

## B.S. Degree, Biology Major: General Concentration

The curriculum described here is a summary based on the current DSU *Bulletin*, which should be consulted for more details. The *Bulletin* is available online at: <http://www.deltastate.edu/academics/academic-catalogs>. For more information on all science programs offered at DSU, visit: <http://www.deltastate.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/biological-and-physical-sciences>. The Biology: General Biology concentration is primarily for students who want to become biologists. Many of these students will continue to the graduate level after graduation.

	Courses	Credit	Notes
<b>General Education Requirements</b>			
English Composition	ENG 101 and ENG 102 or 103	6	Two semesters of English composition
Communication Studies	COM 101 or 202	3	Take either Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications.
Humanities and Fine Arts: Literature	Any literature course	3	Most students choose ENG 203 or 204
Humanities and Fine Arts: History	Choose one course from: HIS 101, 102, 103, 104, 201, or 202.	3	History of civilization (101/102), world history (103/104), or United States history (201/202)
Humanities and Fine Arts: Fine Arts	Choose one of: ART 101, 212, 401, 402, 405; MUS 114, 115, 116, 117; THE 225, 320	3	Any introduction, appreciation, or history of art, music, or theater course. Those listed are the ones typically chosen (See <i>Bulletin</i> for course descriptions)
Humanities and Fine Arts: Elective	Choose PHY 201 or any course listed above under literature, history, or fine arts.	3	Philosophy or any other humanities or fine arts course from this section.
Perspectives on Society	Choose two of: ANT 101; ECO 210, 211; GEO 201, 303, PSC 103, 201, PSY 101; SOC 101	6	Choose two of the listed courses from the fields of anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. (See <i>Bulletin</i> for course descriptions)
Mathematics	(see next section)		Satisfied by mathematics taken for Special Degree Requirements
Personal Development	Choose from: CEL 300, CIS 205, FCS 215, FCS 270, FCS 325, FCS 343, foreign language, LIB 101, PER (100 level), SHS 360, SWO 101, or SWO 300	2-3	Choose from: child study, computer applications, personal finance, family development, marriage and family living, nutrition, foreign language, information literacy, physical education, sign language, volunteering in the community, and human diversity. (see <i>Bulletin</i> for descriptions). CIS 205 is recommended for most science majors.
Writing Proficiency	ENG 300, ENG 301, passing CAAP score, or passing GRE writing score	0-3	Satisfied by passing the Writing Proficiency Exam (ENG 300) or ENG 301, a score of 3 or higher on the CAAP exam, or a score of 3.5 or higher on the GRE writing component. See your advisor for more information.
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<b>Special Degree Requirements</b>			
Chemistry	CHE 101, 102, 103, 104	8-10	First and second semesters of general chemistry with laboratories
Mathematics	MAT 104, 105, 251 or MAT 104, 105, 300 or MAT 251, 252 or MAT 251, 300	6-9	College algebra plus trigonometry plus either one semester of calculus or statistics. Students who are exempt from 100-level math courses may take two semesters of calculus or one semester of calculus plus statistics. (Any of these combinations satisfies general education mathematics.)
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<b>Major Requirements</b>			
Biology Core	BIO 100, 101, 300, 301, 328	20	Principles of biology I and II, cell biology, ecology, and genetics.
400-level electives	Four BIO courses at the 400-level (except BIO 470)	12-16	Any 400-level biology course, except internship, can count in this category. Your advisor will help you choose courses that best fit your interests and goals.
BIO electives	All BIO courses are eligible except those described as "not for biology major credit."	12-16	Choose any biology courses except those designated for non-science majors. Your advisor will help you choose specific courses.
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<b>Recommended electives</b>			
Organic Chemistry	CHE 319, 320, 321, 322		Organic chemistry is recommended for many general biology majors, especially those who plan to pursue an advanced degree.
Physics	PHY 221, 222, 233, 234		Physics for life sciences is recommended for many general biology majors, especially those who plan to pursue an advanced degree.
Computer Applications	CIS 205		Recommended for students who need an introduction to basic computer skills. Also satisfies the general education personal development requirement if another course is not taken for that purpose.

**Additional Notes:**

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- A baccalaureate degree from Delta State requires a minimum of 124 credit hours. Of that 124 hours, at least 62 must be taken at a senior college, at least 31 must be taken at DSU, and at least 40 must be 300- or 400-level courses. Courses taken at 2-year schools cannot be counted at the 300- or 400-level. 24 of the last 30 hours must be taken at DSU.
- Enrollment in upper-level BIO courses (BIO 200 and above) requires that you have "Full Admission" status. You have full admission status if you have completed BIO 100, 101, and CHE 101, 102, 103, and 104 with no grades below C. Consult the *Bulletin* or the Department of Biological Sciences web site, or see your advisor for more information.
- Degree requirements are revised periodically. This list of requirements is based on the DSU *Bulletin* that was current at the time this document was created. Consult the *Bulletin* for complete details on all requirements for graduation. You should follow the requirements stated in the issue of the *Bulletin* that was current for the semester you first enrolled at DSU. You may elect to follow a more recent Bulletin issue if you wish. The *Bulletin* is the official source of all degree requirements.