



College of: Arts & Sciences

Degree/Major: BS/Zoology Option: Ecology & Conservation Biology Academic Year: 2017-18

**Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (120 Total Hours)**

The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

- Assumptions:** 1) Entering students have 2 years of a foreign language from high school.  
 2) Entering students have sufficient preparation to place into MATH 1613 (Trigonometry).

**Current Course Rotation:** (F) = Fall only (Sp) = Spring only

*Students must refer to the current course catalog for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings.*

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
A&S	1111	First Year Seminar	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I		3 hours	Social & Behavioral Sciences (S) with International (I)
MATH	1613	Trigonometry	CHEM	1314	General Chemistry I
	3 hours	Humanities (H)	BIOL	1604	Animal Biology
BIOL	1114	Introductory Biology		1 hours	Electives
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Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Get involved with student organizations to further your experiences.			If interested, look into a 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 25 hours.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
POLS	1113	Intro to American Government	HIST	1103	Survey of American History
PHYS	1114 or 2014	General Physics I	PHYS	1214 or 2114	General Physics II
CHEM	1515	General Chemistry II		3 hours	Upper Division Humanities (H) with Diversity (D)
BOT	1404 or 3005	Plant Biology or Field Botany	MICR	2123 or 3033	Intro to Microbiology or Cell and Molecular Biology
			BIOL	3204	Physiology
Total: 16-17 credit hours			Total: 17 credit hours		
Interested in Study Abroad? Visit the Study Abroad Office this semester.			Interested in an internship or research? This is an ideal time to research possibilities and talk to faculty.		

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
STAT	4013	Statistical Methods		3 hours	Additional General Education (A, H, N, or S)
	3 hours	Arts and Humanities	BIOL	3034	General Ecology
BIOL	3114	Vertebrate Morphology (F)	BIOL	3153	Animal Behavior
BIOL	4700(1) or 4710(1)	Undergraduate Research or Internships in Integrative Biology		3 hours	Supplemental course list below**
CHEM	3015	Chemistry of Organic Compounds		2 hours	Electives
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
College & Departmental scholarship applications come out in the fall; look for opportunities to apply.			Register with Career Services; it is free and provides countless opportunities.		

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Additional General Education (A, H, N, or S)	BIOL	3104	Invertebrate Zoology (Sp)
BIOL	3023	General Genetics	BIOL	4133	Evolution
BIOL	4 hours	Upper Division BIOL Course* with a lab	BIOL	3 hours	Upper Division BIOL Course*
BIOL	3513	Principles of Conservation Biology (F)			
	2-3 hours	Electives			
Total: 15-16 credit hours			Total: 10 credit hours		
Be prepared to apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor.			Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation with your fellow Cowboys!!		

\* Excludes BIOL 3053 (Freshwater, Concepts, Threats and Management), BIOL 3113 (Human Evolution), and BIOL 3123 (Human Heredity) because these courses are designed for non-majors. However, these courses can be used as general electives.

\*\*ENGL 3323, 4563; GEOG 3153, 4053, 4083, 4203; HIST 4523; NREM 3083, 4043; PHIL 3833, 4713, 4733; SOC 4153, 4433, 4453.

Students seeking certain health careers may consider taking UNIV 2511 (Intro to Health Careers), UNIV 2611 (Health Portfolio Development), UNIV 3511 (Health Profession School Prep) as elective hours. Eight hours of Organic Chemistry (CHEM 3053, 3153, and 3112) recommended for students pursuing certain health careers or graduate school.

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

**The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department.**

**Total hours must include at least 48 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.**

**Hours in one department in excess of 54 will be added to the minimum total of 120 required for graduation.**

**At least 60 hours must be completed at a four-year institution. At least 30 hours must be completed at OSU.**

**15 of the final 30 hours completed, or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field must be completed at OSU.**

**Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.**

#### **1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

#### **2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except 3323) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except 1313, 3003 and 4003), REL, TH, and foreign languages.

b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, and STAT; or any courses that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.

c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student's major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A. – consult academic advisor

e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses.

#### **3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

c. In addition to a. and b., **students pursuing teacher certification** must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

#### **4. EXCLUSIONS**

a. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.

b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.