

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2023-2024**

(For assistance completing this form, contact Advising Services at 806-651-5300)

NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

**Biology
Department of Life, Earth and Environmental
Sciences – NSB 348A 651-2570**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦ Specific course(s) required for this major are listed in the next section.	HRS	
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
See University Core Requirements below	(6)	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, or 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
See University Core Requirements below	(6)	
BIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 51-63 HOURS A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 15 HOURS ♦		
CORE 20 MATH 1314*, 1316*, or 2412*[3]	3	
CORE 30 BIOL 1406[3] and 1407*[3] or BIOL 1411[3] and 1413[3]	6	
CORE 90 ENGL 1302* Research and Rhetoric or ENGL 2311* Introduction to Professional and Technical Communication	3	
CORE 90 BIOL 1406L[1] and 1407L[1] OR 1411L[1] and 1413L[1]; and Fourth hour from MATH 2412[1], additional lab hour from Life & Physical Sciences, or IDS 1071	3	
BIOLOGY ELECTIVES: 20-28 HOURS—SEE NOTE Take six biology courses (2000, 3000 or 4000 level) of which five must include laboratories.		
BIOLOGY ELECTIVE WITH LAB		
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BA.BIOL (102)**

ADDITIONAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 16-20 HOURS		
CHEM 1411*, 1411L Chemistry I	4	
CHEM 1412*, 1412L Chemistry II	4	
GEOG 1403, 1403L Physical Geology AND GEOG 1404, 1404L Historical Geology OR PHYS 1401*, 1401L General Physics I AND PHYS 1402*, 1402L General Physics II	8	
Take one of the following (if not taken for University Core): MATH 1316* Plane Trigonometry MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods MATH 2412* Pre-Calculus MATH 3360* Statistical Methods	0-4	
ADVANCED ELECTIVES—SEE NOTE		
ADVANCED ELECTIVES (Courses must be at 3000- or 4000-level) Additional advanced hours to provide a minimum of 36 hours selected from biology, chemistry, biotechnology, environmental science, geology, mathematics or physics. (NOTE: Advanced hours taken for Biology Electives count towards these 36 hours.)		
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HRS*** OPTIO ..		
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
ELECTIVES—SEE NOTE		
ELECTIVES As needed to provide a total of 120 hours.		
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE***	120	

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.
** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.
*** Bachelor of arts degree may require additional hours (compared to a bachelor of science) to complete.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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Major Code: 102

Year 1: Fall	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – MATH 1314, 1316, or 2412 (4 th hour from 2412 counts toward Core 90)	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – BIOL 1406 or 1413	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – BIOL 1406L or 1413L	1
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	13

Year 1: Spring	
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – BIOL 1407 or 1411	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – BIOL 1407L or 1411L	1
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) - ENGL 1302, 1312, or 2311	3
MATH 1316 Plane Trigonometry or 2412 Pre-Calculus Math - If not taken for Core 20	0-4
CHEM 1411/1411L Chemistry I	4
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	14-18

Year 2: Fall	
BIOL Elective 1 (see ² below)	3-5
CHEM 1412/1412L Chemistry II	4
B.A. Requirement – Foreign Language (see checklist for options)	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	13-15

Year 2: Spring	
BIOL Elective 2 (see ² below)	3-5
BIOL Elective 3 (see ² below)	3-5
B.A. Requirement – Foreign Language (see checklist for options)	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	15-19

Year 3: Fall	
BIOL Elective 4 (see ² below)	3-5
BIOL Elective 5 (see ² below)	3-5
GEOL 1403 Physical Geology or PHYS 1401 General Physics I	4
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	13-17

Year 3: Spring	
BIOL Elective 6 (see ² below)	3-5
GEOL 1404 Historical Geology or PHYS 1402 General Physics II	4
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	13-15

Year 4: Fall	
Advanced Elective (see checklist or ³ below)	3
Advanced Elective (see checklist or ³ below)	3
Advanced Elective (see checklist or ³ below)	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	12

Year 4: Spring	
Advanced Elective (see checklist or ³ below)	3
Advanced Elective (see checklist or ³ below)	3
CORE – See checklist for options ¹	3
Additional Advanced Electives as needed to total 36 in science/math	TBD
Additional Any-Level Electives as needed to total 120 hours overall	TBD
Total:	TBD

¹ **CORE:** Biology majors are required to take specific courses for Core 20, Core 30, and Core 90. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² **Biology Electives:** Take six biology courses (2000-, 3000-, or 4000-level) of which five must include laboratories.

³ **Advanced Elective:** Additional advanced hours (3000- or 4000-level) to provide a minimum of 36 hours selected from biology, chemistry, biotechnology, environmental science, geology, mathematics, or physics. The hours required for individual courses may range from 1-6 depending upon the courses selected. **Advanced hours taken for Biology Electives count toward these 36 hours.**

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.

- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.