

Biology and Biological Sciences

Minimum Progress Criteria

Students in the Biology and Biological Sciences majors must meet the criteria below within the indicated time-frame in order to remain eligible to continue in either major. Failure to do so may result in discontinuation from the major.

Minimum Grades in Life Science Core Courses

Students must complete all required life science core courses with a grade of “C–” or better and with a cumulative GPA in the core courses of at least 2.0. Grades of “D” or “F” in two core courses, either separate courses or repetitions of the same course, are grounds for discontinuation from the major.

Criteria for Students in the Second Year

Prior to the fall quarter of the third year, students must complete the following courses:

MATH 9A-9B
CHEM 1A-1B-1C and 1LA-1LB-1LC
BIOL 5A-5B and 5LA

Criteria for Students in the Third Year

Prior to the fall quarter of the fourth year, students must complete the following courses in addition to the second year criteria:

CHEM 112A-112B-112C
PHYS 2A-2B-2C and 2LA-2LB-2LC

Students may also be discontinued during the third year if, after taking three or more upper division courses that influence the upper division major GPA, the upper division major GPA is less than 1.7.

Criteria for Students with Senior Standing

Students with senior standing (those who have earned 135 or more units) may be discontinued whenever the upper division major GPA falls below 1.7.