**University Core and Graduation Requirements**

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**Graduation Requirements:**

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

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### REQUIREMENT 1
Complete 1 course
- BIO 130 - Biology
- MMBIO 121 - General Biology: Health and Disease
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### REQUIREMENT 2
Complete 4 courses
- MMBIO 151 - Introduction to Microbiology
- MMBIO 240 - Molecular Biology
- MMBIO 241 - Molecular and Cellular Biology Laboratory
- MMBIO 261 - Infection and Immunity

### REQUIREMENT 3
Complete 1 option
**OPTION 3.1** Complete 1 course
- MMBIO 360 - Microbial Genetics
- MMBIO 461 - Advanced Bacterial Physiology

**OPTION 3.2** Complete 2 courses
- MMBIO 363 - Microbial Ecology
- MMBIO 366 - Microbial Ecology Laboratory

### REQUIREMENT 4
Complete 2 courses
**COMPLETE TWO OR MORE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING (NOTE: THE COURSE TAKEN ABOVE WILL NOT DOUBLE COUNT FOR THIS REQUIREMENT):**
- MMBIO 360 - Microbial Genetics
- MMBIO 363 - Microbial Ecology
- MMBIO 364 - Bacterial Pathogenesis
- MMBIO 418 - Medical Parasitology
- MBBIO 461 - Advanced Bacterial Physiology
- MMBIO 463 - Immunology
- MMBIO 465 - Virology

**Note:** It is recommended students take any courses not used to fill this requirement as electives.

### REQUIREMENT 5
Complete 4 courses
**PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES:**
- CHEM 105 - General College Chemistry 1 with Lab (Integrated)
- CHEM 106 - General College Chemistry 2
- CHEM 107 - General College Chemistry Laboratory
- PHYS 105 - General Physics 1

### REQUIREMENT 6
Complete 1 course
**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 MICROBIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM (SEE BELOW).**
- CHEM 285 - Introductory Bio-organic Chemistry
- CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry 1

### REQUIREMENT 7
Complete 1 option
**OPTION 7.1** Complete 1 course
**QUANTITATIVE COURSES:**
- *MATH 112 - Calculus 1*
- *MATH 119 - Introduction to Calculus*
- *STAT 121 - Principles of Statistics*

**Note:** Math 119 is offered through BYU Independent Study.

### REQUIREMENT 8
Complete 14.0 hours from the following option(s)
**OPTION 8.1** Complete up to 14.0 hours from the following course(s)
- Bio 165 - Introduction to Bioinformatics
- CHEM 350 - Ecology
- CHEM 420 - Evolutionary Biology
- CHEM 463 - Genetics of Human Disease
- CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry 1
- CHEM 352 - Organic Chemistry 2
- CHEM 353 - Organic Chemistry Laboratory--Nonmajors
- CHEM 481 - Biochemistry
- CHEM 482 - Mechanisms of Molecular Biology
- MMBIO 110R - Extremophiles: Life in Extreme Environments
- MMBIO 122 - General Biology: Health and Disease Laboratory
- MMBIO 162R - Careers in Biomedical Sciences
- MMBIO 365 - Bacterial Pathogenesis Laboratory
- MBBIO 390R - Readings in Molecular Biology
- MMBIO 409 - Hematology
- MBBIO 411 - Molecular Diagnostics
- MBBIO 420 - Molecular Parasitology Laboratory
- MBBIO 441 - Advanced Molecular Biology
- MBBIO 442 - Advanced Molecular Biology Laboratory
- MBBIO 466 - Virology Laboratory
- MBBIO 467 - Immunology Lab
- MMBIO 468 - (MMBio-Bio-PWS) Genomics
- MBBIO 471 - Applied and Industrial Microbiology
- MBBIO 493R - Curriculum and Instruction Practicum
- MBBIO 510 - History and Philosophy of Microbiology and Molecular Bi
- MBBIO 512 - Gene Regulation
- MBBIO 514 - Advanced Immunology
- MBBIO 516 - Bacteria-Host Interactions
- MBBIO 518 - Select Pathogens
- MBBIO 520 - Molecular Virology
- MBBIO 522 - Flow Cytometry
- MBBIO 528R - Current Topics in Pathogenesis

**OPTION 8.2** Complete up to 6.0 hours from the following course(s)
**Note:** ONLY 6 TOTAL CREDITS OF MMBIO 194, 195, 399R, 470R, AND 494R WILL COUNT TOWARD MAJOR HOURS WITH A 4 CREDIT HOUR MAXIMUM FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL COURSE. (MORE CREDIT HOURS MAY BE TAKEN BUT THEY WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.)
- MMBIO 194 - Phage Hunters: Discovery
- MMBIO 195 - Phage Hunters: Comparative Genomics
- MMBIO 294R - Mentored Research
- MBBIO 399R - Academic Internship
- MMBIO 494R - Advanced Mentored Research

**OPTION 8.3** Complete up to 14.0 hours from the following course(s)
**COURSES NOT CHOSEN PREVIOUSLY IN REQUIREMENT 3 ABOVE:**
- MBBIO 360 - Microbial Genetics
- MMBIO 363 - Microbial Ecology
- MBBIO 364 - Bacterial Pathogenesis
- MBBIO 461 - Advanced Bacterial Physiology
- MBBIO 463 - Immunology
- MMBIO 465 - Virology

### REQUIREMENT 9
Successfully pass the Biology Major Field Exam.

### REQUIREMENT 10
Complete an exit interview.

### RECOMMENDED
Complete 4 courses
**ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED, THESE COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED:**
- ENGL 316 - Technical Communication
- MATH 113 - Calculus 2
- PHYS 107 - General Physics Lab 1
- PHYS 108 - General Physics Lab 2
Note: Students desiring a minor in chemistry must take Chem 223 and 2 hours of Chem 353.

THE DISCIPLINE:

Microbiology applies the tools of chemistry, molecular biology, mathematics, and physics to the study of the structure, biochemistry, genetics, immunology, physiology, and ecology of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses, fungi, protozoa).

This is an excellent degree for majors who desire an advanced degree in microbiology, virology, immunology, parasitology, cell biology, or epidemiology (master’s or doctorate).

CAREERS:

Environmental microbiologists are concerned with microorganisms that cause pollution as well as those that can degrade pollutants in bioremediation processes.

Microbial ecologists work on land and in water studying how microbes recycle dead plants and animals and how they can be used to maintain environmental quality or correct environmental mishaps.

Industrial microbiologists fit into many categories. Food microbiologists seek better strains of organisms used to make products; some microbiologists work in pharmaceutical plants, in antibiotic development; others work on the production of solvents and other products from waste material.

Microbial geneticists and biotechnologists study microbial gene function, improve desirable microbial qualities and increase understanding of cell-regulation processes.

Microbial physiologists and biochemists study life processes that employ microbial systems and conduct basic research on microbial growth and development.

Clinical microbiologists are involved in diagnosis and identification of microbial infections and approaches to treatment.

Medical microbiologists study the biology of bacterial pathogens and the mechanisms they use to cause disease.

Virologists study the biology of viruses, the etiology and mechanisms of viral infections and diseases in biological species, and the use of viruses as molecular and biological tools.

Immunologists study the molecular and cellular biology of the immune system and its interactions with microorganisms.

Parasitologists study the biology, etiology, and epidemiology of parasites and the mechanisms by which they interact with their hosts.

Cell biologists study the molecular biology, signal transduction and cell signaling pathways involved in all aspects of biological function. This includes studies at the molecular level of diseases such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and AIDS, etc.

Epidemiologists study disease epidemics with an effort to track down the method and cause of the disease.

See faculty advisor for additional career choices.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Students are encouraged to participate in laboratory research. Faculty-directed research programs are available to undergraduates throughout the year.

FINANCING:

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

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the microbiology major program are to provide a conceptual knowledge base and critical thinking skills related to the following areas:

- Microbial cell biology
- Microbial genetics
- Interactions and impact of microorganisms and humans
- Interactions and impact of microorganisms in the environment
- Integrating themes (microbial evolution and diversity)
- Immunology
- Virology
- Parasitology
- Epidemiology
- Cell Biology

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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