or 112B, <i>Corequisite:</i> CHEM 223A	227 usually recommended
	CHEM 223A (if 220A taken)	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (1)	<i>Pre/Corequisite:</i> 220A	
	BIOL 212	Intro. to Cell and Molecular Bio. (4)	BIOL 211, CHEM 111A or 112A	
	BIOL 260	Biostatistics (3)	BIOL 211, MATH 111, 113, 119A, or 122	
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	
	Elective	Elective Requirement (1)		
4	CHEM 220B; OR CHEM 448 (if 227 taken)	Organic Chemistry II (3); OR Fundamentals of Biological Chemistry (3)	CHEM 220A, <i>Corequisite:</i> CHEM 223B; OR CHEM 227 or 220B	
	CHEM 223B (if 220B taken)	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (1)	CHEM 220A and 223A, <i>Pre/Corequisite:</i> CHEM 220B	
	BIOL 213	Intro. to Ecology and Physiology (4)	BIOL 211 and 212, CHEM 111B or 112B	
	PHYS 100A; OR PHYS 151	General Physics (4); OR Mechanics and Heat (4)	MATH 109, 111, 112A, 113, 119A, or 122; OR <i>Pre/Corequisite:</i> MATH 122, 123, or 224	
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	

Year 3

Semester	Course #	Course Title (Units)	Prerequisites	Notes
5	BIOL 312	Evolutionary Biology (3)	BIOL 211, 212, 213, and 260	
	BIOL 345 & BIOL 345L; OR BIOL 447	Comparative Animal Physio. (3) & Comparative Animal Physio. Lab (1); OR Molecular Plant Physiology (3)	BIOL 211, 212, 213 & <i>Pre/Corequisite</i> : BIOL 345; OR BIOL 340, 370	447 is Spring only
	Upper Division Elective	Biology (3)		
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	
	6	BIOL 370	General Genetics (4)	BIOL 211, 212, and 260, MATH 119A or 122 (B4), GE Foundation
BIOL 350		General Ecology (3)	BIOL 211, 212, 213, 260, MATH 119A or 122	
Elective		Organismal Diversity Course (4)		
GE Upper Division (area B-UD, C-UD, D-UD)		Upper Division (3)	GE Foundation	

Year 4

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7	PHYS 100B;	General Physics (4);	PHYS 100A or 151, MATH 109, 111, 112A, 113, 119A, or 122;	
	OR PHYS 152	OR Electricity and Magnetism (4)	OR PHYS 151, <i>Pre/Corequisite</i> : MATH 123	
	Elective	Organismal Diversity Course (3 or 4)		
	Elective	Organismal Ecology/Evolution and Physiology Course (3)		
	GE Upper Division (area B-UD, C-UD, D-UD)	Upper Division (3)	GE Foundation	
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	

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8	Elective	Organismal Ecology/Evolution and Physiology Course (3)		
	Upper Division Elective	Biology (3)		
	400 Level Elective	Biological Science (3)		
	BIOL 480	Seminars (1)	Take in last semester; department consent required	
	GE (area C,D,E)	Other Exploration (3)	GE (area C, D, and E)	
	Elective	Elective (1)		