

Major Fact Sheet

Microbiology, B.S.

What will I be studying?

Bacteria and other microbes, particularly those that cause disease. This program provides a firm foundation in basic biological concepts and the tools necessary to function as a professional microbiologist as well as the opportunity to qualify for certification by the National Registry of Microbiologists.

Career Ideas!

Professional Microbiologist

Research microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, algae, fungi, and parasites

Medical Technologist

Perform complex medical laboratory tests for diagnosis and treatment of disease

Food Scientist

Study the principles underlying the processing and deterioration of foods

Infectious Disease Scientist

Investigate infectious diseases and develop methods for diagnosis/treatment of those diseases

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



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Cell, Molecular, and Microbiology Club

National Registry of Microbiologists

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Microbiology Society

Infectious Disease Interest Group

The International Committee of Food Microbiology and Hygiene

CDC

Get Involved!

Example Four Year Plan

Year 1		
Fall	Coring	Summer
	Spring	
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	
ENC 1101: Composition 1	BSC 2010L: Cellular Processes Lab	
Core Social Science Course	Core Humanities	
	ENC 1102: Composition 2	
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	MCB 3020: Microbiology	
CHM 2210L: Organic Chemistry 1 Lab	MCB 3020L: Microbiology Lab	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Creative Thinking	Enhanced Gen-Ed: Info & Data Literacy	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Human/Cultural Diversity	Non-Major Elective	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 4
Year 3		
Fall	Spring	Summer
PCB 3023: Cell Biology	PCB 3063: General Genetics	
PCB 3023L: Cell Biology Lab	MCB 3410: Cell Metabolism	
PHY 2054: Physics 2	MIC Major Elective	
PHY 2054L: Physics 2 Lab	Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	
MIC Major Elective	Non-Major Elective	
Enhanced Gen-Ed: Ethical Reasoning & Civic Engagement		
Total Hours: 14	Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 0
Year 4		
Fall	Spring	Total Credits to Graduation
BSC 4933: Medical Bacteriology	MCB 4230: Molecular Microbiology	Major Requirements:
BSC 4933: Medical Bacteriology Lab	MIC Major Elective	73 credit hours
MIC Major Elective	Upper-Level Non-Major Elective	General Education Requirements: 27 credit hours
Enhanced Gen-Ed: High Impact Practice	Non-Major Elective	
Upper-Level Non-Major Elective		Other Degree Requirements: 20 credit hours
Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 12	Total= 120-122

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