

Your Four Year Plan

Year One

Get acquainted with the biology faculty. Complete Introductory Biology (BIOL A121 and A122), General Chemistry (CHEM A111 and A112), and math requirements. Join a club or organization. Get involved with the campus community.

Year Two

In the fall complete Fundamental Genetics (BIOL A350) and a general education course such as Communication. This is a good time to take a foreign language and begin your cognate (Geology, Organic chemistry, Physics). Those interested in geology should take GEOL A101 (Physical Geology) or A103 (Environmental Earth Science), which are pre-requisites for all upper level geology courses. In the spring complete Ecology and Evolution (BIOL A370) and a biology lab course at the 300-level. Complete the foreign language requirement, and take a second cognate course. Those interested in a strong research background should speak with their professors and advisor about our undergraduate research program. Arrange to enroll in Biological Research I (BIOL A199) or II (BIOL A299) for elective credit.

Year Three

In the fall complete Elementary Biostatistics (BIOL A305), another biology lab course at the 300-level, and complete the cognate requirement. Work in two general education courses such as a social behavioral science or history. In the spring, complete two 500-level courses and two or more general education courses. Enroll in Biological Research III (BIOL A399) to gain a deeper, richer research experience. In the spring complete biology courses at the 500-level, along with two or more general edu-

Year Four

In the fall complete two additional biology courses at the 300 or 500 level. Fill the remainder of your schedule with remaining general education courses. In the spring complete the research requirement, enroll in Applied Research (BIOL A499) and Senior Seminar (BIOL A490) or Research Design (BIOL A498 – spring only). Complete any remaining biology degree requirement.

Bachelor of Science

Earth Systems Science

General



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Biology and Geology

Information about the Major

The Department of Biology and Geology is home to some 250 biology majors, who work with a dedicated and talented group of 15 faculty members, to develop expertise in their chosen field of study. Biology majors have a variety of degree choices, including a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts, as well as a more specialized Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Environmental Remediation and Restoration or Molecular Biology. Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree may do so using informal advisement tracks in Molecular/Cellular Biology, Environmental Science, pre-Medicine, pre-Dentistry, pre-Veterinary Medicine, or General Biology. Additionally, we offer a minor in Geology as well as transferable coursework into a Geology major.



The Biology experience at UofSC Aiken is grounded in coursework supplemented with the actual experience of putting biological concepts into practice in the laboratory.

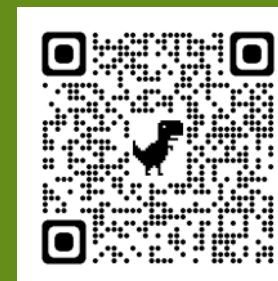
- Dr. Bill Jackson, Department Chair

To learn more about the Biology program visit us online.



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General Education:			
Course Requirement	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade
ENGLISH (6 hrs.)			
ENGL A101– Composition *	3		
ENGL A102-Composition & Literature *	3		
History of Western Civilization (HIST A101 or A102)			
HIST A10__	3		
Foreign Language (6-8 hrs. of same language)			
*	3-4		
+	3-4		
Oral Communication (COMM A201 or A241)			
COMM A ____*	3		
Mathematics (6-7 hrs. —MATH A122 or A141 Required)			
+	3-4		
Additional hours to be taken from math/statistics/logic			
+*	3-4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hrs. —2 areas)			
	3		
	3		
Humanities (9 hrs.—two different areas)			
	3		
	3		
	3		
American Political Institutions (POLI A201, HIST A201, HIST A202)			
	3		
Natural Sciences (8 hrs.)			
CHEM A111 General Chemistry I *	4		
BIOL A121 Biological Science I *	4		
<i>Three hours from Social & Behavioral Sciences or Humanities must be in Non-Western Studies</i>			

The Center for Student Achievement

The staff in the Center for Student Achievement want you to be successful in your experience at USC Aiken. If there is something you need assistance with, please contact our office. The Center for Student Achievement is located on the first floor of the Gregg Graniteville Library behind the Learning Commons in suite 106.

Course Requirements–B.S. ESS (General): 2022—2023

Major Requirements:			
Core Requirements	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade
BIO A122 Biological Science II *	4		
GEOL A101 Physical Geology *	4		
GEOL A103 Environmental Earth Science *	4		
GEOL A301 or A401 Hydrosphere Series *+	4		
GEOL A303 Meteorology *+	4		
GEOL A305 or A405 *+ Biosphere Series *+	4		
GEOL A352 or A331 Lithosphere Series *+	4		
Data Acquisition and Analysis– Choose 1 of the following courses GEOL A305, A363, A405, A425, or A431.			
GEOL A__*+	4		
Geology Electives– Choose 2 of the following courses GEOL A301, A302, A303, A315, A325, A331, A335, A336, A363, A398, A399, A401, A405, A425, A431, A500, A570, A598.			
GEOL A__*+	4		
GEOL A__*+	4		
Research Component			
BIOL A490 or GEOL A490 Senior Seminar *+	1		
GEOL A499 Geology Capstone *+	3		

Cognate (12 hours)			
Option 1: Biology			
Choose 4 of the following classes: BIO A316, A320, A330, A335, A336, A370, A390, A525, A528, A560, A577, A578, A579. *+			
Option 2: Chemistry/Physics			
CHEM 112*+	4		
PHYS A201 or 211*+	4		
Choose 1 of the following courses: CHEM A311 & A311L, A321 & A321L, A331 & A331L, A541 & A541L, A542 & 542L, or PHYS 202 or 212. *+			
Option 3: Physical Science/Mathematics			
Choose 4 classes in CHEM, CSCI, MATH, or PHYS that are 300+ or STAT A509 or A510.			
*If students wish, they are allowed to choose an available minor from within the College of Sciences and Engineering. A minor consists of 18 credit hours.			
Free Electives (5-14 hours)			

Inter-Curricular Events (ICE)		
Events for Graduation (16)		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	Shade in as you go!	

WPP Date:	
WPP Score:	

Non-Western Course (1 course)	
Semester:	

Writing-Intensive Courses	
Required for Graduation (3)	
Semester:	
Semester:	
Semester:	
Mark as you go!	

*must pass course with “C” or
+pre-rec required

Academic Advisors	
Advisor One (Fill in below)	
Advisor Two (Fill in below)	