



Southwestern Michigan College

2021/22

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 a good choice for students going into entry-level employment in the field of biology, biology graduate programs, or professional schools such as physician assistant, physical therapy, 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.

WMU courses	SMC courses
BIOS 1610	BIOL 101
BIOS 1620	BIOL 102
BIOS 2110	BIOL 214
CHEM 1100 1110	CHEM 101
CHEM 1120 1130	CHEM 102
CHEM 3750 3760	CHEM 201
CHEM 3770 3780	CHEM 202
PHYS 1130 1140	PHYS 101
PHYS 1150 1160	PHYS 102
MATH 1220 or 2000	MATH 141
STAT 3660	MATH 150

General education requirements:

- Please see the [Western Essential Studies \(WES\) 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 Language and Literatures.

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 advanced algebra (MATH 127 at SMC).
- For questions about WES or biology major requirements please contact the WMU College of Arts & Sciences Biology advisor at the email address given below.
- Prior to enrolling in WMU courses, students should consult the biology advisor listed below.

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