Western Michigan University Biology Curriculum Guide

Pre biology requirements:

- The following courses are the prerequisites for biology, biomedical sciences, and biology-secondary education (high school level) majors;
- This major is also a good choice for students going into graduate programs and professional schools such as physician assistant, physical therapy, and medical, dental, and veterinary schools;
- A **minimum of 15 credits of biology** must be earned at WMU for the major;
- Only departmental courses in which a grade of “C” or better is obtained may be counted toward a major or minor in Biological Sciences.

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General education requirements:

- Please see the [general education program transfer guide](#);
- All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language, or passing WMU’s proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any questions. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the MTA satisfy the world language requirement.
  - If the student’s first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the
student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission, and can be verified
through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Languages and Literatures.

- The College of Arts & Sciences also requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from
  Proficiency 4c. See the general education transfer guide cited above. MACRAO or the MTA
  will cover this requirement.

**Important notes:**

- The chemistry, physics, and mathematics courses are called “cognate” requirements for
  biology department majors and may not be waived;
- The physics and chemistry courses have a minimum prerequisite of successful completion
  of high school advanced algebra (MATH 104 at Glen Oaks);
- Chemistry 1100 also requires a high school chemistry course as a prerequisite (same as
  CHEM 130 at Glen Oaks). Students should be aware of these prerequisites while they are
  beginning at the community college;
- For questions about general education requirements please contact the WMU College of
  Arts & Sciences advisors at the email address given below;
- Prior to enrolling in WMU courses, students should consult the biology department advisor
  below.

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