

B.S. in Biology, Concentration in Pre-Health Professional Biology
note: this check-sheet is only valid for JSU Catalog Fall 2019-2020 and later

Student: _____
 Student ID # _____

Advisor: _____
 Catalog Year: _____

University Core Curriculum

First Year Experience (0 hr)

Not required for transfer students
 STU 101 (0)

Area I – Written Comp (6 hrs)

EH 101 (3) EH 102 (3)

Area III – Nat. Science & Math (11 hrs)

A grade of “C” or better is required in BY

BY 101 (3) & BY 103 (1)
 BY 102 (3) & BY 104 (1)
 MS 112 (3) or higher: MS ____

*Two math courses are required for the major. MS 113, MS 125, MS 126, MS 204, and MS 227 are suitable courses. Many professional schools require MS 125. MS 113 is required for PHS 201.

Area II – Hum. & Fine Arts (12 hrs)

Literature – sequence not required
 (6 hrs – choose two)

EH 201 (3) EH 219 (3)
 EH 202 (3) EH 220 (3)
 EH 203 (3) EH 231 (3)
 EH 204 (3) EH 232 (3)

Fine Arts (3 hrs – choose one)

ART 202 (3) DR 242 (3)
 MU 233 (3)

Speech (3 hrs)

EH 141 (3)

Area IV – History, Social, & Behavioral Sciences (12 hrs)

History (6 hrs – sequence required)

HY 101 (3) & HY 102 (3)
or
 HY 201 (3) & HY 202 (3)

Social & Behavioral Sciences[†]
 (6 hrs – choose two)

AN 224 (3) PSC 100 (3)
 EC 221 (3) PSY 201 (3)
 EC 222 (3) PSY 222 (3)
 GY 120 (3) SY 221 (3)
 GY 220 (3)

[†]PSY 201 & SY 221 are strongly recommended.

Biology Major Curriculum

A grade of “C” or better is required in biology courses.

Support Courses (30 hrs)

CY 105 (3) & CY 107 (1)
 CY 106 (3) & CY 108 (1)
 CY 231 (4)
 CY 232 (4)
 CS 201 (3)
 MS 113 (3) or higher: MS ____
 PHS 201 (3) & PHS 203 (1) [†]
 PHS 202 (3) & PHS 204 (1) [†]

[†]PHS 211, 212, 213, & 214 also accepted.

Biology Core Courses (13 hrs)

BY 322 (4)
 BY 332 (4)
 BY 373 (4)
 BY 496 (1)

Group I Course (4 hrs)

BY 434 (4)

Group II Course (4 hrs)

BY 320 (4)

Biology Electives (8 hrs)

Must be 300+ and ≥ 8 hrs total

BY ____ (__) BY ____ (__)
 BY ____ (__)

Suggested electives: BY 323, BY 402, BY 403, BY 413, BY 473, and BY 478.

Additional Key Benchmarks

General Electives (20 hrs)

Additional coursework for a total of 120 hours is required. Recommended electives include CY 362, CY 363. Depending upon Group I, Group II, and biology electives chosen above, be sure to select courses to total 36+ hours at the 300 level or above.

course (hours)
 _____ (__)
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Graduation Requirements

120 total hours
 30 JSU hours
 36 300+ hours
 2.0 overall GPA
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 “C” or better in BY courses
 English Competency Exam
 EPP or CLA assessment
 Apply to Graduate
If not included in BY 496:
 Biology MFAT Exam
 Dept. Head Exit Interview

Additional Suggestions

Due to a great degree of variation in prerequisite requirements between

professional programs, students are encouraged to research requirements for the specific programs to which they plan to apply. These requirements change annually.

Students pursuing this concentration are strongly encouraged to combine this degree with one in chemistry.

Professional schools require a significant number of shadowing hours with professionals in the field, usually starting in the summer after the sophomore year. Students should consult early with members of the Pre-Health Professional Biology Committee chaired by Dr. Blair.