## University Core and Graduation Requirements

### University Core Requirements:

#### Religion Cornerstones
- Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon
  - REL A 275
  - 1 class, 2.0 hours
- Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel
  - REL A 250
  - 1 class, 2.0 hours
- Foundations of the Restoration
  - REL C 225
  - 1 class, 2 hours
- The Eternal Family
  - REL C 200
  - 1 class, 2 hours

#### The Individual and Society
- American Heritage
  - 1-2 classes, 3-6.0 hours, from approved list
- Global and Cultural Awareness
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list

#### Skills
- First Year Writing
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Advanced Written and Oral Communications
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Quantitative Reasoning
  - 1 class, 3-4.0 hours, from approved list
- Languages of Learning (Math or Language)
  - 1 class, 4.0 hours, MATH 112

#### Arts, Letters, and Sciences
- Civilization 1
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Civilization 2
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Arts
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Letters
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list
- Biological Science
  - 1 class, 4.0 hours, BIO 130
- Physical Science
  - 2 classes, 7.0 hours, CHEM 105* and PHSCS 105*
- Social Science
  - 1 class, 3.0 hours, from approved list

#### Core Enrichment: Electives
- Religion Electives
  - 3-4 classes, 6.0 hours, from approved list
- Open Electives
  - Variable hours, personal choice

*THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (15 hours overlap)

### Graduation Requirements:
- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

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### Note:
This degree program requires a minimum of 120.0 hours for graduation. Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
BS in Biology (282022)
2019-2020 Program Requirements (60 Credit Hours)

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 5 courses

*BIO 130 - Biology* 4.0
*BIO 230 - Biological Diversity: Plants* 4.0
*BIO 316 - Plant Classification and Identification* 4.0
*BIO 430 - Plant Classification and Identification* 4.0
*BIO 4363 - Genetics of Human Disease* 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 1 course

*BIO 220 - Biological Diversity: Animals* 4.0

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 8 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
*MATH 112 - Calculus 1* 4.0
PHSCS 105 - General Physics 1 3.0
PHSCS 106 - General Physics 2 3.0
PHSCS 107 - General Physics Lab 1 1.0
PHSCS 108 - General Physics Lab 2 1.0

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 19.0 hours from the following course(s)

*NOTE: BIO 220 AND BIO 230, IF TAKEN FOR REQUIREMENT 2, DO NOT DOUBLE COUNT HERE. NOTE: EITHER BIO 370 OR PHIL 212R CAN BE USED TO PARTIALLY FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT, BUT NOT BOTH.*

-BIO 194 - Introduction to Mentored Research 0.5
-BIO 220 - Biological Diversity: Animals 4.0
-BIO 230 - Biological Diversity: Plants 4.0
-BIO 316 - Advanced Scientific Writing and Communication 3.0
-BIO 370 - Bioethics 2.0
-BIO 380 - Comparative Animal Physiology and Anatomy 4.0
-BIO 399R - Academic Internship 6.0v

You may take up to 2 credit hours.

-BIO 465 - Capstone in Bioinformatics 3.0
-BIO 470 - History and Philosophy of Biology 3.0
-BIO 475 - Plant Developmental Biology 3.0
-BIO 494R - Mentored Research 6.0v

You may take up to 2 credit hours.

-BIO 510 - Biological Systematics and Curation 3.0
-BIO 511 - Lichenology 3.0
-BIO 512 - Angiosperm Phylogeny 3.0
-BIO 520 - Symbiosis 3.0
-BIO 525 - Animal Disease, Biosecurity, and Zoonoses 3.0
-BIO 530 - Advanced Genetic Analysis 3.0
-BIO 541 - Aquatic Entomology 4.0
-BIO 556 - Limnology 3.0
-BIO 557 - Stream and Wetland Ecology 4.0
-BIO 560 - Population Genetics 4.0
-CHEM 285 - Introductory Bio-organic Chemistry 4.0
-CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry 1 3.0
-CHEM 352 - Organic Chemistry 2 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 5**

Complete an exit interview. See catalog for recommended courses for career options in Botany, Preveterinary Medicine, and/or Premedical and Predental.

**THE DISCIPLINE:**

The biology degree provides students with current, practical knowledge of plants and animals, emphasizing whole organism biology in both ecological and evolutionary contexts. Broad, synthetic training, from molecular to community levels of organization, equips students to address critical issues and contemporary biological problems associated with the long-term preservation of earth’s biodiversity. Elective flexibility allows students to emphasize the botanical or zoological fields, or create a combined program of study. Undergraduate research opportunities may include internships, museum collections curation, bioinventory and databasing activities, applied molecular genetics, and field and laboratory research in ecology, conservation biology, and evolutionary biology.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:**

One objective of this program is to provide solid preparation for post graduate studies. For that reason students should take advantage of research opportunities. Department faculty conduct field and laboratory research on diverse topics (including genetics of human diseases, conservation biology, molecular systematics, evolution of life history strategies, biogeographical ecology, bioinventories, aquatic ecology, and bioassessment).

Undergraduates have studied black bears in Utah, mouse systematics in Mexico, stonefly and trout biogeography in the western U.S., turtles in Amazonia, insects in Borneo, and fish predation in the Provo River. The mentoring option allows up to 2 hours of Bio 494R research credit.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, INTERNSHIPS, CO-OP ED, ETC.**

Undergraduates can seek paid positions in research laboratories. Cooperative programs with the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be available, as is summer employment with state and federal agencies. This can lead to permanent employment. Completing Bio 430, PWS 330 and 355 can increase summer employment options with government agencies.

**CAREERS:**

Post-graduate study in a wide-variety of sub disciplines in biology (molecular biology, genetics, ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, etc.), as well as preparation for medical or dental school. Students may also pursue employment as a biologist in state and federal agencies, nongovernment organizations, and research laboratories.
FINANCING:
Students in this major may apply for university, college, and departmental scholarships. A number of research or teaching assistant positions for undergraduate students also exist.

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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