

B.S. in Biological Science

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
3 hrs fine arts	3	The course may be chosen from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Courses that satisfy this requirement are any Art History (AH); Liba 130 , 204 , 314 ; Mus 101 , 102 , 103 , 104 , 105 ; Danc 200 ; Thea 201 , 202 . Students who have completed 30 semester hours of undergraduate course work may fulfill the requirement with a 300- or 400-level art history course.
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Eng 220 , 221 , 222 , 223 , 224 , 225 , or Eng 226 .
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.
6 hrs social science/humanities	6	Complete 6 hours of additional social science or humanities coursework. The courses may be chosen from African American studies, anthropology, classical civilization, economics, gender studies, history, Liba 202 , philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, Rhet 201 , sociology, and Southern studies.
6 hrs science	6	Successfully complete 2 courses of laboratory science.
2 science labs	8	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.

General Education II

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Related subjects residence	6	Students must complete at least 6 of the required 18 hours of related subject course work in residence.
Related subjects residence GPA		Student must achieve a GPA of 2.00 in resident hours in related subjects.
Related subjects	18	Complete at least 18 credit hours in the following areas: anthropology, chemistry, geology, math, physics, or psychology.
Related subject GPA		Student must achieve a GPA of 2.00 overall in the related subjects.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Bisc 160 and 161	4	Bisc 160: Biological Sciences I , Bisc 161: Biological Sciences I Laboratory
Bisc 162 and 163	4	Bisc 162: Biological Sciences II , Bisc 163: Biological Sciences II Laboratory
Bisc 322	4	Bisc 322: General Ecology
Bisc 330 or 438 or 516	4	Bisc 438: Microbial Physiology , Bisc 330: Principles of Physiology , Bisc 516: Plant Physiology
Bisc 336	4	Bisc 336: Genetics
4 hrs advanced Biology	4	Complete 4 hrs of advanced Biology with a grade of C or better chosen from the following courses: Bisc 415 , 418 , 427 , 440 , 504 , 512 , 518 , 519 , 521 , 530 , 547 , and Bisc 553 .
18 hrs electives	18	Complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of Bisc electives at the 300 level or above with a grade of C or better.
Bisc 498		Bisc 498: Major Field Achievement Test
34 hrs Biology 300+	34	
42 hours Biology	42	Complete at least 42 hours of Biology courses with a grade of C or better.



REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Biology residency hrs	18	Student must earn at least 18 hours of their major courses in residence. Directed Study (Bisc 492), Bisc 102 , Bisc 103 , Bisc 104 , Bisc 105 , Bisc 206 , Bisc 207 , seminars, and non-major courses do not satisfy departmental core requirements for biology majors.
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.

Major Requirements II

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
6 hrs in calculus	6	Successfully complete Math 261 and Math 262 .
Chem 105	3	Complete Chem 105 with a passing grade.
Chem 106	3	Complete Chem 106 with a passing grade.
Chem 115	1	Complete Chem 115 with a passing grade.
Chem 116	1	Complete Chem 116 with a passing grade.
Chem 221	3	Complete Chem 221 with a passing grade.
Chem 222	3	Complete Chem 222 with a passing grade.
Chem 225	1	Complete Chem 225 with a passing grade.
Chem 226	1	Complete Chem 226 with a passing grade.

Emphasis-Integrative Biology

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 courses Integrative	12	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better one from each of the following emphases: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology; Molecular, Cellular, Microbiology; and Organismal Biology, excluding Bisc 300 .

Emphasis-Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 courses Ecology/Evolut Biol	12	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better chosen from the following: Bisc 300 , 301 , 305 , 320 , 321 , 323 , 345 , 352 , 413 , 417 , 435 , 443 , 445 , 448 , 451 , 504 , 505 , 510 , 513 , 514 , 515 , 524 , 525 , 528 , 530 , 534 , 535 , 540 , 550 , 554 , 560 , 566 , 567 , & Bisc 568 .

Emphasis-Molecular, Cellular, & MicroBio

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 courses Mol/Cell/Microbiology	12	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better chosen from the following: Bisc 300 , 305 , 306 , 333 , 370 , 372 , 414 , 418 , 436 , 438 , 439 , 503 , 507 , 509 , 511 , 520 , 521 , 522 , 523 , 541 , 542 , 548 , 555 , & Bisc 560 .

Emphasis-Organismal Biology

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 courses Organismal Bio	12	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better chosen from the following: Bisc 300 , 305 , 310 , 318 , 327 , 329 , 330 , 331 , 332 , 334 , 335 , 337 , 338 , 339 , 342 , 349 , 350 , 352 , 415 , 416 , 427 , 502 , 504 , 512 , 516 , 518 , 519 , 528 , 529 , 531 , 532 , 533 , 538 , 543 , 546 , 547 , 551 , & Bisc 553 .

Emphasis-Pre-Health Biological Sciences

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
3 courses Pre-Health Biol	12	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better chosen from the following: Bisc 300 , 305 , 306 , 310 , 327 , 330 , 331 , 332 , 333 , 335 , 372 , 414 , 415 , 417 , 436 , 439 , 507 , 520 , 521 , 529 , 533 , 541 , and Bisc 543 .

