

Major Fact Sheet

Biology, B.S.Plant Biology Concentration

What will I be studying?

How plants and organisms interact with their environment. This focus provides a firm foundation in basic biological concepts and the tools necessary to function as a professional biologist with a special emphasis on plant biology, conservation, and natural ecosystems.

Career Ideas!

Conservation Scientist/Forester

Protect & manage the land quality of forests, parks, rangelands, and other environments

Research Botanist

Study the biology of plants through academia and research

Soil & Plant Scientist

Research agricultural plants, nursery stock, & the soil and pests that affect them

Agricultural/Food Scientists

Study ways to improve the efficiency and safety of agricultural products

**Please note this is not a complete list of careers you can go into with this major.



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Biology Club

Student Environmental Association

Global Leaders Outreach for a Better Environment

SPEAK (Students Protecting the Environment & Animals through Knowledge)

Society of American Foresters

Florida Fish and Wildlife

Get Involved!

Integrative Biology Department Biology, B.S. with a Plant Biology Concentration

Example Four Year Plan

Year 1		
Fall	Spring	Summer
CHM 2045: Chemistry 1**	CHM 2046: Chemistry 2	STA 2023: Statistics
CHM 2045L: Chemistry 1 Lab **	CHM 2046L: Chemistry 2 Lab	Non-Major Elective
MAC 2311: Calculus 1**	BSC 2010: Cellular Processes	Non-wajor Liective
ENC 1101: Composition 1	BSC 2010L: Cellular Processes Lab	
Core Social Science Course	Core Humanities	
Core social science course	ENC 1102: Composition 2	
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Total Hours: 14	Total Hours: 14	Total Hours: 6
	Year 2	
Fall	Spring	Summer
BSC 2011: Biodiversity	CHM 2211: Organic Chemistry 2	PHY 2053: Physics 1
BSC 2011L: Biodiversity Lab	CHM 2211L: Organic Chemistry 2 Lab	PHY 2053L: Physics 1 Lab
CHM 2210: Organic Chemistry 1	PCB 3043: Ecology	
CHM 2210L: Organic Chemistry 1 Lab	PCB 3043L: Ecology Lab	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Creative Thinking	Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Human/Cultural Diversity	Enhanced Gen-Ed: Info & Data Literacy	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 4
	Year 3	
Fall	Spring	Summer
BOT 3015C: General Botany	PCB 3063: General Genetics	
PHY 2054: Physics 2	PCB 3063L: General Genetics Lab	
PHY 2054L: Physics 2 Lab	Plant Restricted Elective	
Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Ethical Reasoning & Civic Engagement	Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	
Total Hours: 14	Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 0
	Year 4	
Fall	Spring	Total Credits to Graduation
PCB 4674: Organic Evolution	Plant Restricted Elective	Major Requirements: 68 credit hours
Plant Restricted Elective	Biology Major Elective	
Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	Biology Lab course	General Education Requirements: 27 credit hours
Enhanced Gen-Ed: High Impact Practice	Non-Major Elective	
	Non-Major Elective	Other Degree Requirements: 25 credit hours
Total Hours: 12	Total Hours: 13	Total= 120

^{**}May require completion of additional math pre-requisites (consider the MPT or CPT exams)