# University Core and Graduation Requirements

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* THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (16 hours overlap)

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

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## Suggested Sequence of Courses

### FRESHMAN YEAR

#### 1st Semester
- First-year Writing or American Heritage*: 3.0
- REL A 275: 2.0
- MMBIO 121 or BIO 130 or PDBIO 120: 3.0
- CHEM 105: 4.0
- Open electives: 3.0
- Total Hours: 15-16.0

#### 2nd Semester
- First-year Writing or American Heritage*: 3.0
- REL A 250: 2.0
- MMBIO 240: 3.0
- MMBIO 241: 1.0
- CHEM 106: 3.0
- CHEM 107: 1.0
- Open elective: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

#### 3rd Semester
- BIO 165: 3.0
- CHEM 105: 3.0
- MATH 112 or 119 or STAT 121: 3.0
- PHYSCS 105: 3.0
- Civilization 1 elective: 3.0
- Total Hours: 14.0-15.0

#### 4th Semester
- PWS 340: 3.0
- Requirement 7 choice: 2.0
- Open elective: 3.0
- REL C 200: 2.0
- Civilization 2 elective*: 3.0
- Social Science elective*: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

Note: Quantitative Reasoning elective fulfilled by Math 112 or Math 119.

### JUNIOR YEAR

#### 5th Semester
- CHEM 351 or CHEM 285: 3.0
- MMBIO 441: 3.0
- MMBIO 242: 2.0
- Major electives: 3.0
- Global & Cultural Awareness elective*: 3.0
- Open elective: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

#### 6th Semester
- MMBIO 441: 3.0
- PDBIO 240: 2.0
- Major electives: 2.0
- Religion elective*: 2.0
- Letters elective*: 3.0
- Arts elective*: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

### SENIOR YEAR

#### 7th Semester
- CHEM 351 or CHEM 285: 3.0
- MMBIO 242: 2.0
- Major electives: 2.0
- Religion elective*: 2.0
- Letters elective*: 3.0
- Arts elective*: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

#### 8th Semester
- CHEM 351 or CHEM 285: 3.0
- MMBIO 242: 2.0
- Major electives: 2.0
- Religion elective*: 2.0
- Letters elective*: 3.0
- Arts elective*: 3.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

Note: Quantitative Reasoning can be fulfilled by ACT Math subscore of 22 or higher.

*Double counting options available for some GE courses
BS in Molecular Biology (285125)
2019-2020 Program Requirements (57 - 60 Credit Hours)

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 1 course
**INTEGRATIVE CORE COURSES:**
* BIO 130 - Biology 4.0
* MMBIO 121 - General Biology: Health and Disease 3.0
* PDDBIO 120 - Science of Biology 3.0

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 3 courses
**INTEGRATIVE CORE COURSES:**
* MMBIO 240 - Molecular Biology 3.0
* MMBIO 241 - Molecular and Cellular Biology Laboratory 1.0
* PDDBIO 360 - Cell Biology 3.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 8 courses
**MOLECULAR BIOLOGY COURSES:**
* BIO 165 - Introduction to Bioinformatics 3.0
* BIO 250 - Evolutionary Medicine 2.0
* MMBIO 390R - Readings in Molecular Biology 1.0
  You may take this course up to 1 time.
* MMBIO 441 - Advanced Molecular Biology 3.0
* MMBIO 442 - Advanced Molecular Biology Laboratory 2.0
* MMBIO 468 - (MMBio-Bio-PWS) Genomics 3.0
* MMBIO 490R - Molecular Biology Seminar 1.0
  You may take this course up to 1 time.
* PWS 340 - Genetics 3.0

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 4 courses
**PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES:**
* CHEM 105 - General College Chemistry 1 with Lab (Integrated) 4.0
* CHEM 106 - General College Chemistry 2 3.0
* CHEM 107 - General College Chemistry Laboratory 1.0
* PHSCS 105 - General Physics 1 3.0

REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 1 course
**PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES (NOTE: FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL AND SOME GRADUATE SCHOOLS, CHEM 351, 352, 353, AND 481 ARE REQUIRED CLASSES. THESE CLASSES MAY BE USED AS ELECTIVES FOR THE MOLECULAR BIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM – SEE BELOW):**
* CHEM 285 - Introductory Bio-organic Chemistry 4.0
* CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry 1 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 1 course
**QUANTITATIVE COURSES (NOTE: MATH 119 IS OFFERED THROUGH BYU INDEPENDENT STUDY):**
* MATH 112 - Calculus 1 4.0
* MATH 119 - Introduction to Calculus 4.0
* STAT 121 - Principles of Statistics 3.0

REQUIREMENT 7 Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)
**COMPLETE THREE CREDITS HOURS TOTAL DURING TWO SEMESTERS OF MENTORED RESEARCH:**
* MMBIO 194 - Phage Hunters: Discovery 3.0
* MMBIO 195 - Phage Hunters: Comparative Genomics 3.0
* MMBIO 470R - (Not currently offered) 3.0
* MMBIO 494R - Advanced Mentored Research 3.0
  You may take up to 3 credit hours.

REQUIREMENT 8 Complete 9.0 hours from the following option(s)
**ELECTIVES:**

**OPTION 8.1** Complete up to 9.0 hours from the following course(s)
* BIO 350 - Ecology 3.0
* BIO 463 - Genetics of Human Disease 3.0
* BIO 465 - Capstone in Bioinformatics 3.0
* CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry I 3.0
* CHEM 352 - Organic Chemistry II 3.0
* CHEM 353 - Organic Chemistry Laboratory - Nonmajors 3.0
* CHEM 481 - Biochemistry 3.0
* CHEM 482 - Mechanisms of Molecular Biology 3.0
* MMBIO 110R - Extremophiles: Life in Extreme Environments 1.0
* MMBIO 122 - General Biology: Health and Disease Laboratory 1.0
* MMBIO 151 - Introduction to Microbiology 4.0
* MMBIO 162R - Careers in Biomedical Sciences 1.0
* MMBIO 261 - Infection and Immunity 3.0
* MMBIO 360 - Microbial Genetics 4.0
* MMBIO 363 - Microbial Ecology 2.0
* MMBIO 364 - Bacterial Pathogenesis 3.0
* MMBIO 365 - Bacterial Pathogenesis Laboratory 1.0
* MMBIO 366 - Microbial Ecology Laboratory 1.0
* MMBIO 409 - Hematology 3.0
* MMBIO 411 - Molecular Diagnostics 3.0
* MMBIO 418 - Medical Parasitology 2.0
* MMBIO 420 - Molecular Parasitology Laboratory 2.0
* MMBIO 463 - Immunology 3.0
* MMBIO 465 - Virology 3.0
* MMBIO 466 - Virology Laboratory 1.0
* MMBIO 467 - Immunology Lab 1.0
* MMBIO 471 - Applied and Industrial Microbiology 2.0
* MMBIO 493R - Curriculum and Instruction Practicum 2.0
* MMBIO 510 - History and Philosophy of Microbiology and Molecular Biology 2.0
* MMBIO 512 - Gene Regulation 2.0

**OPTION 8.2** Complete up to 6.0 hours from the following course(s)
* MMBIO 194 - Phage Hunters: Discovery 3.0
* MMBIO 195 - Phage Hunters: Comparative Genomics 3.0
* MMBIO 294R - Mentored Research 3.0
  You may take up to 4 credit hours.
* MMBIO 494R - Advanced Mentored Research 3.0
  You may take up to 4 credit hours.

**RECOMMENDED:** Complete 4 courses
**ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED, THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED:**
* ENGL 316 - Technical Communication 3.0
* PHSCS 107 - General Physics Lab 1 1.0
* PHSCS 108 - General Physics Lab 2 1.0

REQUIREMENT 9
Pass the Biology Major Field Exam.

REQUIREMENT 10
Complete an exit interview.
THE DISCIPLINE:
Molecular biology is the basic science that has as its goal an explanation of life processes at the subcellular and molecular level. Recent years have seen explosive advances in the study of DNA and molecular genetics, including gene cloning, sequencing, and mapping. Developments in molecular biology have opened new areas of study and provided powerful techniques that are revolutionizing the pharmaceutical, health, and agricultural industries. They have spawned new industries in biotechnology, and opened avenues for answering basic and applied questions in all of the life sciences.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
The objectives of the molecular biology major are to provide a conceptual knowledge base and critical thinking skills related to the following areas:

• Molecular biology
• Cell biology
• Integrating themes (biochemistry, evolution, and diversity)

At the completion of the program, the student will be able to:

1. Possess basic knowledge and demonstrate critical thinking in molecular biology, cell biology, and evaluate literature in related areas.

2. Demonstrate basic laboratory skills including laboratory safety and basic molecular biology techniques.

3. Demonstrate laboratory thinking skills including cognitive processes, analytical skills, communication skills, and interpersonal and citizenry skills.

4. Demonstrate basic research skills to include formulating a clear, answerable question, developing a testable hypothesis, predicting expected results, developing, modifying, and/or following an experimental protocol, collecting and organizing data in a systematic fashion, presenting data in an appropriate form, assessing the validity of the data and drawing appropriate conclusions based on the results.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
Graduates are well prepared for continued study toward advanced degrees in agriculture, animal science biochemistry, biology, microbiology, molecular biology, medicine, and related fields or to enter the biotechnology work force. Molecular biology is an excellent pre-professional course of study for those interested in health professions, law, or business.

FINANCING:
Students may be employed either as research or teaching assistants. Several endowed scholarships are available.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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